



Lone Star Liberty

The Official Monthly Newsletter of the Libertarian Party of Texas

January 2004

77 File Applications for LP Nominations

At least 77 individuals (and maybe more if all County Chairs have not turned in their lists to the State Party) have filed applications for the Libertarian Party nomination for offices up for election in the November 2004 General Election.

Three individuals have filed to run for statewide offices. Tom Edward Oxford, a lawyer from Beaumont, has filed for Court of Criminal Appeals Place 5. This will be a two-way race against a Republican.

Quanah Parker, a lawyer from Abilene, filed for Court of Criminal Appeals Place 2, which will also be a two-way race with a Republican. In 2002 Quanah ran in a three way race for Supreme Court and earned 2.4% of the vote.

Anthony Garcia, a Systems Administrator from Houston filed for Railroad Commissioner. Anthony last ran for the office in 2000 where he earned 15.8% of the vote in a three-

way race with a major party and a Green candidate.

To retain ballot access for the 2005 and 2006 election cycles one of these candidates must draw more than five percent of the vote in 2004. Given past experience it thus seems very likely that we will be able to earn ballot access from the election-as long as our ballot drive this spring successfully puts our candidates on the November ballots.

Thirty-four individuals filed to run for U.S. Representative filing in 31 of the 32 Districts. No one filed for the 14th Congressional District against incumbent Ron Paul. Ron is a lifetime member of the National Libertarian Party and was the Party's presidential candidate in 1988. Ron did not draw an opponent for the Republican Primary and no Democrat filed.

Several Libertarians running for Congress will face opponents at the District Conventions. Steve Kirby of

Abilene and Dr. Chip Peterson of Lubbock both filed for District 19. The district also has two incumbents as a result of redistricting. In District 22 Tom Morrison of Houston will face Sayed Zaidi, a businessman. Finally, Celeste Adams and Clark Simmons both filed for District 31.

A complete list of filers for U.S. Representative races is available on the state party website.

William McNicoll, a Clear Lake area homeschooling father, filed for State Board of Education District 7. William has been active tracking his local ISD and is currently fighting a school bond election. Raymundo Aleman, a lawyer from San Antonio, has filed for State Senate District 26. The only other State Senate candidate will be Tony Depperschmidt from Houston seeking the nomination for District 6.

Thirteen people filed to run for State Representative races, most of them from the greater Houston area. However, Abilene, Corpus Christi, Bryan and the Austin area also have candidates.

Brazos, Harris, Jefferson, Polk, Tom Green, Travis and Williamson Counties all report one or more local county candidates running for offices including County Attorney, Sheriff, Tax-Assessor Collector, County Commissioner, Constable and Justice of the Peace. A database of local candidates can be found on the state party website. County Chairs and candidates are welcome to contact the editor with corrections or additions.

The most growth this cycle comes in Jefferson County where a record number of candidates have filed.

Pat Dixon Seeks TX Chair

Pat Dixon of Austin announced at the December 6, 2003 SLEC meeting that he plans to run for State LP Chair. Pat was elected Travis County Chair in 2002 and took over as Ballot Access Committee Chair this fall.

Pat's announcement came minutes after current Chair David DeLamar told the committee he would not be seeking re-election.

In a recent business plan for the Texas Libertarian Party created by Pat he suggests two strategies to get the LP to the next level.

One is a focus on identifying winnable races and directing good quality candidates to these races. Municipal, small district, and boards and commissions are all potentially winnable Pat says.

The second strategy is outsourcing. Pat suggests that the Texas LP would benefit from hiring professionals in addition to recruiting more individuals with management skills. Pat has pioneered this idea with the BAC and its hiring of a paid contractor to solicit donations for the petition drive.



Lone Star Liberty

Volume 14, Issue 1
January 2004
Available monthly
online at
www.lptexas.org

Publisher:
Libertarian Party of Texas
P.O. Box 27932
Houston, TX 77227
www.lptexas.org

State Chair:
David DeLamar
P.O.Box 98131
Lubbock, TX 79499
Chair@lptexas.org
806-795-6961

Editor:
Laura Coker-Garcia
9835 Sagedowne Lane
Houston, TX 77089
Laura@LibertyWorks.org
281-997-8141

Contributing Writers:
Laura Coker-Garcia

Submissions welcome.
Please send to the editor at
Laura@Libertyworks.org. Dead-
line is the 20th of the month prior.
The next printed issue will be Feb-
ruary, 2004.

Supporters

The Libertarian Party of Texas would like to thank recent donors:
James Allard.....MA
Scott Benson.....TN
Richard Campagna.....IA
William Culpepper.....NC
Allan Juranek.....Austin
J.L. Love.....Austin
Richard Massey.....Dallas
Nadia Megally.....Houston
Pete Sipes.....MI
William Sparkman.....Arlington
and to **Christine Anderson** who
willed **\$7,500** to the Party.

In the Mail

Enclosed is what I can man-
age right now, re Ballot Access. I'm a
California journalist, age 45, presently
in Arizona. I've been away from Aus-
tin, Texas for over 40 years.

Among the Texas-set films I
enjoy are "Blood Simple," "Legend of
Billie Jean," and "Dazed and Con-
fused," where the 9th grade girls get
hazed with ketchup and mustard.

It's fun to read the alumni
message board online, about hazing
traditions like breakfast kidnapping in
Texas high schools; and dorm hazing
at Texas A&M. Sounds more fun the
California.

Thstump@hotmail.com

Texas Libertarians:

Of Course I support your ef-
forts in this regard. Keep up the good
work. I hope to visit soon. Thanks y'all.

Richard Campagna
for U.S. Vice President

I know this isn't much, but it's
what I have. We're already on the bal-
lot here in Michigan, so I won't need
to donate for that. Here's \$10 to buy
some freedom in Texas. I know you can
do it with help. Here's mine.

Pete Sipes

Good luck with ballot access.

Scott Benson

BAC's Freedom Fest

A benefit concert held Satur-
day, January 3 in Austin raised about
\$530 for the ballot access fund accord-
ing to Ballot Access Committee Chair
Pat Dixon.

The event—featuring musi-
cians Slim Ritchie, Mopac and the Blue
Suburbans and Jimmie Vaughn—drew
140 people to Sullivan's Steakhouse in
Austin. All the artists donated their
time and Jimmie donated an
autographed Fendor guitar that was
auctioned off at the end of the evening.

LP Presidential candidate
Michael Badnarik was master of cer-
emonies for the event and profits from
the event were split with his campaign.

LP Presidential candidate
Gary Nolan has announced that he will
be visiting Texas in February and will
host several meet the candidate events
where he will also be raising funds for
ballot access in Texas. Gary is expected
to visit Fort Worth, Austin and Hous-
ton. Check next month's newsletter or
the website for times and locations.

New Database Manager

David Croft of Carrollton has
volunteered to be the new state party

database manager. County Chairs
needing to receive updated contact in-
formation for national party members
in their counties can contact David at
croft@ alumni.caltech.edu or call 214-
731-9284. Members needing to change
their address or contact numbers or
email should also contact David.

David takes over from Rich-
ard Walker who resigned in Septem-
ber.

Activist Opportunities

The editor of Lone Star Lib-
erty is seeking help! I need individu-
als to help uncover Libertarian activ-
ity in Texas. Please let me know what
is going on with local libertarians in
your neighborhood.

Nothing formal needed—send
meeting minutes, URLs for articles
mentioning us in the media, press re-
leases, invitations you receive for in-
teresting speakers, etc. Even if the only
activity is a supper club—let me know
who attended and what was discussed!
Send photos if you have them. Send a
letter. Point me to your favorite
website. Include me in your group's
online newsgroup.

Contact me at Laura@
Libertyworks.org. I'd appreciate it!

Check any that apply:

- I **will petition** during March, April and May 2004.
 I will **host a Precinct Convention** on the evening of Tues. March 9, 2004.
 I am a **notary public** and will volunteer for the petition drive.
 I can provide **room and board** to petitioners from out-of-town.
 I am a **printer/copier** and will help with printing petition sheets.
 I am enclosing a donation to **fund the petition drive**.
 I am enclosing a donation to **support party activities** (outreach, newsletter, etc.)

My best donation: _____ \$35 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 _____ \$150 _____ Other

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Precinct #: _____ County: _____

Please make checks payable to the Libertarian Party of Texas. Include this form with any donations and Mail to: PO Box 27932, Houston, TX 77227.

Donations can also be accepted online via PayPal at the State Party website: www.lptexas.org/donations.

Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, and occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. The Libertarian Party of Texas also submits finance reports to the Texas Ethics Commission.

Events of Interest to Texas Libertarians

Jan. 21 (Wed.) 4 p.m. Skeptical Environmentalist Bjorn Lomborg speaks at Rice University, Houston. Free. See www.lomborg.com.

Jan 24-25 (Sat.-Sun.) Bell County OPH booth at the Real Gun Show.

Jan. 28 (Wed.) 1 p.m. "Considering God in Government" debate at the University of Houston Law Center, Houston. Krost Hall. Free.

Feb. 9 (Mon.) Last day to register to vote to be eligible to participate in the March precinct conventions.

Feb. 11 (Wed.) Personal Financial Statement Filing Deadline for statewide, Texas Legislature and local county candidates. The form is online at www.ethics.state.tx.us. County candidates file with County Clerk or Elections Administrator, others file with TEC.

Feb. 21 (Sat.) 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. SLEC meeting in Austin at the Cepeda Branch Library, 651 N. Pleasant Valley Rd. Selection of delegates to the National Convention. Contact State Chair David DeLamar at think@door.net.

March 9 (Tues.) Precinct Conventions. Contact your

County Chair for exact time and locations. Conventions open to all registered voters who did not voted in a primary or participate in another parties conventions.

March 10 (Wed.) Petitioning begins. Volunteers contact Wes Benedict at wesliberty@aol.com

March 13 (Sat.) County Conventions. Contact your local County Chair for the time and location. By Party rule everyone who affiliates with the LP at their precinct convention is a delegate to the county convention.

March 20 (Sat.) District Conventions. Please check the state party website at www.lptexas.org for a listing of District Convention times and locations.

May 24 (Mon.) 5 p.m. Ballot Access Petitions due to Secretary of State's office.

May 28-31 (Fri.-Mon.) LP National Convention in Atlanta, GA. Selection of LP Presidential candidates, changes to rules and platform. See LP News for more information or visit www.lp.org.

June 11-13 (Fri.-Sun.) LP State Convention in College Station, TX. Registration flyers will be mailed in April.