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## Streamlined Bylaws Pass at Annual Meeting

With only one dissenting vote, Libertarians voted to adopt a new set of Bylaws to replace the old Bylaws and Constitution of the Libertarian Party of Illinois at the Annual Meeting held on Sunday, April 8 at the Best Western Midway Motor Inn in Elk Grove Village. Bylaw committee members Helen Heyden, Mike Woloshin, and Ken Prazak were successful in rectifying duplicating, conflicting, and cumbersome bylaws by replacing the old set with a new one and the membership apparently agreed.

The most controversial and major change in the Bylaws has to do with local clubs. The new Bylaws encourage the formation of local Libertarian clubs by requiring that a club just consist of five members or more and petition the State Central Committee for designation as a local libertarian club. The new Bylaws eliminate geographic designations. Each local club receives one vote on the SCC.

Another aspect of the new Bylaws is in the trend towards more consensus voting. Bylaw committee members felt that consensus voting is more in keeping with libertarian principles.

Much of the old bureaucratise (obviously not in keeping with a libertarian spirit) and (hopefully) all of the conflicts were eliminated from the Bylaws. The length of the Bylaws was cut down by approximately one-third.

Committee Chair Steve Nelson (who conducted very objective, open, and efficient bylaw meetings) supported retention of the old Bylaws. Committee member Harvey Gould drafted his own set of bylaws which contained no specific organizational rules to speak of, but probably reflected what most libertarians would like in their fantasy, if not in their reality. The Convention chose the middle-ground.

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## Riding the Wake of a Libertarian Wave

A reasonable, optimistic, and purposeful tone permeated our 1990 State Convention occurring on the weekend of April 6. The Tax Accountability Amendment is on the verge of a successful petition campaign. *Nomos* has reorganized with renewed vigor. *Prairie Fire*, a libertarian outreach newspaper, has published its premier issue. The Heartland Institute has recently issued an excellent agenda in book form to make 1990s Illinois' decade, *Coming Out of the Ice*. Two downstate clubs, the Illinois Valley Libertarian Association and the Central Libertarians of Illinois are becoming extremely active. Libertarian students from two universities attended the convention are begging for some help from activists to become active. The consensus of opinion believes that the time is ripe and the tide is turning towards the libertarian direction in Illinois for the coming years.

Bob Waldrop, Coordinator of the Council of State Parties, and former Chair of the State of Utah, began the Saturday morning session with an excellent workshop on Building Your Own Libertarian Neighborhood. Waldrop bases his plan, (which helped to elect the first libertarian town in the United States, Big Water,

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## Libertarian Party of Illinois Slate of Candidates

US Senator	Bruce Green	South Elgin
Governor	Steve Givot	Barrington Hills
Lieutenant Governor	Fran Holt	Sycamore
Secretary of State	Lyn Tinsley	Des Plaines
Treasurer	Paul Salander	Mendota
Comptroller	Ken Wolin	Wheeling
Attorney General	Gary Shilts	Aurora
Univ. of IL Trustee	Kathy Kelley	Rockford
Univ. of IL Trustee	Karen Klomp	Rockford
Univ. of IL Trustee	Jeff Richards	Chicago

RESULTS OF MEMBER SURVEY ON STRATEGY ISSUES

Presented 6 April 1990 by Eric C. Banfield, Northern vice-chair, LP Illinois

SA = STRONGLY AGREE, A = AGREE, N = NEUTRAL,  
D = DISAGREE, SD = STRONGLY DISAGREE

					Response	Value	Number					
1. We must get on the ballot this year, even if all the candidates' campaigns are passive.					SA	5	21	6. A long-run strategy of first building awareness and support, then running candidates in later years, would be too costly in the short run, in terms of losing some members who prefer ballot presence in every election.				
					A	4	18					
					N	3	14					
					D	2	31					
					SD	1	17					
Most Frequent	Disagree	31%	Count	101	Most Frequent	Disagree	32%	Count	99			
Weighted Average	Neutral	49%	Wtd. Avg.	2.95	Weighted Average	Neutral	44%	Wtd. Avg.	2.78			
Majority	Neutral	55%	Dispers'n	1.42	Majority	Neutral	59%	Dispers'n	1.31			
2. The LPI, being a political party, must run candidates every election. Focusing on issues, even if they are "winnable," is not enough in any election year.					SA	5	21	7. Regardless of the passivity of the campaigns, LPI must continue to gain experience with campaign efforts, or this skill will fade.				
					A	4	19					
					N	3	8					
					D	2	35					
					SD	1	17					
Most Frequent	Disagree	35%	Count	100	Most Frequent	Agree	35%	Count	99			
Weighted Average	Neutral	48%	Wtd. Avg.	2.92	Weighted Average	Neutral	55%	Wtd. Avg.	3.21			
Majority	Neutral	57%	Dispers'n	1.44	Majority	Agree	61%	Dispers'n	1.30			
3. The party will grow faster by creating general awareness through ballot-access efforts and being on the ballot than by pursuing directly-targeted advertising and outreach efforts.					SA	5	8	8. For this election year, I generally prefer Plan A described above.				
					A	4	16					
					N	3	25					
					D	2	34					
					SD	1	17					
Most Frequent	Disagree	34%	Count	100	Most Frequent	Disagree	36%	Count	97			
Weighted Average	Neutral	41%	Wtd. Avg.	2.64	Weighted Average	Neutral	46%	Wtd. Avg.	2.84			
Majority	Disagree	68%	Dispers'n	1.18	Majority	Neutral	59%	Dispers'n	1.33			
4. Our party members and supporters are in sufficient number to back an active candidate with votes and campaign support.					SA	5	3	9. For this election year, I generally prefer Plan B described above.				
					A	4	17					
					N	3	30					
					D	2	36					
					SD	1	14					
Most Frequent	Disagree	36%	Count	100	Most Frequent	Agree	37%	Count	99			
Weighted Average	Disagree	40%	Wtd. Avg.	2.59	Weighted Average	Agree	61%	Wtd. Avg.	3.45			
Majority	Disagree	71%	Dispers'n	1.03	Majority	Agree	68%	Dispers'n	1.30			
5. If we don't get on the ballot every year, even for passive campaigns, and focus instead on other efforts, our party will suffer a costly loss of political presence.					SA	5	21	10. If LPI does not get on the ballot this year, I will not renew my membership.				
					A	4	14					
					N	3	14					
					D	2	34					
					SD	1	15					
Most Frequent	Disagree	35%	Count	98	Most Frequent	S.Disagr.	66%	Count	98			
Weighted Average	Neutral	48%	Wtd. Avg.	2.92	Weighted Average	S.Disagr.	13%	Wtd. Avg.	1.53			
Majority	Neutral	58%	Dispers'n	1.40	Majority	S.Disagr.	97%	Dispers'n	0.86			

**Riding the Wake**

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Utah), on the bible of political activist organization, Saul Aulinsky's, Rules for Radicals. An activist affects change by immersing himself in the community, getting to know everyone in the community, by aligning with single issues, canvassing the neighborhood to account for support, building up a data base, and making sure supporters vote on election day. Waldrop points out that this is what the Republican Party has done very successfully in the past twenty years. They have a forty year plan to become America's majority party and are right on schedule up to this point. Waldrop demonstrates that the Libertarians must do the same.

Ross Korves, our resident public policy expert, described in the Saturday afternoon session, that the conditions are ripe in Illinois for the next four years for the Libertarians to make real progress in affecting change. We must make hay when the sun shines. Libertarians should develop coalitions with single issue people and develop leaders of these groups while broadening their horizons in a libertarian direction. Taxes, education, healthcare, and waste treatment will be the big issues in the coming years in Illinois. We must be prepared to have viable answers to these problems and be there when the time is ripe to provide these solutions. Korves surmises that Hartigan and the Democrats will win the next gubernatorial election and problems will continue to get worse as both Republicans and Democrats are squeezed between an anti-tax sentiment rock and a pro-service hard place. The two major parties will have had a decade and a half to solve problems and will have failed. Then in 1994, the Libertarians will have the opportunity to act.

For Sunday morning brunch, libertarian WLS talk-show host, Stacy Taylor reiterated the optimistic theme that the time is ripe for libertarian change. He perceives a majority of callers to talk shows as libertarians whether they realize it or not. Libertarians need to latch onto the populist libertarian issues such as taxes, education, incumbency and government arrogance. The talk show is a great forum to promote this type of coalescing. Stacy reports that his new radicalism is already bearing some fruit.

**Unfurl the Banners**

by Chris Barker

It often seems that the most difficult job in the libertarian movement is being an activist in the Libertarian Party. In addition to receiving the scorn and disdain hurled by some members of the public and media and our unworthy opponents, we have to deal with criticism from a (thankfully) few fellow members of our movement. This internal disapproval ranges all the way from an alleged infidelity to our common cause to a supposed ineffectiveness in our means. Under the circumstances, I don't think that it is surprising to find that the morale of the members of the Libertarian Party is not always as high as we would like.

Like the men and women of the Alamo, the members of the Libertarian Party are vastly outnumbered in every contest. And surely like these valiant men and women who gave their lives in their fight for their freedom, our hearts sometimes question the wisdom of our ways. But I am very proud to say that the men and women of the Libertarian Party, much like the brave defenders of that lost fortress, have always stood by their standard in the end.

It is time to unfurl those indomitable banners of Liberty again. To let them know that the promise of a tomorrow where peace, prosperity and freedom will reign doesn't have to be just a dream held by academics, writers and policy analysts. To those who will see our flags upraised with dignity and want to join us, I say welcome. To the candidates and activists of the Libertarian Party, who are now preparing to meet our ancient statist foe yet again, I salute you. You are our Vanguard!

**Club Reports**

**IVLA Report**

Scott Tillman reports that the Illinois Valley Libertarian Association will hold a meeting on April 30. IVLA will discuss the adoption of bylaws and organizational structure. Also, IVLA is looking into producing a local access cable TV program on libertarianism.

**Libertarians of Central Illinois**

Among the topics discussed at the last meeting, the LCI is in contact with a student from the University of Illinois interested in libertarianism. After researching the possibility of working a booth at the state fair, the LCI is inclined to forego the project this year. LCI acquired the ten videotape set of "Free to Choose" from Laissez Faire Books.

**North Cook Libertarian Club**

North Cook County Libertarian Club main projects for the summer will be outreach at neighborhood fairs and Glenn Olofson's candidacy for State Representative.

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## Jesus was Tolerant

I would like to respond to Phil Clark's article *Paleoconservative Speaks Out* in the March 1990 issue of the *Illinois Libertarian*. In the unlikely event that his type of thinking should ever come to dominate the LP, I will promptly drop out and start my own political party. It will be a party for people with aberrant life styles and people like myself who just want to live as we please without being subjected to any group's excessive moralizing.

I often wonder what Jesus himself would have thought of people who call themselves good Christians while preaching a message of intolerance. He associated with prostitutes, lepers, and the other social outcasts of his day, and he too was criticized for not maintaining a better public image. Perhaps if he were here today, he might even associate with those members of the LP that Mr. Clark finds so objectionable.

Lila Pifer, Chicago

## 1990 Chicago Neighborhood Street Fairs

by Glenn Olofson

Last year the Libertarian Party of Illinois had information tables at five neighborhood street fairs in Chicago. They were: Andersonville Midsummerfest, Argyle Fest, Lakeview East Mile-Long Fest, Gold Fest, and one at the Rodgers Parch branch of the Chicago Public Library. At these fairs we distributed almost 2,000 pieces of literature. 55 people requested additional information and several of them joined the LPI. The participants in last years fairs included Steve Nelson, Jeff Richards, Greg Bezdek, Mike Woloshin, Sue Walton and others. All agree that these fairs are a good outreach tool and that staffing the tables can be fun.

This year we would like to have more people working more fairs. If you are not a public contact type person, there are many other ways you can help make these fairs more successful than last year. A partial list of ways you can help follows:

- Lend us the use of one or more of the following items " folding tables, folding chairs, an easel, a handtruck, banners, posters, etc.
- Locate materials to put on the table.
- Write single sheet, single issue flyers.
- Write an advisory issues petition.
- Translate 2, 3, and 4 above into other languages.
- Phone some of the fair organizers.
- Phone potential table staffers.
- Transport the materials to and/or fro the fair sights.
- Follow up on requests for additional information.
- Write thank you letters to fair organizers.
- Write thank you letters to LPI fair volunteers.
- Anything else you can think of.

We also need people to staff a table at Custer's Last Stand at Main and Chicago in Evanston on June 23 and 24 between 10AM and 6:30 PM.

If you can help out in any way, please call Glenn Olofson at 312-274-6895 evenings, or 312-337-0561 days.

## Fun and Games on the Petition Trail

by Kenneth Prazak

In the process of gathering signatures for the Tax Accountability Amendment, Helen Heyden and I found ourselves soliciting signatures in front of a housewares show in front of the field house at the College of Dupage (the local government junior college). Needless to say, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees such activity. To make a long story short, a few hours later we found ourselves confronted with one of COD's Finest who ordered us to leave at once, else be arrested for *Criminal Trespass of State Supported Property*, a felony I recall the gentleman stating.

There being a job to do and being the free man that I am, I simply had to refuse the officer his gentle request. We commenced to discuss the situation for the next ten minutes as the decibel level increased. It seems we needed some sort of permission to exercise this Constitutional right, and the officer commenced to describe all the different sort of hoops we had to jump through to become officially recognized petitioners. I modestly mentioned that to ask permission for a Constitutional right is a contradiction in terms. I could understand such oppression in Russ[I had to stop myself] China or Cuba, but not the land of the free. The officer looked as though I were from a different planet. As our discussion agitated, the officer questioned whether I was in control or not, what with my loud voice and all. He being equally as loud, I questioned the same of him ( and also added that I couldn't help myself, I have a trained voice). During the shouting, Helen mentioned that she thought we did have permission from a certain gentleman; the officer did not hear her. At any rate, I made a deal with Helen. I'll get arrested; you bail me out.

The officer then frisked me and took me in. An hour later, after filling out all the forms, taking mug shots, calling the states attorney, and just about the time for fingerprinting me, the officer asked once again who it was we said gave us permission. I recalled the name as best I could, and when the officer found out that man was out of town, sheepishly shrugged that he would have to unarrest me. Helen got the arresting officer and his assistant to sign the petition and we went on our merry way.

We had one witness to the event who used to work in security, and said that the incident was the most chicken-bleep display by police he had ever seen and would be willing to testify to that fact in court. In this litigious society we live in, I hate to contribute to the problem, but the pain, suffering, humiliation and loss of time, I reckon, must run into the hundred thousands at least to say nothing of the total loss of respect I must now have for the law. I may have to join anarchists anonymous... Should I sue?

### Rose Parade and Picnic

Where: Roselle " Annual Rose Parade

When: 1:00 PM, Sunday June 3

Picnic at Helen Heyden's after the parade. Helen will make a beef roast. Please bring a side dish.

All liquid refreshment provided. More info: call Helen, 708-529-1551



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### May 7

- **DuPage Libertarian Club**, Monday, 6:30 P.M. at the Minuette Restaurant, Ogden and Main St., Lisle, IL. Meets first Monday of every month same place and time. For more info: Steve Nelson, 708!969!1088.

### May 10

- **North Cook County Libertarian Club, and North Shore Individualist** meeting Thursday, 7:00 P.M., at the Henry George School, 4536 N. Ravenswood, Chicago. Location: just south of Wilson on Ravenswood on the west side of the tracks. One and a half blocks north of the CTA Ravenswood line Montrose Station, one and a half blocks south of the CNW north line, Ravenswood. More info: Greg Bezdek, 708-251-2870 or Sue Walton, 708!475!0391.

### May 12

- **Libertarians of Central Illinois**, Saturday, at Manpower Temporary Services, 306 South Grand Ave. West, Springfield, 7:00 PM.

### May 21

- **NCCLP Supper Club**, Monday, at Angelo's Restaurant & Lounge, 1418 West Morse, Chicago, one-half block west of the Morse EL. Angelo's serves alcohol; it's the Rogers Park equivalent to LCD's Minuette. 7 PM.

### June 3

- **Rose Parade and Picnic**, at Helen Heyden's, Sunday, 357 Countryside, Roselle, 1:00 PM, call Helen, 708-529-1551.

### June 4

- **DuPage Libertarian Club**, Monday, 6:30 P.M. at the Minuette Restaurant, Ogden and Main St., Lisle, IL. Meets first Monday of every month same place and time. For more info: Steve Nelson, 708!969!1088.
- **Northwest Libertarian Club**, Call Dan Coit for more info, (708!803!8855)
- **Illinois Valley Libertarian Association**, call Scott Tillman, 309-353-1500.

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The Illinois Libertarian Party salutes those leaders who have shown the courage to speak out for decriminalization of drugs.

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|---|---|---|
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