

# Convention Time

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# Arizona Libertarians convene Feb. 24 *Party's future on convention agenda; officers to be named, issues debated*

The 1979 State Convention of the Arizona Libertarian Party will be held Feb. 24 in Phoenix.

"I urge all registered Libertarians of Arizona to attend and participate in the proceedings of the convention," said State Chairman John Kannarr. The convention will be open to the public.

The session will convene at The Pointe Resort, 7677 North 16th St., Phoenix.

Business of the convention will include amending the party constitution and bylaws including some proposed reorganization of the state committee of the party.

### DIRECT ELECTION?

Officers of the party, including the state chair, treasurer and secretary, might be elected by the convention instead of from among the central committee if the amendments are approved.

Election of officers will follow action on the constitution and bylaws.

Delegates from Arizona to the 1979 national LP convention in Los Angeles this fall will also be elected at the state convention.

Because of the nearness of the national convention site, and because 1980 nominees for president and vice president of the United States will be chosen, Kannarr expects many Arizona Libertarians will want to attend

the national conclave.

Preliminary figures indicate Arizona will be eligible to send at least 15--and possibly 30-40--delegates to the national convention.

### PLATFORM REPRESENTATIVE

If the figures are not definite by state convention time, the lower number of delegates will be elected along with sufficient alternates to fillout the state delegation.

An Arizona representative to the national convention platform committee will be elected

at the Phoenix convention.

Another subject to be decided at the state convention will be whether the ALP should actively support one of the proposed tax-limitation initiatives or launch the party's own, more comprehensive, constitutional amendment initiative.

A summary of the proposals is published elsewhere in this issue.

### PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Roger MacBride, the 1976

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## *New method for electing state leaders?*

A new state central committee of the Arizona Libertarian Party will be elected at the Feb. 24 convention in Phoenix.

The state central committee is responsible for the "control and management of the affairs of the party" (ALP Constitution, Article V.b) and has as its primary function the attainment of the status of a recognized political party under the laws of Arizona.

The committee, as prescribed in the constitution, consists of three members at large elected by convention delegates, plus such additional regional representatives as may be chosen. Currently, this has been determined by the state central committee to be the county chairmen of the "organized counties."

The present committee consists of Murray Feldstein, Cocino County chairman; Buck Crouch, Pima County chairman; Don Stott, Maricopa County chairman; and Emil Franzl, Helen Stevens and John Kannarr, the present state chairman.

Under the present bylaws of the party (Section II.e) the committee selects its own chairman, treasurer and secretary

from among its members.

At the state convention, it will be proposed that the constitution and bylaws of ALP be changed as follows:

1--State committee officers would be directly elected by the convention delegates, rather than by the committee.

2--The ex-officio membership on the state committee of county chairmen be formally adopted.

3--The number of at-large and/or regional (county) representatives be expanded.

Any one who wants to be on the state committee, or who wants to be a state officer, should attend the convention and should also notify your county chairman or the state chairman right away.

"It is very important that we have a dedicated and active state committee for the next two years leading to the 1980 presidential election," said State Chairman John Kannarr.

Also, those interested in positions on the state committee should plan to stay over in Phoenix until Sunday, Feb. 25, so that the first meeting of the new committee can be held then.

### Convention capsule

Saturday, February 24

Convenes at 10 a.m.

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# Entrepreneur seeks LP presidential nod

(Special to Arizona Liberty)  
MILFORD, NH — William H. Hunscher wants to be the Libertarian Party nominee for president of the United States next year.

He will explain why in person when he attends the Feb. 24 Arizona Libertarian Party convention in Phoenix.

Meanwhile, 1976 nominee Roger MacBride has announced he will not seek the nomination. MacBride will also attend the ALP convention.

Hunscher is a 40-year-old millionaire entrepreneur who has been LP state chairman in New Hampshire.

"I believe that our party is at a critical point in its development," Hunscher said in an announcement sent to ALP State

Chairman John Kannarr. "To gain the acceptance in 1980 that will make us a factor in the American political scene, we must select a nominee whom the media and electorate can take seriously. I believe that I will be, and hope you'll agree," Hunscher said.

"I am prepared, with your help and the help of all Libertarians in America who feel the way I do, to carry on the campaign on a professional issues-oriented basis advocating the application of the principles of freedom in all areas. In short, ours will be a positive, liberty-oriented campaign.

"The goal of my campaign will be to achieve the greatest possible number of votes for the Libertarian ticket and to

strengthen local and state parties across the nation.

"Obviously, to achieve these goals, many Libertarians will have to be motivated to volunteer their services to the campaign.

"Since a strong and serious campaign will require no less, I have arranged my personal affairs so that I can conduct a full-time campaign both for the nomination and for the presidency," Hunscher said.

A Pennsylvania native, the candidate is married and the father of three children. He is founder and president of Hunscher Enterprises, Inc.

A former Republican leader, Hunscher has been LP chairman in New Hampshire since 1976 and ran for the Legislature there.

## Libertarians did great in November

By JERRY NEWTON

Libertarians did great in November and the results in Arizona have been cited as an outstanding example of a campaign that went well.

An Alaska Libertarian, Dick Randolph, won a seat in that state's legislature and Libertarian candidate Ed Clark received nearly 375,000 votes in his bid for governor of California.

But clearly it was the Arizona campaign that scored impressively overall. LP candidates received more than four percent of the aggregate total vote cast in Arizona.

And, by far, the ALP fielded the most candidates, not only in statewide offices but for legislative races as well.

Governor nominee Gene Lewter, who conducted a strong campaign

Jim Kirk, who is not a lawyer, polled 23,771 votes in an extremely close three-way race for attorney general.

Joe Yancey, conducting an aggressive campaign for treasurer, received 28,583 votes.

Flagstaff teacher Judy Feldstein polled 22,480 in her effort against the Democrat incumbent superintendent of public instruction and the Republican nominee.

Aaron Leonard received 21,032 votes in the close race for state corporation commissioner.

Congressional candidates did well in the three districts where Libertarians ran.

And several of the 30 or more legislative candidates made impressive showings in the general election voting. in the midst of a well-financed media battle

between the Democrat incumbent and the Republican challenger, received 10,400 votes.

Brad Blair, the ALP nominee for state mine inspector, polled 35,032 votes in a three-way race won by the son of the previous Republi-

can incumbent.

Monica Swift, running against a popular appointed incumbent and an ambitious Republican candidate, received 23,554 votes for secretary of state -- a job Swift thinks should be abolished.

## Esser running for state chairman

Fred Esser has announced his candidacy for state chairman of the Libertarian Party, an office to be filled at the Feb. 24 convention.

Esser, who just ended a two-year term as Maricopa County

including its intensive legal struggles for official recognition as a political party.

A Phoenix attorney, Esser has run as the LP nominee for a seat in state House of Representatives from Maricopa County.

chairman for the party, has long been active in party affairs--

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# Headquarters project seen as vital to ALP future

By JOHN KANNARR  
ALP State Chairman

One very important project in the development of our party's effectiveness over the next two years is the establishment of a party headquarters in the Phoenix area.

But the key to establishing an LP headquarters is money--a regular, dependable flow of sufficient money to set up an office with equipment, telephones and a part-time voluntary or even full-time paid staff.

A full-time paid staff would be the ideal, even just one person, because they could be available every day, working constantly on the projects that we part-time volunteers have so much difficulty getting around to doing. But if we can't afford

that yet, then an office with an answering machine and telephone and a part-time staff would still be a step in the right direction.

In order to establish such an office, and to budget for what we can afford now, I am asking that all Arizona Libertarians make a commitment to the ALP Headquarters Project.

Fifteen or \$20 a month from those who can afford it would be

a tremendous start for the project. But \$5, \$3 or even \$1 a month, if consistent and dependable, from a lot of people, will probably make the difference between success or failure of the project.

(A pledge form is enclosed for your contribution. Please return it now or bring it with you to the state convention.)

What is needed, from everyone in the party in Arizona, is a check each month for the stated amount, payable to the Arizona Libertarian Party (Headquarters Fund). For those who would prefer instead to make one payment a year, the pledge would still be stated and budgeted as a monthly amount, though you would send a check for the next full year.

Remember: The key to success is a contribution from EVERYONE, on a dependable basis. The ALP state committee will then budget a monthly total for the headquarters and work from there, at whatever level of support is available.

## ALP group attends Nevada session

LAS VEGAS—A number of Arizona Libertarians attended the combined Nevada State Convention, NATCOM and Region Three meeting here on Jan. 12-14.

New Hampshire State Chair William Hunscher announced his candidacy for the LP presidential nomination in 1980. Hunscher, a 40-year-old millionaire, said he would conduct a positive campaign, stressing the benefits to all citizens of an expansion of freedom.

Murray Rothbard, "Mr. Libertarian," also addressed the convention, attacking the Carter Administration's anti-inflation program. He said the only way to control inflation is for the government to stop printing money.

National Chair David Bergland predicted the LP would be on the ballot in all 50 states in 1980.

Ed Clark, LP candidate for governor in California who received six percent of the vote; and Dick Randolph, victorious LP candidate for state representative in Alaska, were also in attendance. Clark received a standing ovation when he suggested the LP work to eliminate all taxes connected with the growing, distributing and marketing of food.

"If you think about it," he said, "food prices would easily

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be cut in half."

Arizonans attending included: Christie Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Esser, Irene Leitch, Don Stott, Monica Swift and Joe and Rondi Yancey. Michael Emerling of Tucson, campaign manager for Hunscher, also attended.—FE

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**\*\*CONVENTION**  
(Continued from front page)

LP presidential nominee and William H. Hunscher, who seeks the 1980 nomination, will attend the Phoenix convention.

The appearances will give Arizona Libertarians "a chance to evaluate the potential standard-bearer of our party and a chance to once again thank Roger for his great contributions to the growth of the LP," Kannarr said.

The convention will convene at 10 a.m. Deputy registrars will be available from 9:30-10 a.m. for persons who want to register as Libertarians so they can participate.

The convention will include an optional luncheon and will probably run until about 5 p.m. In the evening, a party will be held at a separate location to be announced during the convention.

"With all of these activities, the state convention promises to be a full and exciting event," Kannarr said.

Because of scheduling requirements of The Pointe Resort, it is necessary that convention registrations for those desiring lunch be received by Feb. 20. The hotel might be able to accommodate a few late registrations.

To attend, return the registration form included in this "Arizona Liberty" by Feb. 17.

## Which - if any - tax measure should the ALP support?

Support of a tax-control measure for Arizona — seen as a vital image - booster for the Arizona Libertarian Party — will be discussed at the party state convention on Feb. 24.

At least three such measures are under consideration.

But there are also party members who opt for a fourth alternative -- skipping the issue altogether. They argue that support of any tax-control proposal would burden the party's still-small membership and hinder its efforts to gain voter approval of Libertarian candidates.

Two of the proposals are currently the subjects of petition - gathering efforts by supporters.

One, by Tucson private investigator William Heuisler, carries this statement of intent: "The maximum aggregate amount of all state and local ad valorem taxes on all taxable property, or payments in lieu of taxes, shall not exceed one percent of the full cash value of any such property."

The second proposal, by Tempe resident Robert Shaw, would also limit property taxes to one percent of the full cash value. In addition, the Shaw proposal says that any improvement built since 1973 would be assessed at a flat rate of \$15 per square foot.

Yet another proposal will be before the Libertarian convention — this one offered by party leader Fred Esser. It prohibits a sales tax on food and requires a two-thirds approval by voters before any Arizona government can increase taxes.

## Don Stott elected Maricopa chair

Don Stott has been elected chairman of the Maricopa County Libertarian Party organization and has pledged aggressive leadership as the party plans its next two years.

"We are the most logical people in the world," Stott told the Jan. 20 meeting in Phoenix. "We simply want to restore liberty and get the bureaucrats off our backs."

Stott, a 44-year-old Phoenix gold broker, was a state senate candidate last year.

Bob Dugger was elected vice chairman; Christie Camerson, vice chairwoman; Irene Leitch, secretary; and Leona Kroger, treasurer.

A plaque recognizing the leadership efforts of outgoing chairman Fred Esser and his wife, Mimi, was presented by State Chairman John Kannarr.

Several committees were formed, including a subcommittee that hopes to field at least one candidate for the Phoenix City Council this fall.

Although there has been some talk of a candidate for mayor, it is generally believed a council candidate might more likely be successful.

David McNeill, a Libertarian, placed eighth in a race for six council seats two years ago. He says he might be interested in running again.

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