

The formal response I and other party members submitted addresses the procedural concerns with Andrew's appeal. This is a response from me personally and addresses my beliefs as a party member and one of the most active volunteers over the past year.

Bylaws are an arbitrary set of rules. Yes they were created to protect members rights. So were many of the laws created by government that in practice infringe on our liberty. Libertarians believe unjust laws should be broken purposefully. The fact that it cannot be decided by a clear majority how to interpret the bylaws to handle the situation we were collectively in means the decision of the delegates should be given preference.

What happened at the convention was absolutely just. The members wanted to select their leadership by a large majority. Instead of coming to the table to figure out how to make this happen, Andrew stood firm that he was right and his way must be accepted. Andrew could have easily been elected chair that day if he had been more willing to work as part of a team than to assert his illegitimate authority.

Some may believe I have personal issues with Andrew because I was one of the most vocal and active members working against him leading up to the July convention. This is absolutely false. Andrew and I have never had any personal disagreement, only disagreements of substance. And I hope he does not take offense to my continued opposition. I simply, absolutely disagree with many of the actions he took as a member of the Executive Committee this past June and July.

Reversing what happened at the July convention is *not* the right thing to do. We will remember the way this plays out and vote accordingly to ensure justice prevails. Do the right thing and stand by the members' actions taken at convention.

Sincerely,
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Chair of the Libertarian Party of Michigan