

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY

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To: Whom It May Concern  
From: Steve Dasbach, Chairman, Libertarian National Committee  
Re: Libertarian Party of Oregon  
Date: December 19, 1995

On Saturday, December 9, 1995, the members of the National Committee were given copies of all documents provided the parties to the conflict occurring within the Libertarian Party of Oregon. The committee appointed a subcommittee, which was asked to examine all documents and bring any recommendations to the committee on Sunday. The subcommittee consisted of LNC Chair Steve Dasbach, Vice-Chair Karen Allard, Treasurer Hugh Butler, LNC member Joe Hauptmann, LNC alternate Steve Winter, and attorney David Bergland, a former LNC chair.

The above-mentioned subcommittee examined all documents, discussed the matter at length, and presented its conclusions to the full committee on Sunday morning. It was the sense of the LNC that I convey the views of the LNC, via this letter, to all interested parties in Oregon.

The following sections of the National Bylaws appear to be most relevant to the current situation in Oregon:

## "Article 8: Affiliate Parties

3. There shall be no more than one affiliate party in any one state, and the affiliate party shall determine who shall be its delegates to all Regular Conventions.
5. The autonomy of the affiliate parties shall not be abridged by the National Committee or any other committee of the Party, except as provided by these Bylaws."

Thus, under the national Bylaws, it is the responsibility of the LNC to ensure that there is only one affiliate party in any one state. In practice, this means that the LNC must be able to identify the membership of the state central committee. In making that determination, the LNC is expressly instructed not to abridge the autonomy of that affiliate party.

The governance of an affiliate party is determined by its constitution and/or bylaws. In the case of the Libertarian Party of Oregon, Article IV Section 5 of its constitution establishes that "The Judicial committee shall be the final body of appeal in all matters requiring interpretation of the Constitution, Bylaws, rules, or resolutions of the LPO, subject to the provision that a decision of the Judicial committee may be overruled by a three quarters vote at the next convention." The LNC recognizes the authority of the Judicial committee of the Libertarian Party of Oregon, as specified in its Constitution and Bylaws.

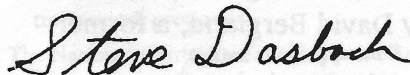
As a result of a hearing held on November 19, 1995, the LPO Judicial committee ruled the

recall ballot invalid. Thus it appears to the LNC, based on the Constitution and Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Oregon, that as of December 10, 1995, none of the members of the state committee have been recalled.

The Bylaws of the LP of Oregon provide for resolving disputes through its Judicial committee. The LNC urges all parties in Oregon to continue using this process to resolve any additional disputes, and to abide by the decisions of the Judicial committee. The LNC also urges that all parties work to ensure that there is only one state convention, which elects one state committee and one set of delegates to the national convention.

I must stress the importance of resolving these disputes, through the processes outlined in your Constitution and Bylaws, prior to the selection of national convention delegates. The national LP Bylaws do not provide clear guidance to the Credentials Committee on how to choose between two competing sets of delegates. If you fail to resolve these disputes, and two lists of delegates are submitted to the national Secretary, there is a real chance that no delegates will be seated from Oregon. Please take action to ensure that this doesn't happen.

Sincerely,



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