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1788 Society: Achieving Long Term Fundraising Success for the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

Imagine a country where the government was strictly limited by a written document that clearly enumerated its few powers. In 1788, this concept became reality when the 13 independent states ratified the U.S. Constitution. Ben Franklin summarized the nature of this new government when he said it is "a republic, if you can keep it." He knew it would take diligence to prevent our government from escaping its constitutional reins.

Today, government is out of control at all levels. The principles that guided the founders of our country have nearly been forgotten. Republicans, once known as the "party of small government," embrace pork barrel politics and have taken deficit spending to stratospheric levels. Democrats, once considered

defenders of civil liberties, now endorse secret detentions, torture, undeclared foreign wars and the federalization of local police.

In honor of Ben Franklin and the other founders of this great nation, The Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania has formed the 1788 Society. This is a unique group of Libertarians dedicated to restoring constitutionally limited government. By pledging support for the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania on an on-going basis, 1788 Society members are the foundation of our effort to secure our nation's future.

Joining the 1788 Society is easy. You can use the membership form included in this issue or sign up securely online at www.lppa.org/1788.html. Simply specify how much to contribute monthly,

quarterly or annually and your credit or debit card will be charged automatically. You are always in control, so you can change your contribution level at any time. As a 1788 Society member, your annual contribution of \$120 or more, will provide the essential funds required to accomplish our goals.

In addition to the benefits offered, 1788 Society members will take comfort in knowing their support is helping us reach over 31,000 registered Libertarians in Pennsylvania, grow Libertarian committees in every county, attract quality candidates for state and local offices, and exert our growing influence on governmental bodies at all levels.

Join the 1788 Society today! www.lppa.org/1788.html

A Message from the Chair David Jahn, LPPa Chair (chair@lppa.org)

In this edition, you'll find proposed Constitution and Bylaws changes that were submitted to the Party Secretary in writing as required at least thirty days prior to the convention.

These proposed changes are being provided in accordance with the wishes of our members who have previously asked to see such proposals in advance of our annual convention. Since the deadline has passed, these are the only Constitution and Bylaws changes that will be considered this year. Changes to the Convention Rules however, can still be considered during the convention.

While we are on the subject of the con-

vention, I would like to encourage everyone to run for a board position. If you are interested in running for secretary, treasurer, vice chair or chair, then please do. Competition for these positions is healthy. Without competition our party stagnates and none of us want that. So, please feel free to run. Whether you win or lose, we will always appreciate the efforts of those pursuing a position of responsibility.

Moving on to other points of interest, I must say this has been a challenging month. As our party continues to grow, so do our needs. This month, I have been looking for legal advice, software, and a web programmer that can donate a little

server side scripting. I know we have members that can lend help in these areas, but I have no way of locating you unless you let us know you are out there.

Our legal committee is currently a committee of one. One person can't do it all. There are numerous laws that apply to us as a political party. It would be helpful if we had several folks working to assure we are in compliance with them. Please contact me if you are an attorney, paralegal or otherwise interested in law and could spare a little time to help research the legal matters applicable to us. This committee is vital to our continued health and growth.

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Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania 2005 Annual Convention Friday, April 29 - Sunday, May 1, 2005

Hilton Harrisburg & Towers, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

The entire convention package is only \$125 if you sign-up before April 15! Register now!

Friday April 29th

9:00 am - 5:00 pm: Michael Badnarik's Introduction to the Constitution class

We are honored to have Mr. Michael Badnarik bring his eye opening and hard-hitting class on the U.S. Constitution to Pennsylvania. Michael burst onto the main stage of the Libertarian movement at the 2004 National Convention where his complete understanding of the U.S. Constitution and his unique ability to convey it's powerful message in terms everyone can understand won him the nomination for the LP's Presidential Candidate. (Mr. Badnarik's class is not included in the Full Convention pricing)

6:30 - 9:00 pm: Opening Reception

The official kick-off of the 2005 Libertarian Convention is an excellent chance to meet freedom-oriented activists from all across the state. This year we will be blessed with the presence of our most recent Presidential candidate who will certainly have many campaign tales to share. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie. DJ Ed O'Connor will provide musical entertainment along with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

9:30 pm - ??: Montgomery County Hospitality Suite

Saturday, April 30th

7:30 - 8:30 am: Breakfast with Bill Rollyson from Americans for Fair Taxation

Learn about a fundamental shift in taxation policy that would strip the IRS of many of its intrusive powers while eliminating the political manipulation inherent in the tax code and its innumerable loopholes.

8:30 am - 12:30 pm: LPPA Business Meeting

12:30 - 1:30 pm: Luncheon with Matthew Brouillette from the Commonwealth Foundation Matt Brouillette and the Commonwealth Foundation are one of our true allies in the fight to reduce the size and scope of government in Pennsylvania. Come hear what the president of the Commonwealth Foundation feels is the most pressing issue facing our state in 2005.

2:00 - 5:00 pm: Workshops

- Campus Organizing James Lark from the University of Virginia has 20 years experience organizing successful Libertarian college chapters at state and national LP Conventions including the recent state chairs' conference in St. Louis.
- Running for Local Office LPPA Election Committee
- Marketing, Networking, and Building LP County Chapters

5:00 – 6:00 pm: VIP open bar reception for 1788 Society members.

6:00 - 9:30 pm: Cocktail Reception and Banquet

Michael Badnarik, the 2004 LP Presidential candidate is our keynote speaker and will be discussing the content of his newly released and highly acclaimed book "Good to be King"

9:30 pm - ??: Montgomery County Hospitality Suite

Sunday May 1st

9:30 - 12:00 noon: LPPA Business Meeting

12:00 – 2:00 pm: Luncheon with Libertarian Toastmasters

Exhibitors: A Limited Number of Exhibit Tables are available for Saturday and Sunday at \$50.00. Please email willieisin2u@yahoo.com to sign up. Tables will be open Saturday 8 am - 10 pm, Sunday 8 am - 10am.

Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania – 2005 Convention Registration Form April 29th – May 1st 2005 Hilton Harrisburg & Towers - Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Full Convention Package Incudes: Friday Reception, All Meals, Speakers, Workshops, Taxes and Gratuities

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** Due to potential high	demand and limited seating, Full

** Due to potential high demand and limited seating, Full Conference Package will have precedence over Saturday Dinner only. First come first serve for Dinner thereafter.

Please indicate choices and send checks payable to:

Cumberland County Libertarian Committee c/o Jeremy Noyes 135 A Lane Harrisburg, Pa 17111 On check memo state: LPPa '05 Convention

Special Room Rate of \$82.00 Available Until 4/7/05 HILTON HARRISBURG & TOWERS 1-800-HILTONS www.harrisburg.hilton.com

Badnarik "Introduction to the Constitution" \$100 • Not included in Full Convention Package (Friday 4/29 9am – 5pm) • Register online at www.constitutionpreservation.org		
LPPa 2005 Convention	Price	#
Full Convention Package BEFORE 4/15/05	\$125	"
Full Convention Package AFTER 4/15/05	\$135	
Friday Reception and DJ	\$25	
Saturday Breakfast Buffet with Speaker	\$25	
Saturday Luncheon with Speaker	\$25	
Saturday Dinner Banquet with Speaker	\$50	
Chicken Cordon Bleu		
Seared Tenderloin Tips on Grilled Portabella		
Saturday head table seating with Speaker	\$100	
Sunday Toastmasters Luncheon	\$25	
Vegetarian Meals Upon Request		
Total		

From the Chair (Continued from Page 1)

We have developed a program that can make our membership database available on line to party officers and state and county committees. Making this information available on line in real time will facilitate party growth and help streamline our organization.

Now, all we need is the software to generate what they call run time versions of the program. It is unfortunate, but this project is stalled until we can raise the money to cover the cost of the software that will generate the runtime versions that are needed.

Speaking of money, we are taking steps to facilitate fundraising. Several web forms have been developed that we would like to make available on our website. Some of these forms are functioning, but they could be a whole lot better with a little server side scripting behind them. Please let me know if you are a web developer and can spare a little time to donate some server scripting.

By the time you receive this, we should have at least one form on our web site that will allow you to make monthly, quarterly or annual pledges to our party. We will be expressing our appreciation for donors in various ways including a before dinner reception at the convention. Our state Board of Directors has always been frugal and I'm confident they will put any money that is raised to good use. The starting level for pledges is ten dollars per month. I'm hoping each of you will consider making

some form of pledge to help foster the growth of our state party.

The next few weeks will surely be hectic as we prepare for this year's state convention. Our organizers are working hard. This promises to be a good year. There is still time to sign up if you haven't already. I'll be looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Take Michael Badnarik's full day Constitution class, Friday April 29th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Harrisburg Hilton & Towers, Harrisburg, PA. \$100 per person.

Michael Badnarik presents An Introduction to the Constitution. This is the same class that has been "Lighting the fires of Liberty" and earning enthusiastic support across the country. Every student receives a copy of Good to be King, which can be purchased separately in "fine bookstores everywhere."

This class will "rattle your cage" and challenge what you think you know about the Constitution and the founding of our republic. To register for a class, visit www.ConstitutionPreservation.org or email Class@ConstitutionPreservation.org.

Proposed Amendments for 2005

The LPPa Constitution and Bylaws require proposed amendments to be submitted in writing to the Party Secretary at least thirty days prior to the convention. The following proposed changes to our bylaws and convention rules were submitted to the Party Secretary accordingly. These are the only changes to our Bylaws that will be considered. In accordance with the wishes of our membership, these proposed changes are being offered for your consideration in advance of the convention.

Phrases struck out are lined through. Phrases added are *bold, italic and underlined*.

Proposed Bylaws Amendments Submitted by Tim Crowley, Western Vice Chair LPPa, 12-06-2004

1. Regional Committees (Bylaws amendment)

ARTICLE III. COUNTY <u>AND REGIONAL</u> COMMITTEES Section 1 - Definition of County and Regional Committees Any group of <u>two or more</u> members in good standing residing in the same county, shall, upon their request to the Party be recognized by the Board of Directors as a "County Committee". <u>The county committee must select an executive board consisting of two or more people, and they must choose as their Parliamentary Source any version of Robert's Rules.</u>

Recognized county committees from adjoining counties without sufficient members to qualify for individual voting LPPa representatives may elect one joint voting LPPa representative, provided that the total number of members in good standing among the adjacent counties exceeds the minimum of twelve prescribed in the bylaws for single county representation. These multi-county entities shall be called "Regional Committees".

A county <u>or regional</u> committee which fails to hold a regular meeting in any four month period shall cease to be in good standing. County <u>and regional</u> committees shall be responsible for the nomination and campaign of Libertarian Party candidates for county and local offices.

County and regional committees are required to elect their local board and their LPPa representative yearly, and they must provide a rank ordered list of alternate representatives to the board.

Section 2 - Purpose and Scope of County <u>and Regional</u> Committees

County *and regional* committees shall conduct activities consistent with the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of the Party.

Section 3 - County *and Regional* Committee Representation on the Board of Directors

Any member of a county committee who presents a petition to the Board of Directors from the majority of the members of his or her county committee who are members in good standing of the Party (provided that the majority is at least twelve members) shall become the County Committee Representative.

Any member of a regional committee who presents a petition to the Board of Directors from the majority of the members of his or her regional committee who are members in good standing of the Party (provided that the majority is at least twelve members) shall become the Regional Committee Representative.

If at any time such county *or regional* committee shall have fewer than twelve members in good standing of the Party, or upon a challenge from at least three members in good standing of both the Party and such county *or regional* committee, such person shall cease to be the Committee Representative.

Absent such challenge, any duly elected successor board representative of such county <u>or regional</u> committee shall automatically be seated as a member of the Board of Directors.

Proposed Bylaws and Convention Rules Amendments Submitted by Chuck Moulton, Election Committee Chair LPPa, 3-31-2005

1. Executive Director (Bylaws amendment)

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors shall have the power to hire an Executive Director to assist the Chair in administering the operation of the Party. The Executive Director shall be subject to the same qualifications as a member of the Board of Directors.

Salary for the Executive Director shall be exclusively from special project fundraising earmarked for that purpose or commissions from the profits of fundraising and membership prospecting conducted by the Executive Director. Money from the general fund shall never be used to pay the Executive Director's salary.

New Article VI inserted. Renumber other articles.

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Proposed Amendments Continued

2. Candidate Nominations (Bylaws amendment)

ARTICLE IX. NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Only the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania shall have the power to nominate candidates for Pennsylvania state offices under the "Libertarian Party" label. Candidates for county and local office shall be nominated by recognized county committees in good standing. Congressional and state legislative candidates shall be selected by a regional caucus of the recognized county committees in the district. In the absence of a recognized county committee, the Board of Directors shall have the power to nominate candidates for congressional, state legislative, county, and local office with the advice of members in that county. In the absence of a Convention resolution not to run any candidate for an office, the Board of Directors shall have the power to nominate candidates for offices not filled in Convention. The Board of Directors shall have the power to nominate candidates for special elections, and nominate substitute candidates as provided in the state election code-, and select individuals whose names are to appear on statewide nominating petitions as proxies for candidates nominated in Convention. The Board of Directors shall have the power to unendorse candidates for cause.

3. Caucus Nominations à la carte (Bylaws amendment)

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4. Post-Convention Nominations à la carte (Bylaws amendment)

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5. Proxy Nominations à la carte (Bylaws amendment)

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6. Unendorsements à la carte (Bylaws amendment)

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7. None Of The Above (Convention Rules amendment)

ARTICLE X. ELECTIONS

Section 3 - Votes cast for "None of the Above" shall be considered valid in any nomination or election. Should a majority of the votes be cast for "None of the Above", none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for that term of office, or be nominated for that office in that particular election. In elections or nominations having more than one possible winner, the number of votes received by NOTA shall be divided by the number of winning positions for which there are candidates.

Pennsylvania Libertarian Meetings: Mark your Calendar

LPPa Board Meeting: April 9th, May 14th

The LPPa Executive Board meets on the second Saturday of each month in alternating counties. The April meeting will be at Valley Forge Brewing Company, 267 E. Swedesford Rd., Wayne PA 19087, www.vfbc.com. Meeting starts at 11 AM. For more information contact Bill Keslar at Secretary@lppa.org and via phone at (717) 343-8422.

Allegheny County: April 20th, May 18th

The Libertarian Party of Pittsburgh meets on the third Wednesday of every month, usually at Ritters Diner, 5221 Baum Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA at 7:00 pm. The April 20th meeting will be held at CMU's Danforth Room. For more information call 412-553-6464 or visit www.lppgh.org.

Berks County: April 7th, May 5th

Our regular monthly meeting is held the first Thursday of every month, 7:00 PM at Dempsey's American Kitchen, Routes 222 and 724 in Shillington, PA. Come a half-hour early to order dinner. Bring a friend! For more information contact Dave Tartaglia at dtartaglia1@yahoo.com and via phone at (610) 929-8826.

Carbon County: April 14th, May 12th

Carbon County LP meets on the second Thursday of every month at Izio's Restaurant, Rt. 209 and Rt. 93, Nesquehoning. Meeting starts at 6:30 PM. For more information contact Bonita Nelmes at bnelmes@netzero.net.

Centre County: April 11th, May 9th

Centre County LP meets on the second Monday of each month at the Golden Wok in downtown State College. Meeting starts at 6 PM. For more information contact Tom Martin at Martintfre@hotmail.com.

Chester County: April 27th, May 25th

Chester County Libertarian Party meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Courtyard Inn, 929 South High Street, West Chester, PA. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm. For more information contact CCLP chair, David Owens at bossowens@hotmail.com.

Cumberland County: April 14th, May 12th

Cumberland County LP meets on the second Thursday of each month at Market Cross Pub in Carlisle. Dinner is at 6 PM. Meeting starts at 7 PM. For more information contact Ron Goodman at Cumberland@lppa.org and via phone at (717) 243-5708.

Dauphin County: April 19th, May 19th

Dauphin County LP meets on the third Thursday of every month at Raspberries in the Hilton Harrisburg and Towers. Social hour begins at 6 PM. Meeting starts at 7 PM. For more information contact Barry Dively at weneedjohngalt@yahoo.com and via phone at (717) 243-2788.

Delaware County: April 18th, May 16th

Delaware County LP meets on the third Monday of each month at Casey's in Drexel Hill. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM. For more information contact Dave Jahn at DCLC@comcast.net and via phone at (610) 461-7755.

Lebanon County: May 8th, June 5th

The Libertarian Party of Lebanon County meets on the first Sunday of each month at 2:30 pm at Paolo's Restaurant, 133 W Lincoln Ave., Myerstown, Pa. Guests are always welcomed. For more information, contact Ray Ondrusek, Chairman, ray@rayondrusek.org. http://www.lppa.org/lebanon

Luzerne County: April 27th, May 25th

The Luzerne County Libertarian Party meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Mark II Restaurant on Kidder St. in Wilkes Barre, PA. For more information email Brian Bergman at bergie72@juno.com.

Montgomery County: April 7th, May 5th

The Montgomery County Libertarian Committee meets on the first Thursday of every month at the Philadelphia Inquirer Building in West Conshohocken. Meetings start at 7:30 pm. Beers often follow. For more info, contact MCLC chairman, Darren Wolfe at (215) 888-1467, design2021@hotmail.com, www.montcolp.org.

Philadelphia County: April 20th, May 18th

Philadelphia County LP meets on the third Wednesday of each month upstairs at the Standard Tap, 901 N. 2nd St. in Philadelphia. Meeting starts at 8 PM. For more information email Chair@lpPhilly.org, www.lpPhilly.org.

Schuylkill County: April 6th, May 4th

Schuylkill County LP meets on the first Wednesday of every month at Roman Delight, Rt. 61, Orwigsburg. Dinner is at 6:30 PM. Meeting starts at 7 PM. For more information contact Wanda Keefer at wandalp@hotmail.com.

York County: April 25th, May 23rd

York County LP meets on the fourth Monday of every month at the First Capital Dispensing Company on the corner of Philadelphia St. and N. Pershing Ave. For more information contact Karl Spangler at Chair@YorkLP.org or (717) 292-6618.

Disclaimer: All meeting details are subject to change.

For information about county meetings not listed here, contact Eastern Vice Chair, Darren Wolf (EVChair@lppa.org) or Western Vice Chair, Tim Crowley (WVChair@lppa.org).



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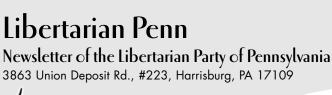
The Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania Membership Form

Membership Options	
 □ Full member (includes state and national membership □ Associate member: FREE (with valid e-mail address). □ New membership 	NOTE: Full membership includes the LPNews and Libertarian Penn
The Libertarian Party is the party of principle. To publicly affir believe – and to ensure that our party never strays from our pask our members to proudly sign this statement:	our state convention.
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Your Itinerary and Registration Form are enclosed!
Our discount hotel room offer ends April 7th.

Call 800-Hiltons or 717-233-6000 to reserve your room now!

April 13th: Capitol Area Libertarian Party to Stage Anti-Tax Rally

Wednesday, April 13th, join Harrisburg's WHP 580's Bob Durgin and CALP (Capitol Area Libertarian Party) on the West steps of the State Capitol in Harrisburg from 3-6PM for CATTS (Citizens Against Tyrannical Taxation). Members of Pennsylvania's State government are coming to the event to hear what we have to say. Microphones will be handed out throughout the crowd to take questions and it will be broadcast live.

Bring cardboard cutout of a pitchfork or shovel, signs, and Libertarian handout information. A table will be provided. We are expecting several thousand C.A.T.T.S. to come out, please allow extra time to find parking in Downtown Harrisburg. (The 2nd Street Parking Garage may be your best bet to find available parking). We recommend being on-site no later than 2:30PM.

Libertarian Presidential candidate Michael Badnarik and We the People Founder and Chairman Bob Schulz will be appearing at the event. They are urging everyone to be in Harrisburg with their families, to show their support for the message being sent that day to the state and federal governments. Contact Barry Dively at weneedjohngalt@yahoo.com for more information.



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