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## 2006 LPPa Convention Report

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For some of us, the closest you will get to experiencing utopia is spending a weekend with fellow Libertarians at a State or National Convention. 2006 was no exception as we came to the home of the Nittany Lions in State College, AKA Happy Valley. Pennsylvania Cable Network taped and broadcast all the speakers and panels.

We started Friday night with an opening reception and special film feature: Aaron Russo's America: From Freedom to Fascism. What a treat to

get the ball rolling. Catch a preview at [www.freedomtofascism.com](http://www.freedomtofascism.com).

Early Saturday morning we kicked off the day with Matthew Brouillette from the Commonwealth Foundation. Mr. Brouillette gave us a wonderful presentation on the state of the State, reinforcing the libertarian message of limited government and personal responsibility.

After that the Business Session began with the convention agenda being approved. The following

officers were elected to the Board: Chuck Moulton, Chair; Quince Eddens, Eastern Vice-Chair; Michael Robertson, Western Vice-Chair; Karen Simons, Treasurer; and Chris Stump, Secretary. Congratulations!

Past Chair, David Jahn said "we have formed a powerful team for moving the party forward during 2006. Chuck brings a lot of energy to the Chair position." A Villanova law student, Mr. Moulton is currently serving

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## May 16: Take the Day Off

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The greatest opportunity/challenge our Party has had in a long time is upon us in Pennsylvania this year. With the anti-incumbent, anti-business-as-usual mentality permeating the electorate, we stand to gain considerable ground by running credible candidates at the local and statewide level.

Fortunately, Tom Martin has stepped forward to carry the Libertarian banner in the U.S. Senate race against Rick Santorum, which brings me to another great opportunity.

We have the chance to differentiate ourselves and rise above all the other third parties in Pennsylvania by climbing the "Mt. Everest" of signature requirements and getting the required 67,070 signatures. The other incentive to complete the signature drive is that if we don't run a statewide candidate we will lose our hard earned "Minor Party" status. Minor Party status requires the state to list "Libertarian" on the voter registration forms and allows us to run candidates in Special Elections to fill a vacancy. If we lose Minor Party sta-

tus, we effectively become invisible to every new registered voter in the state. The time to defend our party is here and now!

Collecting 67,070 valid signatures is not as difficult as it might seem. We simply need participation by every member of the Libertarian Party in PA to either collect 200 signatures or donate \$200 to our Ballot Access Fund. Ballot Access Funds are used to hire professional signature gath-

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## Federal Judge Rules Against Fair Ballot Access in Pennsylvania

Libertarian Penn Staff Writer

In a decision which effectively bars third parties from appearing on the statewide November ballot in 2006, US District Judge John E. Jones III refused to find Pennsylvania's unfair ballot access laws unconstitutional. Current law requires third party candidates such as the Libertarians to collect a minimum of 67,070 valid signatures to appear on the state-

wide November ballot in 2006, more than thirty-three times as many as the 2,000 signatures the law requires of the two old parties.

In a ruling handed down on April 5th, Judge Jones argued in favor of retaining the existing, draconian ballot access laws, insisting that the state has a right to prevent "ballot

clutter" by requiring 67,070 signatures. However, other states with fair ballot access, such as Delaware, do not experience the problems with ballot clutter that Judge Jones cites in his ruling. The complete text of the ruling can be found at [www.PaBallotAccess.org](http://www.PaBallotAccess.org).

Judge Jones' ruling was in response

to a lawsuit filed earlier this year by co-plaintiffs Ken Krawchuk, the Green Party, the Constitution Party, and their gubernatorial candidates Marakay Rogers and Hagan Smith (the Libertarian Party chose not to participate in the lawsuit). The plaintiffs plan to appeal the decision all

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# Why Join the 1788 Society?

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You may have noticed Ben Franklin's photo lurking in past issues of the LibPenn. You may have read a little about the 1788 Society pledge program. Today I'm going to encourage all of you to join the LPPa's newest and most exciting pledge program, the 1788 Society.

Libertarian ideas are gaining popularity with John Stossel, Drew Carey, Reason Magazine, Walter Williams, and others on the airwaves. This is all because of you, and we thank you for the support that has allowed us to come this far.

The LPPa is an all volunteer organization and everything we do is because of your generous support. Some organizations have high salaries and high overhead. Others have a fancy headquarters in Harrisburg or in Washington DC. But not the LPPa. As I said before, we are an all volunteer organization with low overhead.

We've grown lately because generous supporters like you have said yes, we want this party's message to continue. Membership is up. County Chapters are up. Regular press releases are going out. We are running quality candidates. This is all due to you, and we thank you.

Also, no other political party serves you the way that we do. We keep you informed as to what is happening in the Liberty and Freedom Community --- both here in

Pennsylvania and around the world. Without your pledges there would be nothing but silence. You would hear the Democratic and the Republican points of view. But you would not hear the Libertarian point of view. You cannot take it for granted.

If you want your views represented in elections across the state, you must support our volunteers by joining the 1788 Society. You won't hear these pro-freedom views anywhere else. We bring together people who are willing to work toward personal freedom and individual responsibility. You get a chance to support that right now.

Whether you're rich or poor, whether you prefer a tie or tie-dye, whether you like Windows or Macs, there is a level of giving just for you. You can renew your Basic Membership for only \$25 a year, or you can take the next step.

For only about 35 cents a day, you can keep the biggest challenge to the two party monopoly going for another year. About 30 people joined the 1788 Society last year. This year, we signed up about ten more at the state convention. Hopefully we'll sign up a few more people to this exciting new program today.

There are three levels of giving in the 1788 Society. Each level has its perks and privileges.

First is the Member Level at \$120 a year. This entitles you to a 1788 Society Membership and continuous membership in the LPPa. Your dues will never run out if you're enrolled in any of our three levels. You also get VIP event invitations like the Private Reception at the State Convention. Also included is a National LP Membership. They're the ones with the fancy offices.

The next level, at \$240 a year, is the Defender Level. This entitles you to all the benefits of the Member Level, plus an LPPa T-Shirt. Finally, if you wish to give \$500 or more per year, there is the Patriot Level. You receive all the benefits of the Member and Defender Levels, plus a limited edition 1788 Society polo shirt.

Some of you have donated for the second or third year by now. Why don't some of you donate for the first time? I joined at the 2005 convention. I only wish that the 1788 Society had been started earlier. I personally give \$120 a year in 4 easy payments of only \$30. These are paid automatically with a credit card. Or you can pledge online at [www.lppa.org](http://www.lppa.org).

Give this gift to yourself. This is a gift that is there for you every day of the year. And for those who can afford it, you will help share this gift with everyone else in the state who cares about personal freedom but perhaps can't afford to donate this year. You will feel good for pledging and you

will also help keep democracy alive in Pa. There are 34,000 registered Libertarians in Pa. We would like to reach out to all of them.

The Treasurer's report shows us how much money we need to survive for another year... but the more you pledge, the more impact we can have. If the party raises a mediocre amount of money, then we can expect mediocre results getting bills passed and mediocre results getting candidates elected to office. The Libertarians that I know are a lot of things, but they are NOT mediocre.

What do YOU think the party should spend money on? Would you like a better web site? More candidates? More campaign signs? Guaranteed ballot access? What about libertarian clubs on campuses across the state? As we all know, there is no such thing as a free lunch. We can make these things happen, but only with YOUR support.

Won't you show your independent spirit by joining the 1788 Society? You can pledge online safely and securely with Visa, Mastercard, Paypal, or by filling out the accompanying form. Your pledge makes it all possible. And remember, it happens one pledge at a time.

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# A Message from the Western Vice Chair

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It was a great honor to be nominated for the position of Western Vice-Chair at the March 2006 convention of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania. The LPPa has a unique opportunity this year to realize some substantial growth. Recent actions of the legislature have drawn the attention of the general public, and more people are beginning to recognize that politics as usual is no longer satisfactory. I look forward to the challenges of the coming year.

One of the great challenges we face this year is the unreasonable signature requirement to have our statewide candidates placed on the ballot. The denial of a preliminary injunction in federal court to modify the signature requirement means a legislative remedy is likely needed to bring election laws into compliance with the

free and equal election clause of the Commonwealth Constitution. Until a remedy is brought forth, all we can do is try to meet the burden.

An important part of a successful political party is an effective central organization. This is something the LPPa has been developing and will continue to develop. Preparing a legislative agenda and bringing input to the legislative process are key elements to advancing liberty, even without elected representatives in the General Assembly. The actions of the central organization help to give us credibility with the voters of the Commonwealth. Without that credibility, we will never be successful.

A second factor in a successful political party is effective local organizations. As I'm sure everyone is aware, all

politics are local. It is at the local level where the rubber meets the road on almost all legislative issues. The local organizations present the face of the Libertarian Party to the voters, which is important in building the credibility of the Party in communities. This area may be one where some greater attention could be focused.

While there are certainly some stellar county organizations that conduct a wide variety of events, the geographic area covered by these organizations is a little sparse. This becomes important in selecting nominees to run for local office, and in fact nominees for all but statewide office. It is not unreasonable to believe that the number of county organizations could go from just under one-third currently to about half of the counties in the Commonwealth by the next conven-

tion.

By continuing to build the capabilities of the central organization and developing organized counties, we can go a long way toward boosting the confidence of the general electorate in our candidates. We do have regional candidates for state and federal office who can draw double-digit percentages of the vote, but it is often a struggle to reach two percent in statewide races. A little extra confidence from the electorate could bring us to the next level of participation in Pennsylvania politics. That is our greatest challenge.

Western Vice-Chair Michael Robertson is an elected Township Supervisor, Chair of the Licking Township Board of Supervisors, and Vice-Chair of the Clarion County Sewage Association.

# Make a Difference. Be the Candidate

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It is simply amazing the difference a year can make! One year ago it was all just "business as usual" in Pennsylvania's political world. Republican and Democrat politicians alike were just cruising along, doing what they have always done best -- taxing us, spending our money like drunken sailors and ignoring the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Their arrogance had no bounds. They thought they could do whatever they damn well pleased. So they did.

In the early morning hours of July 7, 2005 our "public servants" voted themselves a pay raise. Not just a small increase to keep up with inflation, the kind of pay raise many hard-working Pennsylvanians feel lucky to get, but a whopping 16 - 54 percent pay raise!

Taxpayers were outraged! Even the media could not believe the arrogance of the ruling elite in Harrisburg. "Vote them all out" became more than just a well-

worn political slogan when former Libertarian congressional candidate Russ Diamond founded "Operation Clean Sweep.

This is the year that being an incumbent is a liability. Many incumbents have already chosen to "retire" rather than face the wrath of voters. For the first time, some of these professional politicians will be challenged in their own party's primary on May 16.

When the dust settles after Primary Day, we will see which incumbents are still standing.

But that is when it is the Libertarian Party's turn to come out swinging!

We need to have as many candidates on the ballot for the general election as we possibly can. This is the year the voters of Pennsylvania will listen to our message of low taxes and limited, constitutional government.

But we need Libertarians to step up to the plate. We need you to be a

candidate! A candidate for State Rep, or for the state Senate or even for the U.S. Congress.

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Libertarian Party of PA has many experienced people who have run for office before and who would be more than willing to help you every step of the way.

Of course we do not expect all of our candidates to run full-time campaigns. The amount of time a candidate can devote to a campaign will be different for each person. Some of our candidates will only be "paper"

candidates. The extent of "campaigning" a paper candidate is required to do is submitting petitions to get on the ballot, answering some political surveys for different groups and talking with reporters when they are contacted. But even these candidates fill an important role for the Libertarian Party. Just their presence on the ballot reminds voters that we Libertarians are here to stay.

This is the year that many voters and many members of the media have finally realized that the Republican and Democrat Parties can no longer be trusted running our government. This is the year we Libertarians MUST field as many candidates as we possibly can to give voters a REAL choice.

If you want to be a candidate, or if you have some questions or would like to talk with someone about being a candidate, please call 800-R-Rights or email [election@lppa.org](mailto:election@lppa.org).

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## A Free Market in Immigration

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Once again, the federal government is proposing immigration "reforms" to address the immigration woes that confront our country. The proposals in Congress include extending a fortified "fence" (for some reason, government officials shy away from using the word "wall") along the Southern border, criminalizing illegal residency, criminalizing assistance given to illegal immigrants, providing a means for illegal immigrants to seek citizenship, and instituting a guest-worker program.

The immigration crisis that besets our country demonstrates the problems of central planning that the economists Ludwig von Mises and Friedrich Hayek addressed in their critiques of socialism. Immigration policy, like so many other federal programs, entails a group of politicians and bureaucrats who think that they possess the requisite knowledge to plan, in a top-down, command-and-control fashion, the activities of millions of people, especially with respect to labor markets. That central-planning mindset is what Hayek called the "fatal conceit."

The results of immigration central planning are predictable -- tremendous distortions in the labor market,

armies of federal gendarmes patrolling the border, repatriation of Cuban refugees into communist tyranny, building a Berlin-type Wall along the Southern border, deaths of immigrants in the backs of trucks or on parched deserts, raids on American businesses, tragic deportations, and, of course, endless calls for "immigration reforms" to deal with all the distortions that previous government interventions have produced.

U.S. immigration policy also demonstrates the follies of interventionism. As Mises pointed out, government interventions into economic activity inevitably produce artificial distortions, which then produce calls for more interventions to deal with the problems arising from the previous interventions. It is not a coincidence that what began with laws criminalizing illegal entry into the United States ultimately led to criminal laws making felons out of Americans who hire, shelter, or transport illegal immigrants. It is also not a surprise that U.S. officials are now calling for interventions that would subject American church groups to criminal prosecution for simply providing assistance to illegal immigrants.

There is a simple solution to

America's immigration woes, but it lies not with more socialism and interventionism. It is a solution that is consistent with our American heritage rather than the central-planning-regulatory heritage of the Soviet Union. That solution is individual freedom and the free market.

Freedom and the free market have worked well for handling movements of people between the several states. That is, no government agency, either at the national or state level, plans the flow of people from state to state. People rely on the free market, including the supply of labor and the demand for it as well as living costs, to make their individual determinations to move and where and when. They simply have to check the pay rates and the prices in different parts of the country, which are often changing, and then make their decisions accordingly. No one has to seek government permission to move or to rely on government planning to make his decision. We often take it for granted, but the free market has proven to be a remarkable system that regulates the flow of people in interstate travel.

The same principle -- freedom and free markets -- is the solution to inter-

national travel. Leave foreigners free to travel to the United States, tour, visit, trade, interact, work, and open businesses. Some immigrants would retain their citizenship (as Americans who live and work abroad do), while others would try to seek U.S. citizenship. Foreigners would be treated more decently and humanely, especially since they wouldn't fear being arrested, reported, and deported. The militarization of the border could be ended. The Border Patrol could be abolished. No longer would immigrants be repatriated into communist tyranny. The government could focus its limited resources on genuine criminal activity rather than trying to monitor and control everyone's activities.

God has created a consistent universe -- one in which moral principles coincide with free-market principles. Tear down the walls and open the borders! What better place for Americans to embrace their heritage of Christian values and free-market principles than in the area of immigration?

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# LPPa Supports Parent Choice for Pre-School

LPPa Media Release

Rendell should not hike taxes to gain control of our pre-kindergarten children.

Governor Rendell entered office promising to make early-childhood education his signature issue. Since then, he and the legislature have dramatically increased pre-school spending – \$230 million last year.

Although promoting universal pre-school creates a wonderful photo opportunity for Rendell and Pennsylvania legislators, it is bad for Pennsylvania.

First, parents are doing a good job. According to David Salisbury, director of the Center for Educational Freedom at the Cato Institute,

“throughout the 20th century, the scores of preschool age children on IQ and kindergarten readiness tests have climbed steadily upward.”

Second, most parents want responsibility. According to a report from the nonpartisan polling firm Public Agenda, more than 7 out of 10 parents with children aged five or under say they should be responsible for paying the costs of caring for their own children. Even a majority of parents earning less than \$25,000 a year believe that they, not taxpayers, should be responsible for the costs of raising their children.

Third, the child-care market is healthy and heterogeneous with diverse choices for the parents and children it serves. Costs have remained steady

in real terms since the late 1970s.

Fourth, giving control to government will cause drastic cost increases. Just look at primary education. According to the PA Department of Education, Rendell has increased spending by over \$1.1 billion during his tenure. According to the Commonwealth Foundation, Pennsylvania ranks third in the nation in per-pupil spending, when adjusted for the cost of living, with an average expenditure of nearly \$11,000 per student. Also adjusting for the cost of living, our teachers have the highest average salaries in the country, exceeding \$51,000 per educator. Yet, 25% of Pennsylvania teachers failed 2003 certification tests.

Finally, while costs spiral upwards, the

government continues to struggle to provide quality results as an education provider. Of public 5th graders, just 57% score as proficient in math and 64% in reading on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) exams. Interestingly, scores decline the longer the children remain in government schools.

By extending control of education to pre-school, Rendell will increase our taxes placing additional burden on families, restricting their choices and damaging the effective pre-school system we have today. Instead, the LPPa recommends that government reduce the tax burden on families, providing parents with more funds and options for determining the best early education for their children.

## Gov. Rendell and PA's Business Climate: Rhetoric Doesn't Match Reality

Grant R. Gulibon & Matthew J. Brouillette

As election time draws nearer, Gov. Ed Rendell is issuing a flurry of press releases to convince voters that his administration has improved Pennsylvania's competitiveness and economic growth. To that end, the governor is citing various publications to make his case.

One report that Gov. Rendell claims to show “that Pennsylvania's business climate is one of the best and most business-friendly” in our region is the “State Business Tax Climate Index” by the Washington, D.C.-based Tax Foundation. More recently, the governor touted a Site Selection magazine ranking of Pennsylvania as one of the top states for new corporate facilities and expansions as evidence that his debt-funded “economic stimulus” plan is working.

However, a closer look at Gov. Rendell's record reveals that the bulk of the positive changes to Pennsylvania's business taxes – namely the phase-out of the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax (CSFT) – pre-date his administration. Indeed, many of Rendell's changes have negatively impacted Pennsylvania's competitiveness, and he has blocked modest reforms that would provide much needed relief to the state's job creators. The result has been continued economic stagnation for Pennsylvania – the same stagnation that occurred when the Ridge Administration was winning applause from Site Selection in the 1990s and early 2000s.

The Tax Foundation explicitly states that its Index is not designed “to attempt to measure economic opportunity or freedom, or even the broad business climate” of the states. And while the study praises certain aspects of Pennsylvania's business tax system – such as the flat rate structure of its corporate net income (CNI) tax and personal income tax (PIT) – it is also critical in its analysis.

Those positive features existed long before Ed Rendell was elected governor. More importantly, his administration has missed opportunities to reduce Pennsylvania's corporate and wealth taxes (such as property, capital stock, inheritance, and estate), and the Tax Foundation's analysis reflects this fact.

Rather than taking steps to improve Pennsylvania's business tax climate, Gov. Rendell increased the personal income tax by 10% as part of the 2003 budget deal (after initially proposing an increase of 34%), which negatively affected many small business owners.

When Gov. Rendell had a legitimate opportunity to reduce Pennsylvania's business taxes last December, he vetoed House Bill 515 – a measure that passed both chambers of the General Assembly with overwhelming bi-partisan support. In vetoing the bill, the governor argued that he was taking the “financially responsible” action – despite the fact that the tax relief it contained was equivalent to less than one-fifth of one percent of the current year's General Fund budget.

Finally, the cornerstone of Gov. Rendell's “business-friendly” agenda – his billion-dollar “economic stimulus” borrowing plan – is a sign of Pennsylvania's economic weakness, not its strength. As the Tax Foundation study notes:

Lawmakers create (subsidy) deals under the banner of job creation and economic development, but the truth is that if a state needs to offer such packages, it is most likely covering for a woeful business climate plagued by bad tax policy.

In contrast to the Tax Foundation's limited scope and qualified praise, one study that does consider the overall climate for “economic freedom and financial prosperity” – the “U.S. Economic Freedom Index 2004,” published by the Pacific Research Institute in association with Forbes magazine – ranked Pennsylvania 45th among the 50 states.

So, given the dueling analyses, how does Pennsylvania truly rank?

The numbers telling the most accurate story are those revealing Pennsylvania's abysmal rankings among the 50 states in employment growth (38th), population growth (43rd), and personal income growth (43rd) during the first three years of the Rendell Administration.

At the end of the day, Gov. Rendell's rhetoric about Pennsylvania's business climate fails to match the reality most employers are facing in our Commonwealth. And no amount

of press releases can paper over a record of business tax increases and missed opportunities.

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### The 1788 Society



#### **Achieving Long Term Success for the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania**

- Growing Party Membership
- Recruiting More Qualified Libertarian Candidates
- Establishing More County Committees
- Reaching Out to 34,000 Registered Libertarians
- Building Party Infrastructure

Society members pledge to make regular contributions to the party of only \$10 or more per month. See page 7 to join today or sign up online.

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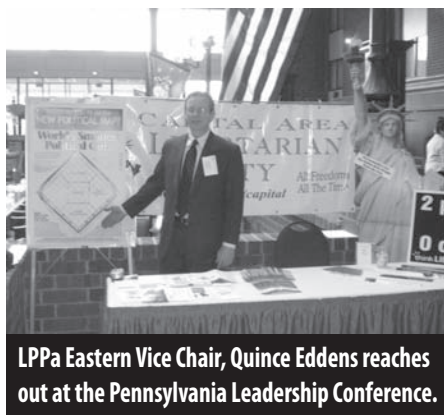
# Libertarians Lead at the Penn. Leadership Conference

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On March 31st and April 1st, the LPPa co-sponsored the Pennsylvania Leadership Conference. Our mission was to:

1. Present a professional image of the Pennsylvania Libertarian Party and recruit new members.
2. Speak to as many people as possible, so they can see who we really are.
3. Encourage attendees to take the World's Smallest Political Quiz.
4. Sit at separate tables during the events and observe the opinions of individual attendees.
5. Observe first hand, the direction of the "conservative" branch of the Republican Party.
6. Have a high profile booth with plenty of literature and information available.

The Libertarian Booth Task Force consisted of Barry Dively, Ron Goodman, Elisabeth Evans, Doug Keegan, Kelly Tennant, Tom Martin, Alan Yotter,



Karen Simons, Willie Harmon, Chuck Boust, and me (Quince Eddens). What a crew! There is nothing as exhilarating as being out on the front lines in the battle for Liberty with fellow Libertarians, all working together for the same goal. It's also amazing to observe such heavy hitters as Barry and Ron tackling the difficult issues of drug laws, open boarders, the Income Tax vs. the "Fair" Tax, same-sex marriage, gun

control laws, etc. and seeing people actually change their opinions. The next time you know of an outreach event in your area, be there and join in. Libertarian activism means a lot more than just attending a monthly meeting!

The PLC kicked off with a speech from Lynn Swann. Mr. Swann was well-spoken, very personable, and sincere, but was unfamiliar with the core issues at stake in Pa. If voters here will be satisfied with another political beauty contest, I suppose he will suffice. But if Pennsylvania small business owners and property owners are fed up with legislative theft and statutory fraud, we will need a different kind of candidate, someone who will not hesitate to declare the limitations set forth in the State Constitution as a platform.

The panel presentations addressed the issues of "Reforming the Keystone State," "Empowering the Private

Sector," "Empowering Pennsylvania's Families," and "Communicating Our Message." There were two training sessions titled "Campaign Activism" and "Issue Activism."

After the fat lady sang, I was still waiting for the real question that had been avoided during the entire proceedings: "What are we going to do about our legislature and judiciary that blatantly disregards the intent of the Pennsylvania State Constitution?" There's an old maxim that goes, "If they can keep you asking the wrong questions, they never have to worry about the right answers." The PLC did a brilliant job ignoring the 10,000 pound gorilla sitting in our living room. They are hoping the creature can be reformed before he goes bananas and wrecks the joint!

*Eastern Vice-Chair Quince Eddens is an elected Inspector of Elections in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County.*

## May 16th...

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ers if you can't volunteer your time. With roughly 350 members in Pennsylvania contributing 200 signatures that equates to a total of 70,000 signatures. This bottom up petitioning strategy takes advantage of the piggyback feature where we can list both local and statewide candidates on one nominating paper.

Our action plan is focused on getting all our valid signatures on one day: Primary Day, May 16th 2006. Every registered voter exiting the polls can sign our petition papers and we will know that each one will count as a

valid signature. Voter turnout at the polls promises to be at historic levels based on pent-up voter angst and the efforts of the PA Clean Sweep initiative. I've collected signatures at the polls on primary day in the past and it should be a piece of cake to get over 200 signatures in a full day.

So what we need everyone to do is to take a day off from work on May 16th and work the polls collecting a minimum of 200 signatures. By spreading the workload among all our troops we can make headlines for the Libertarian Party as we will have made history and done the unexpected. Our candidates deserve our help getting the signature

requirements behind us so that they can focus on running their campaigns.

By making a bold statement collecting that many signatures we will gain a tremendous amount of credibility exactly at the time when average citizens who are dissatisfied with the status quo are looking for a viable alternative. It is our mission to provide them with the alternative and step into the limelight.

We expect everyone to participate in this organized effort so please go to our website [www.lppa.org](http://www.lppa.org) and add your name to the list of "Libertarian Minutemen" who will storm the polls

on Primary Day. A complete petitioning kit will be sent to you including Nominating Petition Papers, instructions on what constitutes a valid signature, a suggested brief script, a bio on Libertarian for U.S. Senate, Tom Martin, and a bio on any declared local Libertarian candidates.

The battle for liberty needs your active support. Be a part of the solution and help launch the Libertarian Party to new heights in 2006.

*Ron Goodman is Chair of the Membership Committee and Chair of the Cumberland County Libertarian Party.*

## Judge Rules...

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the way to the Supreme Court, if necessary, and the first appeal was filed almost immediately after the ruling was handed down.

The goal of the lawsuit is to have Pennsylvania's signature requirements for qualified third parties (25 P.S. 2911[b]) ruled unconstitutional under the First and Fourteenth Amendments, arguing for freedom of association and equal protection under the law. Once the appeal succeeds, "minor political parties" such as the Libertarians would not need to petition at all to get on the ballot for any office. Currently there are only three minor political parties in Pennsylvania: the Libertarian Party, the Green Party, and the Constitution

Party, with no others on the political horizon. The existing signature requirements for independent candidates and candidates from the two old parties would not be affected by the lawsuit.

"I am not surprised," Krawchuk asserted upon hearing about Jones' outrageous ruling. "I've long since lost faith in our judicial system, and this is only one more example. If Judge Jones thinks he can limit the number of third party candidates in the general election because of 'ballot clutter,' why also shouldn't he limit the number of candidates in the primaries? I think we should expand the voters' choices, not restrict them, but it's obvious that fair and equal elections in Pennsylvania are dead."

According to the nationally-

renowned ballot access guru Richard Winger, "Judge Jones was not as thoughtful as he could have been. He was too careless when he used 'ballot clutter' as a justification. There has never been a time in Pennsylvania in the last twenty years when there were more than three qualified minor parties." U.S. Supreme Court Justice Scalia agrees, noting that "the ballot crowding argument is a phoney."

According to Winger's research, if the appeal is not successful, Pennsylvania would likely be one of only two states in the nation in 2006 with a Democratic-Republican monopoly on the statewide ballot. The other such state would be Alabama.

At this juncture, the only realistic alternative open to third parties

for 2006 is to vociferously support the Voters' Choice Act, which is currently stalled in the House State Government Committee.

**You can help light a fire under the Committee by contacting the chairman, Representative Paul Clymer, at 717-783-3154 or [PClymer@pahousegop.com](mailto:PClymer@pahousegop.com), and asking him to bring the bill to the floor of the house immediately. More information about the Voters' Choice Act can be found at [www.PaBallotAccess.org](http://www.PaBallotAccess.org).**

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## Convention Report...

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an internship with the CATO Institute, a public policy research foundation headquartered in Washington, D.C. that promotes an American public policy based on individual liberty, limited government, free markets and peaceful international relations.

The party nominated Tom Martin as their 2006 U.S. Senate Candidate. Mr. Martin ran for U.S. Congress in the 5th District in 2004. He was elected as Auditor of Huston Township in 2003 and re-elected in 2005. A graduate of Penn State, Mr. Martin is a Certified Database Administrator and Microsoft Certified Software Engineer.

Mr. Martin indicated that his top issue will be "making elections free and equal in Pennsylvania and the rest of America by eliminating illegal and immoral ballot access laws."

Newly elected State Chair, Chuck Moulton, said "Tom Martin is an outstanding voice for restoring economic freedom and individual liberty to Pennsylvanians. I expect him to



**Libertarian US Senate Candidate, Tom Martin accepts the nomination.**

provide a fresh and powerful message during this election season."

As part of the convention, the party passed the following resolutions:

"Whereas the Pennsylvania state legislature, the PA Supreme Court and the Governor have repeatedly shown blatant disregard for the Pennsylvania Constitution, and whereas these three branches of government have conspired in 2005

to enact an unconstitutional legislative 'pay grab' in the form of an unvouchered expense; therefore, be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of PA condemns this 'pay grab' and asks the voters of PA to remember this unconstitutional act as they vote in 2006 and in future elections."

"Whereas Harry Browne has twice been the Libertarian Party presidential candidate, and whereas Harry Browne has been a respected author and persuasive advocate of personal liberty and small government, be it resolved that the LPPa acknowledges and is grateful for Harry Browne's contributions to libertarianism and the Libertarian Party and we offer our sincere condolences to his family and friends on his passing."

Our lunch speaker was Representative Kerry Benninghoff of House District 171, located in Centre and Mifflin Counties. Benninghoff advocated against additional government spending and tax increases.

Afternoon sessions consisted of a panel discussion on property rights and a petitioning workshop conducted by veteran signature gatherers who shared numerous tips for

maximizing the petitioning process. We also heard from a fabulous voice for liberty, Shauna Moser, the Chairperson of the Penn State Young Americans for Freedom.

Long-time freedom activist and 2006 Lights of Liberty recipient, Dr. Julian Hecklen discussed the separation of the church and state.

For the second year in a row, 1788 Society members enjoyed a private reception where they mingled with officers, candidates, and speakers. Members also received a cool limited-edition LPPa t-shirt. The Society consists of donors contributing \$120 or more in the calendar year to the LPPa. Joining the 1788 Society is a great way to contribute to the financial growth of the party. You can sign up online at [www.lppa.org/1788](http://www.lppa.org/1788).

There was an evening cocktail reception followed by the dinner banquet. Our honorary speaker was Russ Diamond of Pa Clean Sweep. He described his role in organizing the citizen outrage that forced the repeal of the payraise, voted out a Supreme

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**LPPa Board Meeting: May 13, June 10, July 8**

When: 2nd Saturday of each month, 11:00 AM  
Where: TBD  
Contact: [secretary@lppa.org](mailto:secretary@lppa.org), 800-R-Rights

**Allegheny: May 17, June 21, July 19**

When: 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM  
Where: Ritter's Diner, 5221 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15224  
Contact: [Dave Powell, allegheny@lppa.org](mailto:Dave Powell, allegheny@lppa.org), [www.lppgh.org](http://www.lppgh.org), 412-904-2976

**Berks: June 1, July 6, August 3**

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

**Bucks: May 10, June 14, July 12**

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

**Centre: May 8, June 12, July 10**

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](mailto:Tom Martin, centre@lppa.org)

**Chester: May 24, June 28, July 26**

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](mailto:David Owens, chester@lppa.org)

**Clarion: May 20, June 17, July 15**

When: 3rd Saturday of each month, 1:00 PM  
Where: BJ's Eatery Restaurant, High Point & Canoe Ripple Roads, one-quarter mile north of Exit 53 on Interstate 80.  
Contact: [Michael J. Robertson, kalzone@penn.com](mailto:Michael J. Robertson, kalzone@penn.com), 814-358-2882

**Cumberland: June 12, July 10, August 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](mailto:Ron Goodman, cumberland@lppa.org), 717-243-5708

**Dauphin: May 18, June 15, July 20**

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](mailto:Barry Dively, dauphin@lppa.org)

**Delaware: May 15, June 19, July 17**

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](mailto:David Jahn, delaware@lppa.org)

**Erie: Erie: May 14, June 11, July 9**

When: 2nd Sunday of each month, 2:00 PM  
Where: Libertarian Notary, 12746 Rt. 19 South, Waterford, PA 16441  
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**Lebanon: May 7, June 11, July 9**

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](mailto:Ray Ondrusek, lebanon@lppa.org), 717-866-4967

**Luzerne: May 17, June 21, July 19**

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](mailto:Brian Bergman, luzerne@lppa.org)

**Montgomery: June 1, July 6, August 3**

When: 1st Thursday of each month, 7:30 PM  
Where: Inquirer Building, PA 320 and PA 23, King of Prussia, PA. 19406  
Contact: [James Babb, montgomery@lppa.org](mailto:James Babb, montgomery@lppa.org), [www.montcolp.org](http://www.montcolp.org), 610-539-8825

**Philadelphia: May 20, June 16, July 18**

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](mailto:Phil Hodgson, chair@lpphilly.org), [www.lpphilly.org](http://www.lpphilly.org)

**Schuylkill: June 7, July 5, August 2**

When: 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM  
Where: Roman Delight, Rt. 61, Orwigsburg, PA 17961  
Contact: [Wanda Keefer, schuylkill@lppa.org](mailto:Wanda Keefer, schuylkill@lppa.org)

**York: May 22, June 26, July 24**

When: 4th Monday of each month, 7:00 PM  
Where: First Capital Dispensing Company, 57 N. Pershing Ave., York, PA 17401  
Contact: [Karl Spangler, york@lppa.org](mailto:Karl Spangler, york@lppa.org), [www.yorklp.org](http://www.yorklp.org), 717-292-6618

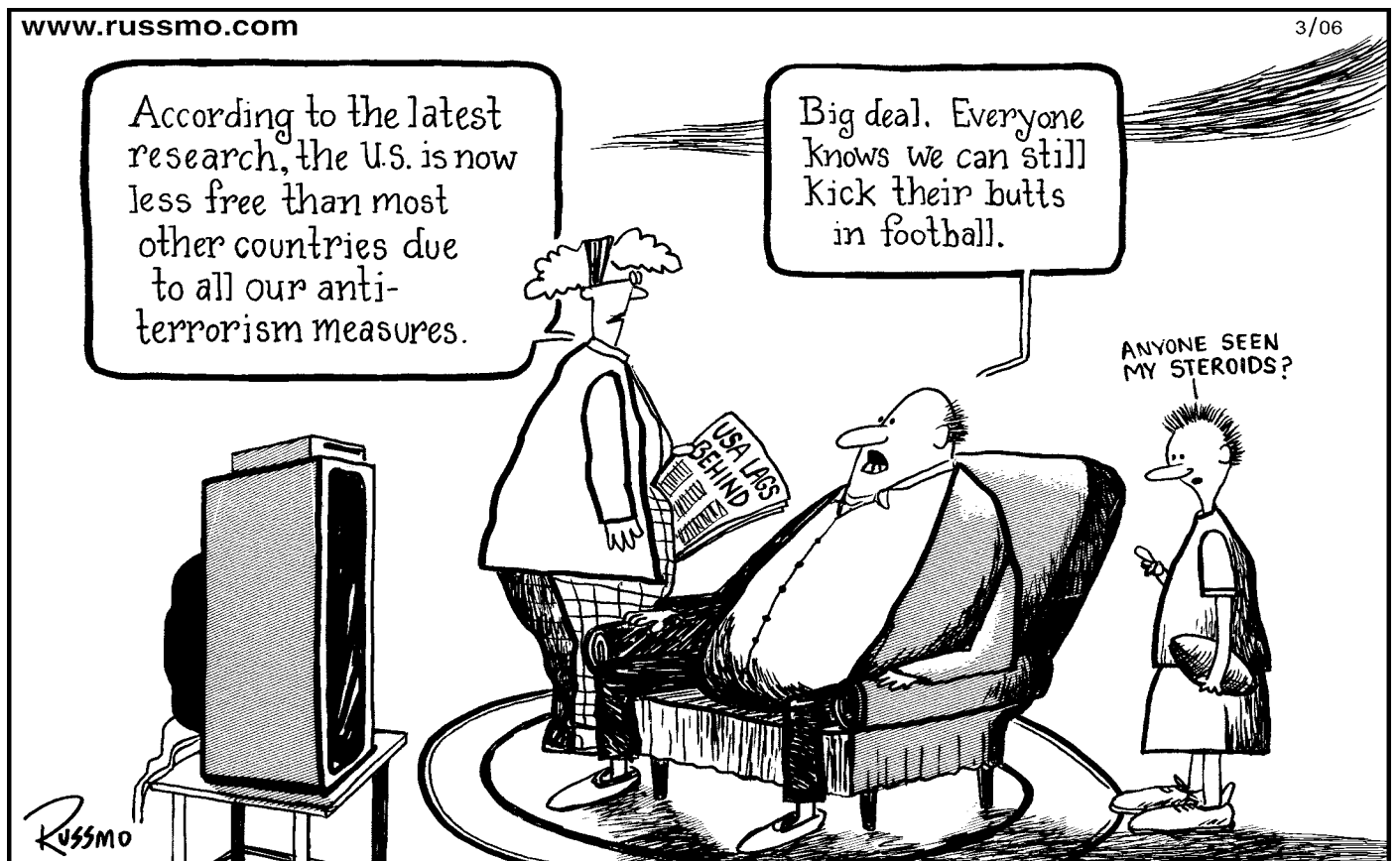
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Court Justice, and raised over 100 candidates to challenge incumbent politicians in the Primary and November elections. What a speech! Watch out Ed Rendell!

If you have never been to a Libertarian Convention, you are missing out on spending valuable time with real people who are your brothers and sisters in the quest for individual liberty. There is nothing quite like being with other activists who are willing to fight the fight for every individual's freedom. I hope to see you next year.

Barry Dively is the LPPa Convention Coordinator and the Dauphin County Libertarian Party Chair.



## You can make a difference!

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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Three Libertarian candidates supported by Operation Clean Sweep. From left: James Babb (www.JamesBabb.com), Kat Valleley (www.Kat2006), Russ Diamond and Jeremy Levan (www.voteforjeremy.com).

Capitol area Libertarians demonstrate on tax day. From left: Kelly Tennant, Alan Yottey & Barry Dively. Also participating were Jim & Cheryl Gordon, Chris Stump, Bill Bostik, Zach Crown & Ron Goodman.

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