

# FREE NEW YORK

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## LPNY HOLDS 2008 CONVENTION

The Libertarian Party of NY held annual convention on April 26, 2008 at the Reception House in Flushing Queens.

Former Senator Mike Gravel and former Congressman Bob Barr addressed the gathering as Libertarian Presidential hopefuls. Convention goers were afforded the opportunity to ask questions of Senator Gravel and Congressman Barr

New York's own Alden Link and John Finan, as well as Mike Jingoian and Wayne Root also addressed the body as Presidential hopefuls. Ray Carr, Dr. Mary Ruwart's husband spoke, as well as represen-

tatives from the Christine Smith and Steve Kubby campaigns.

Eric Sundwall of Columbia County NY was elected Chair. Mark Axxin of Manhattan and Chris Edes of Rochester were elected as Vice-Chairs. Gary Popkin and Joseph Dobrian were re-elected as Treasurer and Secretary.

Estelle Edwards, Richard Cooper, M Carling, Michael Reid and Audrey Capozzi were elected At-Large Representatives.

Bylaws provisions were passed, making renewals less problematic based on the calendar year.

Dr. Mindy Thompson Fullove of the Columbia School of Public Health and the Root Shock Institute ([www.rootshock.org](http://www.rootshock.org)) to spoke about her book, "Root Shock: How Tearing Up City Neighborhoods Hurts America".

Donations for ballot access collected at the convention topped \$600. Thank you all who gave and attended. We still need more help and this edition of Free New York outlines many ways you can help.

Xtra news bits etc.

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## LIBERTARIANS NOMINATE BOB BARR FOR '08

This past Memorial Day weekend the Libertarian Party of the United States nominated Bob Barr and Wayne Root for President and Vice-President in Denver Colorado. National Libertarian delegates selected Barr on the sixth round of voting at an old fashioned

American political convention, entirely unfunded by taxpayers.

Barr, a former Congressman from Georgia, apologized to Libertarians for voting for the Patriot Act and provisions of the Defense of Marriage Act. Cit-

ing the unprecedented growth of government and loss of basic civil rights, Barr outlined a campaign that would focus on withdrawal from Iraq, fiscal restraint and a return to the real role of the Constitution. Barr sits on the board of the NRA.



NY heralds Liberty to the world on its shores. Some of us still care about it.

## WANTED: MORE CANDIDATES & CAMPAIGNS

Presidential years are always exciting and this year is no exception. But the call to freedom and liberty is not confined to the passions and moment of one office.

The LPNY would like to see as many people run for local and state offices as possible. If you are interested in joining the ranks of political freedom fighters, its not too late for 2008.

Contact your local or regional

chapter and even your State Committee representative. They are ready and willing to entertain or endorse a candidacy by true Libertarians who feel that government has encroached into our individual freedoms far too much.

It's also not too early to be thinking about 2009 and 2010. The cities of New York and Rochester promise to offer many opportunities for excited and devoted candidates.

It's never easy to give up work, family and personal lives in order to fight for and promote liberty in the electoral arena.

Strong ideas often make strong candidates. If you can help resist the mentality of *governmentis*, we're half way to a great effort.

Let's get together with other libertarians and take on Freedom like the Founders !

COME TOGETHER  
WITH FELLOW  
LIBERTARIANS  
AND HELP TAKE  
BACK OUR LOST  
LIBERTIES.

## PETITION VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED !

Enclosed in this copy of Free NY is a copy of our independent nominating petition for the President and Vice Presidential candidates selected in Denver at the National Convention.

Please consider helping in this effort. In New York we need 15,000 qualified signatures to make the ballot. It often takes

as many as double that if a challenge is made to petition.

The cost of this drive to the LPNY & LPUS could average as much as \$2 per signature, given the recent very high costs of travel. With your help as a volunteer or with a generous donation, we can help ease the burden of pursuing Liberty in New York.

Please make copies of the petition or find copies on our website starting the week of July 8th. Petitioning lasts six weeks. Mail it in.

Get your local chapter, friends and family on board to help promote Liberty and start fighting fraud and waste at all levels of government. Our May fund drive went well . . . Thank you !

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP 2008

Becoming a member of the LPNY is fairly easy. Just go to <http://ny.lp.org> and join for as little as \$25. We would also encourage you to join our National Party at the same rate. Most likely there is a local affiliate that would love to have another active member, so please consider joining that group.



Did you know that just because you have enrolled as a 'Libertarian' at the NYS Board of Elections that you might not be a member of the LPNY ?

We are not an official party according to the law, and as such do not have a secure place on any ballot in the State. The good news is that

we are the official state affiliate to the national party and NYS does recognize as the Libertarian Party of NY when we petition independently to be on the ballot.

So by joining today, you become a part of a group seeking to maximize freedom and eliminate wasteful and fraudulent government.

Example Petition LPNY POTUS & VP

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