



Libertarian Penn

Newsletter of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

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The 2005 LPPa Convention, Another Success

Ron Goodman, Convention Chair

At the 2005 State Convention, we laid the foundation for future growth of our party in Pennsylvania. We elected a great leadership team, conducted very informative and practical workshop sessions, had 3 excellent speakers throughout the day and Michael Badnarik was interviewed on the "Marketplace for Ideas" radio program.

First let's look at the leadership team that was elected. * David Jahn - Mr. Jahn worked with the

Republican Party until becoming disheartened with the two party system. The Libertarian party is the best choice to fill the void of championing limited government. Dave is an Industrial Construction Consultant managing multi-million dollar construction projects. * Darren Wolfe - Mr. Wolfe joined the Libertarian Party twenty-six years ago when he realized that the Republican Party didn't truly represent the ideas of the founders. Hoping to get others to see this is his main reason for being

an activist. He presently lives in Royersford and works in sales. * Tim Crowley - Mr. Crowley is Chair of the Libertarian Party of Pittsburgh and Western Vice Chair of the LPPa. He has a BS in Pharmacy and an MBA in Finance. Hobbies include reading, tennis, and acting as a Campaign manager and advisor to various libertarian campaigns. * Ken Crippen - Mr. Crippen joined the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania in February of 2005. Since then, he has become chair of the Legislative

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Elections are the Core of the Party

Chuck Moulton, Election Committee Chair

According to the national LP bylaws, the core mission of the Party is to "[Move] public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office." All of our other processes and committees (memberships, fundraising, outreach, etc.) ultimately exist to elect Libertarians. It is a bit overwhelming to be tasked with such an important responsibility, but I'm encouraged by the significant progress we've been making in recent months.

Subcommittees

In a divide and conquer approach, I have allocated the Election

Committee responsibilities into a multitude of subcommittees. There is a subcommittee for each level of political office (Congress, State Executive, State Legislative, County, Municipal, Precinct, Judge, and School Board) and one for Ballot Access. The political office subcommittees are responsible for aiding in the recruitment, training, and support of candidates at that level. Our Ballot Access subcommittee has the monumental task of running the petition drive to get our candidates on the ballot in 2006 and beyond. All of these subcommittees could use more volunteers - many hands make light work! If you are interested in serving on one or more of the

subcommittees, please email me at election@lppa.org.

Ballot Access

Unfortunately, for 2006 we will need to collect 67,070 signatures (at least raw 100,000 signatures). Compare this to the 25,697 signatures we needed in 2004 (44,236 signatures collected) and you will quickly see what a rough time we will have in 2006. Meeting the goal will take a lot of good organizing on our part. The PA Ballot Access Coalition has been lobbying the Pennsylvania legislature to eliminate the signature requirement,

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The 2004 Libertarian Candidates were honored at the convention banquet.

From Left: Ray Ondrusek, Tom Martin, Michael Badnarik, Betsy Summers, David Jahn, Berlie Etzel, Arthur Farnsworth, Chuck Moulton, Rich Piotrowski, Mik Robertson, James Babb (photo by Quince Eddens)

Capital Area Libertarians Reach Out at Jubilee Day

Ron Goodman

Jubilee Day, advertised as the largest one-day street fair on the East Coast, was another success for the LP this year. We had a total of 10 volunteers throughout the day blanketing the street fair with our "Want Freedom - Vote Libertarian" balloons. Willie Harmon was on fire, giving out balloons faster than we could make them. Willie hawked the balloons as "Freedom Balloons....come and get your freedom.....it's not just for kids anymore....everyone deserves freedom." We emptied a huge helium tank about 2 hours before the festivities closed. It was an awesome sight to look down the crowded Main Street in Mechanicsburg and view a sea of bright blue Freedom Balloons that included our website www.lppa.org.

We also generated 26 leads, mostly from Cumberland County. A follow-up letter and e-mail were sent to all the leads. Quite a few leads were young people who were

familiar with the Worlds Smallest Political Quiz. They had taken the quiz in school and scored in the libertarian quadrant and were very excited to visit our booth. The Advocates for Self-Government effort to incorporate the Quiz into more and more H.S. curriculums is a very good strategy in my opinion. Our goal is to turn these students into functioning H.S. chapters at Mechanicsburg and Cumberland Valley schools.

Another outreach tool that I felt was very effective was recycling my old copies of Cato Audio. We gave away around 24 Cato Audio CD's that contain excellent content to help people understand what libertarianism is all about.

Cato's Community Leaders Guide to Social Security Reform was another hot ticket at the booth. People were really interested in getting some hard-hitting facts and analysis that go beyond the sound bites

and shallow articles published in the newspapers. We had about 15 of these and they were gone in no time.

Our "Operation Politically Homeless" booth question was - Should the government balance the budget and pay off the National Debt? The overwhelming response was yes. In all the outreach efforts that I have done, I have found that the National Debt is a great "starter" issue to build common ground with people. The "Libertarian Facts about the National Debt" summary of the debt by year and by president (accompanied by our well-written LPPa Press Release on the subject) is pure dynamite, especially if you are in a strong Republican area. It explodes the myth that Republicans are fiscally responsible, as it quite clearly illustrates that 70% of the \$7.4 trillion debt is the responsibility of Republican Presidents.

Overall it was a fun filled day, planting the seeds of liberty and freedom and making a statement by our presence. The following volunteers deserve recognition for their efforts: Rick Copenhaver, Kyle Schlett, Willie Harmon, Barry & Amy Dively, Krista Wetterhall, Jay Swartzwelder, Alan Yottey, Naomi Clites and Mark & Marcia James for providing the event insurance and all of our financial supporters. If you haven't had a chance to donate yet please send a small \$10 or \$15 donation to restock our Freedom Balloon supply and cover other expenses. Make checks payable to Cumberland County Libertarian Committee and mail to our treasurer Alan Yottey, 5332 Oxford Drive, Apt. 104, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Ron Goodman is the chair of Cumberland County. You can contact him at cumberland@lppa.org.

Not On The Ballot? Write Yourself In!

Chuck Moulton, Election Committee Chair

Strategy

The petitioning deadline to get on the ballot for 2005 has passed. It's not too late to win though! Those not on the ballot yet can still write themselves in on Election Day. If you see a race with no candidate on your ballot, write yourself in! Ask your friends to write you in too. Many of our elected Libertarians won using write-in campaigns. For example, in 2001 Julian Heiklen wrote himself in for 6 offices and won 3 of them.

The level of campaign you will need to run to win depends on the office. For Inspector of Elections, write-in votes from you and your spouse alone may be enough to win - especially if only one party currently has an IOE candidate on the ballot in your precinct. Township or borough level offices may require a little more organization (even with no one else on the ballot).

Berlie Etzel, a frequent candidate and elected Libertarian, is a shrewd write-in campaign strategist. His formula for success: 1) print up a few dozen flyers asking people to write you in, 2) wait until after 3:00 PM to start handing them out so

that the Republican and Democrat committee people do not have enough time to hit the phones and mount an opposition write-in campaign.

If you want to take write-in campaigns to the next level, I encourage you to do a little homework beforehand. You can obtain a voter registration database or street list from your county board of elections - or perhaps an organized Libertarian Party county committee already has done this leg work. A ballot list for each precinct is available from your county board of elections. Go request a copy and find out in advance what races are wide open for the taking. Alternatively you can drive around to local precincts on Election Day morning and note the uncontested races. You can also contact libertarians in the area and persuade them to write themselves in.

Local Offices

All politics is local. You may not realize it, but most of the laws that restrict your liberty are enacted at the local level. Annoyed at a municipal zoning ordinance? Disappointed in the drivel taught in government monopoly schools?

Enraged at your property taxes? Run for local office in 2005! You can make a difference. I encourage you to attend one of your township supervisor, borough council, or school board meetings. You will be surprised and angered at the ways they take your freedoms and spend your money.

Many local races are winnable, especially those where the Republicans or Democrats do not bother to field a candidate. Please announce your candidacy on our website so that we can point you to the resources you need to run an effective campaign.

Inspector of Elections

Inspector of Elections is our ace in the hole. Every precinct must have a majority and a minority Inspector of Elections from different parties. In more than one fourth of the precincts in Pennsylvania, the Republicans or the Democrats forget or decline to run anyone for IOE. The result is Libertarians can win merely by writing themselves in on Election Day. This boosts our totals for elected Libertarians both nationwide and here in Pennsylvania.

Inspectors of Election work two days a year: Primary Day and Election Day. They help voters to sign in and operate the machines and they tabulate the votes when the day is over. It is an insider view of the grassroots political process with the opportunity to network with Republican and Democrat party machinery at the precinct level and make you a familiar face with neighborhood voters. As an added bonus, you get paid around \$100 per day. Would you be willing to commit two days a year to boost our elected Libertarians total? Let us know by announcing on the website.

Take Responsibility

Tired of government running your life? It's time to stop being a backseat driver / Monday morning quarterback. Put your time where your mouth is. Help the libertarian movement by writing yourself in on Election Day.

Please check out our website at [lppa.org](http://www.lppa.org). We have a list of candidates running so far and a form you can use to announce your own candidacy in 2005 or 2006.

<http://www.lppa.org/candidates/>

Legislative Action Committee Hits Ground Running

Ken Crippen, Editor

The Legislative Action Committee started in May of 2005 and they already have two bills written dealing with reformation of the Pennsylvania Election Code (PEC). The first bill deals with three items of the PEC, which have been deemed unconstitutional in federal court: affiants on nomination petitions being qualified electors, filing fees without alternative means to gain ballot access and candidate fusion.

Affiants: Currently, affiants for nomination papers need to be qualified electors. This means that if a candidate is running for office, the affiants for their nomination papers must be registered voters within the candidate's electoral district. This places undue burden on our candidates, since this would rule out paid petitioners that do not reside in the election district. It also rules out any family members, who are not old

enough to register to vote, to petition for the candidate.

In the case, Morrill et.al. v. Weaver (224 F. Supp. 2d 882; 2002 U.S. Dist.), the court agreed, "The registration requirement impacts millions of unregistered Pennsylvanians, based on the Commonwealth's own calculations. We find that demanding that nominating petition affiants in Pennsylvania be registered voters would impose a severe burden on

Plaintiffs' and other Pennsylvania citizens' constitutional freedoms. The Commonwealth has presented no compelling or sufficient reason to justify the burdensome registration requirement."

Filing Fees: Courts have ruled that candidate filing fees are constitutional, providing an alternative means of ballot access are provided. The state has a right

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A Message from the Chair

David Jahn, Chair

After a long delay, it is reassuring to see production of the Libertarian Penn resume. I'm grateful to Ken Crippen, James Babb and all of those who contributed to this edition.

In reviewing this edition, you'll find there are tremendous things happening within our party as we continue to strengthen and grow. I have been impressed with the professionalism of the state board and the progress that has been made at our monthly meetings. Those meetings are open

to all members by the way, so feel free to come out and attend a state

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board meeting. We try to rotate them around the state to make it easier for members to attend.

We will be introducing a number of bills into the state legislature when they reconvene this September. One is the product of the Pennsylvania Ballot Access Coalition (PBAC), which is a coalition of minor parties in Pennsylvania. That bill would change the way minor parties are defined in Pennsylvania and eliminate signature-gathering requirements for minor parties. You can learn more about that at

the PBAC web site at www.paballo-taccess.org. The white paper and bill there was coauthored by Ken Krawchuk and myself, so please take the time to read it.

Our own Legislative Action Committee under the leadership of Ken Crippen has drafted two bills of our own addressing election law matters as well. These bills seek to codify remedies to flaws in our election codes that have already been ruled upon by the courts. They have already attracted

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2005 LPPa Convention Business Report

Bill Keslar, Immediate Past Secretary

The following, contains the business that was conducted at the 2005 Convention:

-Saturday, April 30: There were 31 delegates. A 2/3 vote would require 21 votes. -Sunday, May 1: There were 28 delegates. A 2/3 vote would require 19 votes.

The following changes were made to the Bylaws: -Article III, "County" was changed to "County and Regional." This follows through the remainder of the Article.

-Article III, Section 1, Paragraph 1 was modified: "Any group of members" was changed to "Any group of two or more members."

-The following was added to the end of Article III, Section 1, Paragraph 1: "The county committee must select an executive board consisting of two or more people,

and they must choose as their Parliamentary Source any version of Robert's Rules."

-The following was inserted into Article III, Section 1, between paragraphs 1 and 2: "Recognized county committees from adjoining counties without sufficient members to qualify for individual voting representatives to the Board of Directors may elect one joint voting representative, provided that the total number of members in good standing among the adjacent counties exceeds the minimum of twelve prescribed in the bylaws for single county representation. These multi-county entities shall be called "Regional Committees"."

-The following was added as the last paragraph of Article III, Section 1: "County and regional committees are required to elect their local board and their state Board of

Directors representative yearly, and they must provide a rank ordered list of alternate representatives to the board."

-The following paragraph was inserted into Article III, Section 3, between paragraphs 1 and 2: "Any member of a regional committee who presents a petition to the Board of Directors from the majority of the members of his or her regional committee who are members in good standing of the Party (provided that the majority is at least twelve members) shall become the Regional Committee Representative."

-The following was inserted as Article VI. All subsequent articles were re-numbered accordingly. "ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors shall have the power to hire an Executive

Director to assist the Chair in administering the operation of the Party. The Executive Director shall be subject to the same qualifications as a member of the Board of Directors.

Salary for the Executive Director shall be exclusively from special project fundraising earmarked for that purpose and/or commissions from the profits of fundraising and membership prospecting conducted by the Executive Director. Money from the general fund shall never be used to pay the Executive Director's salary."

-Article X (previously numbered Article IX) was modified from: "ARTICLE IX. NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

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Action Committee along with his election as Secretary of the party. His prior political career included his own campaign for President of the United States and he worked on the successful re-election campaign of State Representative Bernie O'Neill. Mr. Crippen currently lives in Bucks County with his wife Kristy and their German Shepherd 'Rascal.' * Karen Simons - Ms. Simons has been a registered Libertarian for the past 18 years. She currently lives in Cumberland County and she is running for the office of Auditor of Silver Spring Township this fall. Professionally, she is licensed in Pennsylvania as a Certified Public Accountant and she has worked for KPMG, LLP, one of the "big four" accounting firms in both San Francisco, CA and Harrisburg, PA. Currently, Ms. Simons operates her own consulting and public accounting firm.

The three workshops were very well received by the members as skill building sessions for our party. The Election Committee, comprised of Chuck Moulton, Ken Krawchuk and Jim Babb, did a wonderful job laying out a game plan for Pennsylvania to ramp up the number of elected Libertarians in 2005's local elections. Tim Crowley presented very hands on information on building county chapters in his presentation titled "Building a High Impact, Low Maintenance County Chapter". Dr. James Lark provided some valuable insight into how to go about starting college campus LP chapters.

Mr. Rollyson was our first speaker of the day and covered the topic of the FAIR Tax proposal. This is an important topic to fully understand. As more attention is brought to this issue, the government will realize the need to consider less oppressive alternate tax collection systems. Mr. Rollyson provided the audience with a very thorough overview of

the National Sales Tax system and numerous handouts for our group to consider.

Mr. Brouillette, President of the Commonwealth Foundation spoke about what he believes is the most pressing problem in Pennsylvania - Public Education. Matt is always well received by Libertarians for the work he does at the Commonwealth Foundation.

Mr. Badnarik spoke to a crowd of 55 people about his recently released book "Good to be King, the Foundation of Freedom." Michael has an inherent ability to entertain and educate an audience at the same time. His explanation of Rights vs. Privileges is helpful in understanding the proper role our government should pursue. Another accomplishment at the convention was we were able to get Mr. Badnarik an interview on the "Market Place of Ideas" radio program and Michael was very pleased



**2005 Convention Chair,
Ron Goodman**

with how well the interview went. In fact, over the past few weeks they have been rerunning Michaels segment on the "Best of" series, exposing the Libertarian message to thousands of new prospects.

Local Meeting Information:

LPPa Board Meeting: Oct. 8, Nov. 12

When: 2nd Saturday of each month, 12:00 PM
Where: TBD
Contact: secretary@lppa.org

Allegheny: Oct. 19, Nov. 16

When: 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM
Where: Ritter's Diner, 5221 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15224
Contact: Tim Crowley, allegheny@lppa.org
<http://www.lppgh.org/>

Berks: Oct. 6, Nov. 3

When: 1st Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM
Where: Dempsey's American, Route 222 & 724, Shillington, PA 19607
Contact: Dave Tartaglia, berks@lppa.org

Bucks: Oct. 12, Nov. 9

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month, 8:00 PM
Where: Applebees, 1745 S. Easton Rd., Doylestown, PA 18901
Contact: Maurice Reeves, bucks@lppa.org

Carbon: Oct 13, Nov. 10

When: 2nd Thursday of each month, 6:30 PM
Where: Izio's Restaurant, 1130 E. Catawissa St., Nesquehoning, PA 18240
Contact: Darryl Gibson, carbon@lppa.org

Centre County: Oct. 10, Nov. 14

When: 2nd Monday of each month, 6:00 PM
Where: Golden Wok, 332 W. College Ave., State College, PA 16801
Contact: Tom Martin, centre@lppa.org

Chester: Oct. 26, Nov. 23

When: 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:30 PM
Where: Courtyard Inn, 929 S. High St., West Chester, PA 19382
Contact: David Owens, chester@lppa.org

Cumberland: Oct. 10, Nov. 14

When: 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 PM
Where: Market Cross Pub, 113 N. Hanover St., Carlisle, PA 17013
Contact: Ron Goodman, cumberland@lppa.org

Dauphin: Oct. 20, Nov. 17

When: 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM
Where: Hilton Harrisburg, 1 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg, PA 17101
Contact: Barry Dively, dauphin@lppa.org

Delaware: Oct. 17, Nov. 21

When: 3rd Monday of each month, 7:30 PM
Where: Casey's Restaurant, 812 Lansdowne Ave., Drexel Hill, PA 19026
Contact: David Jahn, delaware@lppa.org

Erie: Oct. 9, Nov. 13

When: 2nd Sunday of each month, 2:00 PM
Where: Libertarian Notary, 12750 Route 19 South, Waterford, PA 16441
Contact: Tom Giles, erie@lppa.org

Lebanon: Oct. 9, Nov. 13

When: 2nd Sunday of each month, 2:00 PM
Where: Paolo's Restaurant, 133 W. Lincoln Ave., Myerstown, PA 17067
Contact: Ray Ondrusek, lebanon@lppa.org

Luzerne: Oct. 19, Nov. 16

When: 3rd Wednesday of each month, 8:00 PM
Where: Mark II Restaurant, 400 Kidder St., Wilkes Barre, PA 18702
Contact: Brian Bergman, luzerne@lppa.org

Montgomery: Oct. 6, Nov. 3

When: 1st Thursday of each month, 7:30 PM
Where: Inquirer Building, 800 Schuylkill River Rd, King of Prussia, PA 19406
Contact: Darren Wolfe, montgomery@lppa.org
<http://www.montcolp.org/>

Philadelphia: Oct. 18, Nov. 15

When: 3rd Tuesday of each month, 8:00 PM
Where: Liberties Bar, 705 N. 2nd St., Philadelphia, PA 19123
Contact: Phil Hodgson, chair@lpphilly.org
<http://www.lpphilly.org/>

Schuylkill: Oct. 5, Nov. 2

When: 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM
Where: Roman Delight, Route 61, Orwigsburg, PA 17961
Contact: Wanda Keefer, schuylkill@lppa.org

York: Oct. 24, Nov. 28

When: 4th Monday of each month, 7:00 PM
Where: First Capital Dispensing, 57 N. Pershing Ave., York, PA 17401
Contact: Karl Spangler, york@lppa.org
<http://www.yorklp.org/>

Disclaimer: Although this information is accurate at the time of printing, it never hurts to verify a meeting with the local contact.

Wherever the standard of freedom and Independence has been or shall be unfurled, there will her heart, her benedictions and her prayers be. But she goes not abroad, in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own.

-John Quincy Adams on U.S. Foreign Policy (1821)

Thirty-One 2005 Libertarian Candidates:

Candidate	Office	District	County	Email	Won
Mark Rauterkus	State Senate	42	Allegheny	Mark@Rauterkus.com	
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Patricia Arndt	Inspector of Elections	Swissvale	Allegheny		
William Shirk	Inspector of Elections	West Mifflin	Allegheny		
Mark Rauterkus	City Council	Pittsburgh (3)	Allegheny	Mark@Rauterkus.com	
Randall Forester	School Board	Karns City Area	Armstrong	Revrandawg@aol.com	
Art Farnsworth	Auditor	West Rockhill Township	Bucks		
Tom Martin	Auditor	Huston Township	Centre	martintfree@aol.com	
David Owens	Supervisor	London Britain Township	Chester	bossowens@hotmail.com	YES
Ron Frederick	Supervisor	Ashland Township	Clarion		
Rochelle Etzel	Auditor	Ashland Township	Clarion		
Berlie Etzel	Constable	Ashland Township	Clarion		
Kevin Wedekind	Constable	Elk Township	Clarion		
Larry Gosnell	City Council	Meadville	Crawford	gosnell@zoominternet.net	
Ron Goodman	Auditor	North Middleton Township	Cumberland		
Barry Dively	Auditor	Silver Spring Township	Cumberland		
Doug Keegan	Auditor	Silver Spring Township	Cumberland		
Karen Simons	Auditor	Silver Spring Township	Cumberland		
Joe Scinta	Judge of Elections	Hampden TWP 4	Cumberland		
John Goddard	Inspector of Elections	Precinct 05-03	Cumberland		
David Jahn	Mayor	Glenolden	Delaware	djahn@comcast.net	
Willie Harmon	Auditor	Penbrook	Dauphin	willieisin2u@yahoo.com	
Brandon Magoon	Inspector of Elections	1-6-17	Erie	bmmagoon@webtv.net	
Jason Dietz	Mayor	Lebanon	Lebanon		
Gerald Brunell	Inspector of Elections	Fountain Hill	Lehigh	nin238@hotmail.com	
Betsy Summers	Judge of Elections	Wilkes Barre 6-1	Luzerne	betsy@voteorbetsy.com	
Brian Bergman	Inspector of Elections	Wilkes Barre 1-1	Luzerne	bergie72@juno.com	
David Cohick	Inspector of Elections	Old Lycoming Township	Lycoming	cohdav40@hotmail.com	
Ken Krawchuk	Commissioner	Abington Township	Montgomery	KenKrawchuk@Enter.net	
Obie Mild	Judge of Elections	Norristown 2-2	Montgomery		
Wes Gilberto	Mayor	Stewartstown	York		

From the Chair...

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interest from several legislators and major party committee members. These bills are of value in several ways. They could familiarize us with the legislative process and help us establish a track record of getting legislation passed here in Pennsylvania. Most importantly, their passage would demonstrate that we can influence legislation in a libertarian direction in this state without having one elected representative in the state legislature. Imagine what we could accomplish after we get elected.

I should also mention that we have agreed to join with the other minor parties of Pennsylvania in filing a

lawsuit that seeks court review of the oppressive signature requirements confronting us next year. In case you haven't already heard, under current laws we may be required to gather over 67,000 signatures next year. That presents a tremendous hurdle that threatens both our ability to retain minor party status and our ability to field candidates. This lawsuit, together with the legislation we are introducing, exemplify the proactive steps we are taking as a party to address these oppressive ballot access requirements. My thanks to the state board members and all of the members working to make this happen.

Our Media Relations Committee, under the leadership of Doug Leard,

has been publishing a steady flow of press releases on various topics. Several of these have been published and have led to media inquiries and radio interviews. Thanks to the efforts of Ron Goodman and the membership committee, our numbers continue to grow and the recent legislative pay raise promises to bring even more support our way. In view of same, the board recently identified staffing of our committees as our highest priority. So, I want to appeal to all of you to consider dedicating an hour or two a week to one of our committees. You'd be amazed at how much of a difference one person can make with a small donation of time. Please review the committees listed in this addition to see if any might interest you. Then, contact the com-

mittee chair to let him know you are interested in helping out. If you don't see anything of interest, but you are still interested in helping out, then shoot me an email and I'll try to identify something that might be of interest to you.

We are accomplishing a lot of great things, and with your help we can accomplish much more. Consider getting actively involved in our party. Attend a county committee meeting in your area. If your county doesn't have an organized committee, consider forming one. We'll gladly help you get organized. We need every county represented.

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Legislative Action

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to restrict access to the ballot, as long as it does not infringe on the candidate's rights under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Filing fees have been ruled to be a legitimate means to restrict access to the ballot. The problem arises when a candidate cannot afford the filing fee.

Section 2873(b.1) of the PEC states that, "Each person filing any nomination petition shall pay for each petition, at the time of filing, a filing fee, and no nomination petition shall be accepted or filed, unless and until such filing fee is paid." If a candidate cannot afford the filing fee, then their nominating petition will not be accepted. This is an obvious violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and it needs to be corrected.

Candidate Fusion: In *Patriot Party of Allegheny County v. Allegheny County Department of Elections* (95 F. 3d 253 (3d Cir. 1996)), the court found that "Pennsylvania's decision to ban cross-nominations by minor political parties and to allow cross-nomination by major parties constituted the type of 'invidious classifications' prohibited by the Equal Protection Clause. The court noted that the Pennsylvania statutes laws treated minor and major parties

differently and placed a more severe burden on minor political parties' rights."

This burden surfaces as either the inability for a minor party to nominate a standard bearer who can advance their platform or as a blockade for candidates to associate with major parties in an effort to advance the status of the minor party. The Commonwealth is holding the minor parties to a different, and more burdensome, standard than the major parties.

Legislative Action Committee Bill:

The Legislative Action Committee bill seeks to remedy these problems by the following means: Affiants: Repeal section 2911(d.1) of the PEC, so that affiants do not need to be qualified electors. This will allow our candidates more flexibility and options in gathering signatures for their petitions.

Filing Fees: There are two ways that the committee could look at this. They could try to eliminate all filing fees or provide an alternative means for candidates to get on the ballot. Trying to eliminate the filing fees would probably doom the bill. This would mean that we get nothing. In order to prevent that from happening, the committee felt that it was best to provide "alternative means" for candidates to get on the ballot. This gives the bill its best chance

at success. The committee chose community service as the alternative means. This is something that can be sold to the Republicans and Democrats in the General Assembly and it is something that they can support. The committee is proposing modification of 2873(b.1) of the PEC to include this alternative means.

Candidate Fusion: The committee is proposing that the fusion regulations, as stated in sections 2911(e.5) and 2936(e) of the PEC, be repealed. This will allow minor parties the same rights as major parties, regarding fusion of candidates.

Write-In Candidacies: The second bill, written by the committee, deals with write-in candidacies. Currently, Pennsylvania does not have a proper method for dealing with and tabulating write-in votes. This is especially true with the offices of President of the United States and Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Following the lead of 33 other states and the District of Columbia, the committee is writing legislation to resolve this problem.

In previous attempts to write legislation to deal with write-in candidacies, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate was the resolution. The problem is that the writers of the bill required a declaration of intent for all offices. The Legislative Action Committee is still going

to use the declaration of intent in their bill, but only for the offices of President and Governor since they are the only office that requires multiple votes (President also requires a vote for Vice-President and the Presidential Electors, Governor also requires a vote for Lieutenant Governor). All other offices would not require a declaration of intent, unless the candidate decides to file. The Legislative Action Committee's proposed declaration of intent will include the following: -The candidate's name and address -The name and address of the candidate's running mate -The names and addresses of Presidential Electors (if running for President) -Common misspellings of the candidate's name.

Currently, both of these bills have received support by the committee and the state board and have been released to legislators in order to find sponsors. You can find copies of both bills on our forum at <http://www.lppa.org/forum/>.

Ken Crippen is the chair of the Legislative Action Committee. If you are interested in getting involved with this committee, contact him at legislative@lppa.org or 215-421-6994.

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Pennsylvania shall have the power to nominate candidates for Pennsylvania state offices under the "Libertarian Party" label. Candidates for county and local office shall be nominated by recognized county committees in good standing. In the absence of a recognized county committee, the Board of Directors shall have the power to nominate candidates for county and local office with the advice of members in that county. The Board of Directors shall have the power to nominate candidates for special elections and nominate substitute candidates as provided in the state election code."

To:

"ARTICLE X. NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Only the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania shall have the power to nominate candidates for Pennsylvania state offices under the "Libertarian Party" label. Candidates

for county and local office shall be nominated by recognized county committees in good standing. Congressional and state legislative candidates shall be selected by a regional caucus of the recognized county committees in the district. In the absence of a recognized county committee, the Board of Directors shall have the power to nominate candidates for congressional, state legislative, county, and local office with the advice of members in that county. In the absence of a Convention resolution not to run any candidate for an office, the Board of Directors shall have the power to nominate candidates for offices not filled in Convention. The Board of Directors shall have the power to nominate candidates for special elections, nominate substitute candidates as provided in the state election code, and select individuals whose names are to appear on statewide nominating petitions as proxies for candidates nominated in Convention. The Board of Directors shall have the power to withdraw the Party's endorsement of candidates for cause."

The following changes were made to the Convention Rules: -Article X, section 3 was added: "Section 3 - Votes cast for "None of the Above" shall be considered valid in any nomination or election. Should a majority of the votes be cast for "None of the Above", none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for that term of office, or be nominated for that office in that particular election. In elections or nominations having more than one possible winner, the number of votes received by NOTA shall be divided by the number of winning positions for which there are candidates."

Election of Party Officers -David Jahn was nominated for Chair. Passed unanimously.

-Darren Wolfe was nominated for Eastern Vice Chair. Passed unanimously.

-Tim Crowley was nominated for Western Vice Chair. Passed unanimously (one abstention).

-Ken Crippen was nominated for

Secretary. Passed unanimously.

-Karen Simons was nominated for Treasurer. Art Farnsworth was nominated, but Art declined. Passed unanimously.

-The following people were nominated for the Judicial Committee: Betsy Summers, Henry Haller, Mik Robertson, Ken Krawchuk, but Ken declined. Willie Harmon, Art Farnsworth, Austin Moyer, but Austin declined. Passed unanimously.

The following Resolution was Passed: "Whereas the Pennsylvania government is proposing a bond issue for \$650 million for 'Growing Greener' on the May Primary, be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania opposes this bond issue and encourages Pennsylvanians to vote against it."

For a copy of the updated Bylaws and Convention Rules, visit <http://www.lppa.org>.

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Or use this membership questionnaire:

Yes, I want to join the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania. (\$25 per year)

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Elections...

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but we cannot rely on them to succeed. That would be putting all our eggs in one basket.

The Election Committee brainstormed several ways to successfully gather 100,000 signatures. We agreed that it's important to conduct the petition drive in such a way that the party will be made stronger even if we fail. It can't be done without your help though. Please consider setting aside Primary Day, July 4th weekend and Tax Day to help petition. A generous donation towards ballot access would also be very helpful.

Here are a few ideas we have to successfully get our candidates on the ballot: -Mail petitions to all

registered Libertarians twice, along with LibPenn newsletters. -Recruit Congressional candidates in all districts. -Get all organized counties to make signature commitments. -Organize as many campus groups as possible and get them to petition. -Coordinate with the Greens or the Constitution Party run a candidate and petition. -Recruit a candidate that will motivate special interest groups to petition for us. -Provide financial incentives for petitioning.

Candidate Recruitment

If you can't run for office, consider volunteering for a Libertarian campaign handing out literature on Election Day, putting up yard signs or serving as the Campaign Treasurer or Campaign Manager.

Thanks to a computer program

written by Lamont Mahoney, the Election Committee has been able to integrate electoral district information from Census.gov with our existing membership database. This new information will allow us to quickly identify candidates when a special election comes up (as a qualified Minor Party we can put special election candidates on the ballot with no petitioning). We will also be purchasing a database of all registered Libertarians in Pennsylvania. The goal is to send out a letter to all Libertarian Party members listing exactly what offices they are eligible to run for in 2005 and 2006.

We're making a lot of exciting progress in the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania - in the Election Committee, other committees and county parties. With your help we

can have even greater success. Can you spare a few hours a month to serve on a subcommittee of the Election Committee? Will you help make our petition drive a success? Would you be willing to represent libertarianism as a candidate? If so, contact me at election@lppa.org.

For more information on the Election Committee, see our forum at <http://www.lppa.org/forum/>

Chuck Moulton is the chair of the Election and Ballot Access Committee. If you are interested in getting involved with this committee, contact him at election@lppa.org.

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We need your help!

Would you like to apply your specific skills to the advancement of liberty? We currently have openings available on our committees that need to be filled with active, energetic, and dedicated people like you! Whether it is for a few hours a week or a few hours a month, we will gratefully accept your call to action. Do not wait. **Contact us today and get involved with the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania!**

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