

Suffolk County Libertarian Organization

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Robert Myhre, Chairman
Suffolk County Libertarian Organization

Dear Bob:

Please accept my resignation as secretary-treasurer of the Suffolk County Libertarian Organization. Even though no successor has been elected and no elections validated (by all counts eight ballots were cast, yet you counted only six--one less than sufficient for a quorum--unless you count the ballots sent to members as part of a quorum and the non-returns as abstentions), I can no longer serve in the capacity that I have for the past four years.

I had intended to write you immediately following the August meeting (which was reported to me by Bruce Martin--not you--I have not heard from you in over a month), but I was unable to because of my preoccupation with the terrible wasting and eventual death from cancer of my best friend and co-chairman of the Committee for Repeal of Condemnation Laws--Nora Seif.

For the past year I have put up with the tedious criticism and pettiness of certain members and visitors to our meetings. I have felt used and put upon numerous times. No, I am not perfect, but I am dedicated to Libertarianism in action--and the present membership and those attracted to our group have not worked together intelligently to accomplish any goals. Each meeting seemed to destroy the work of the previous one. The most critical of our members contribute little or lack experience and knowledge of political realities and libertarianism. I would have given all my talent and assistance to any concrete proposal but everything sensible was shot down or talked to death. The group's inertia acted upon me as a restraint, and I found myself not doing many of the activist things, such as addressing the County Legislature, that I normally do. I am a representative of Libertarianism--I am known as such--and therefore do wish to properly represent the Suffolk County Libertarian Organization, if my general speaking is taken to represent that group's concerns; I kept waiting for a signal from the group to go ahead with what should be our major concerns in Suffolk County politics--none came. In the future I will not be so mistakenly restrained; I will speak and write as I wish.

I know I have personally accomplished much to spread libertarian ideas in Suffolk County. Of most importance, and perhaps least tangible, is the respect I have earned among political leaders and civic leaders.

Libertarianism is not scoffed at in Suffolk County political and civic circles, because Virginia Walker won the admiration of her political adversaries and civic activists.

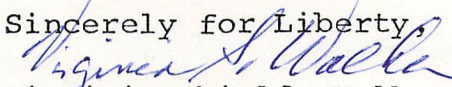
In the future, I intend to continue my successful spread of Libertarian ideas. First, I want to memorialize one of the greatest fighters for individual rights--Nora Seif--by a pamphlet on condemnation. Second, I am going to continue my lobbyist efforts against condemnation laws and for the gold standard. Third, I am working toward a lecturer-writer career for myself in Suffolk that will be a further contribution to disseminating libertarian solutions to present political/economic problems.

Right now, I am providing some libertarian-oriented assistance on social service problems in Suffolk to three Legislative candidates: Dennis Hurley, Rep.Cons., 1st District; Peggy Bell, Cons., 2nd District; Ferd Geise, Rep.Cons., 5th District. Although I have planned a busy future for myself, I am willing to serve as State Committee Rep for SCLO. I can report by mail and phone and receive information from SCLO the same way, if I am unable to attend meetings. If this arrangement is not workable, I will step down.

Enclosed, please find stationery*, bank book (with signed withdrawal forms, so you can relocate the account) mailing lists, ^{reports, etc.} and current membership list for SCLO. You should be able to get the notices out without too much trouble. I have a great deal of other materials connected with my time as secretary-treasurer and chairman. If you want extensive records, I can provide them.

Alex and I have bolstered the group's treasury on every occasion, paying for postage, printing, film and projector rentals, etc. The amount in the bank is thus artificial. You should take that into consideration in planning for the future.

I am sorry that a note of bitterness is in this letter, but I cannot help it. I am sure the type that needs a committee's motion to go to the bathroom will find all of my comments to be faulty. So be it. I just remembered that I neglected to mention the planned Libertarian Day. I sent some stationery (delayed as this letter) to Bob Straub so he can officially try to rent a hall. Please keep in touch with him. If you want some help with contacts in planning that day, I, of course, am always here.

Sincerely for Liberty,

 Virginia Shields Walker

Copy to Steve Schneider,
 State Committee Rep.
 Nassau County

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