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### General Meeting Notice

Business Meeting at the NJLP Annual Convention (March 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2004 Seaview Marriott Resort and Spa) Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 3:15 pm.



## Dr. Mary Ruwart to Address Convention

By Elizabeth Macron

The 2004 NJLP Convention promises to be a memorable one with three “big name” speakers scheduled to appear. In addition to Dr. John Bertoud of the National Taxpayers Union and Dr. Dean Ahmad of the Minaret of Freedom Institute, an Islamic think-tank, Dr. Mary Ruwart, well-known libertarian speaker and author of “Healing Our World”, will lead the program on March 13 at the Seaview Marriott Resort & Spa. Be sure to look for the Convention description and registration pages elsewhere in this issue (or visit [www.njlp.org](http://www.njlp.org)) for information on programs and the lush accommodations at the Seaview Marriott.

Dr. Ruwart’s topic will be “The Real Culprit Behind Soaring Pharmaceutical Prices: Government Regulation.” There are few more qualified than Mary Ruwart to tackle this subject: she was a senior research scientist from 1976 to 1995 at The Upjohn Company, a major pharmaceutical firm. She knows firsthand what obstacles government regulators throw in the way of medical research.

Dr. Ruwart received her B.S. in biochemistry in 1970 and her Ph.D. in Biophysics in 1974 (both from Michigan State University). She then joined the Department of Surgery at St. Louis University where she became an Assistant Professor. Since leaving Upjohn in 1995, she devotes her time to consulting and writing.

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### Calendar

- State Board – January 18, 1 PM  
Tumulty’s Pub  
361 George St., New Brunswick, NJ,  
732-656-6205
- Steering Committee – February 17, 7PM  
Ellett residence, Ocean
- Annual Convention – March 12/13, Atlantic City area. For more details, see Pages 5 and 10

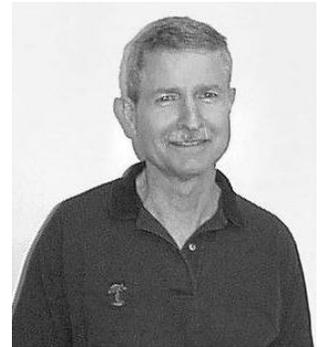
# From The Chair

By NJLP State Chair Emerson Ellett

Got the winter blues? Become an activist! One of the services we offer our members is a free subscription to the party's Activists list, where people can discuss issues and tactics in a semi-private forum. No doubt many Activists have advanced the cause of liberty in the past month unbeknownst to me. But I'd like to recognize Activists Fred Stein, Terry Wintroub, John Paff, Tony Federici and Dan Karlan in particular. Fred's letter published in the *Home News Tribune* undoubtedly stopped the governor's proposed gas tax hike all by itself. Terry's defended the Second amendment in the *Trenton Times* and *Princeton Packet*. John, secretary of the Somerset/Middlesex County LP, has begun an on going project to contact municipalities regarding the illegality of loitering ordinances. Because of him the Perth Amboy city council has asked the city attorney to review its loitering ordinance, and the mayor is reportedly considering the county party's request that he direct the police to stop enforcing it. Meanwhile up in Sussex County Tony has obtained a list of registered Libertarians from the Board of Elections, and Dan, NJLP secretary, has asked the remaining 20 county boards for the same information, so that we can contact registered Libertarian voters who aren't currently members. Thank you, Fred, Terry, John, Tony and Dan! Your actions this past month are tangible, public proofs that the spirit of freedom is alive in the Garden State.

And so, dear reader, join the Activists! Sign up for the Activist list by sending an email to [majordomo@wallnet.com](mailto:majordomo@wallnet.com). Leave the subject line blank; in the body put subscribe Activists@njlp.org You, too, can thus take responsibility for participating more fully in "the animating contest for freedom," to quote Sam Adams, activist par excellence.

How's this for highway robbery, under the guise of State-mandated zoning and planning boards? An alert member has uncovered these abuses in his town: \$3700 applicant fee for a business to obtain permission to access a state highway; \$3100 escrow deposit for a homeowner seeking a zoning "use variance". In the latter case involving res judicata the escrow was used to pay the zoning board's lawyer to argue against the homeowner, who in fact was not granted the variance. The justification for the escrow deposit is "taxpayer protection" because the township does not pay the attorney's fees. Of course zoning and planning ordinances are a source of income for politically connected lawyers, planners and engineers. The hapless home owner and business owner pay the price, as does the public when it pays the costs business passes on.



To my knowledge we are the only group in New Jersey that is opposed to government zoning and planning boards. However no one here is directly fighting them. Nationally the Institute for Justice ([www.ij.org](http://www.ij.org)) defends property rights. IJ describes itself as "the nation's premier libertarian public interest law firm...preserving freedom of opportunity and challenging government's control over individuals' lives. We sue governments when they stand in the way of entrepreneurs who seek to earn an honest living free from arbitrary and oppressive government interference. We litigate on behalf of individuals whose private property rights are threatened by government excesses. We represent parents who seek to choose the education that best meets their children's needs. We defend individuals' rights to publish and access information regardless of the communications medium involved." To date, however, IJ apparently has not directly taken on the zoning and planning industry. The Institute has, however, successfully defended a property owner in Atlantic City against an eminent domain condemnation order. (Institute for Justice, 1717 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006; 202 955-1300/1329 fax).

Small and home-based business owners are one of our constituencies. Our challenge is to reach them. Anyone interested in pursuing this contact [chair@njlp.org](mailto:chair@njlp.org)

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Announcing the 2004 NJLP Candidate Call-a-thon! Calling all cell phone owners! Come on out and donate your free cell phone weekend minutes to canvass for candidates for the 2004 local, county and federal House elections. Free pizza and sub lunch (paid by anonymous donor) for volunteers. See you at Len and Ginny's home Saturday February 14 10 am to 4 pm, 264 Tennent Rd., Marlboro (Monmouth County) 732 591-1328.

Prefer to call from home? No problem! Contact [chair@njlp.org](mailto:chair@njlp.org) for phone script and list of potential candidates.

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Don't forget to reserve Friday night and Saturday March 12 and 13 for the NJLP annual Convention at the Seaview Marriott Resort and Spa near Atlantic City. Elizabeth Macron, Convention chair, has put together a great reception for LP presidential candidates Friday night and an outstanding roster of speakers Saturday. See you there!

## Change Tax Laws, Instead..

By John Berthoud

If traffic laws functioned like the tax code, road signs would read: "We're not sure how fast you should go, but you'll know when we pull you over." That's just one reason why giving the Internal Revenue Service more enforcement resources won't work.

At \$9.9 billion, the IRS budget is already twice as large as the FBI's and has increased more than 20% since 2000. Despite gradual improvements, IRS financial management has languished on the General Accounting Office's "high-risk" list since 1995. Two years ago, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, an IRS watcher, expressed concern that the tax agency had been "providing a distorted picture" of lax enforcement in order to "justify budget and staff increases."

The current hysteria over falling audit rates -- which have now leveled off -- overlooks automated tax-return checks that the IRS computers perform. In 1999 alone, these "mini-audits" produced 3.6 million inquiries or tax-due notices. More third-party verification, such as 1099 forms, also has reduced ways for taxpayers to hide income.

Shortly after the 2001 bioterror attacks, a McKenna Research poll reported that more Americans worried about "receiving an audit notice from the IRS in the mail" than "receiving anthrax in the mail." Even after Congress enacted taxpayer-rights protections, the public correctly perceives that the IRS still has more powers than most federal agencies to gather information, invade privacy and avoid liability for misdeeds.

The way to improve tax-law enforcement is to change the law itself. At more than 7 million words, the federal tax code and regulations have many gray areas and confuse honest citizens who don't know how to comply. Money magazine's last test of 46 tax preparers for a hypothetical household's return got 46 different answers. In 2002, government auditors found that visitors to IRS tax-assistance centers received incorrect information 50% of the time.

As recent events abroad have shown, vague laws that are enforced mostly through intimidation stifle a free society. A transparent tax law with a simpler base, a single low rate and fewer administrative burdens would build a system Americans respect rather than fear.

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NTU and the NTU Foundation provide critical research on a variety of tax issues. They are famous for their annual rankings of Congressional big-spenders and for highlighting the government "Outrage of the Month". See [www.ntu.org](http://www.ntu.org) for more information.

*This article originally appeared in USA Today.*



*Dr. John Bertoud of the National Taxpayers Union is one of the speakers scheduled for the 2004 NJLP Convention*

# LPSMC: Changing Ordinances and Making the News

Home News Tribune, November 26, 2003

## Middlesex County agrees to Request

By Jonathan Tamari  
Home News Tribune Staff Writer

MIDDLESEX COUNTY: County residents soon may be able to find Board of Chosen Freeholder meeting agendas on the Internet, possibly giving them an extra day to review county business before a formal vote.

"It's on the 'to do' list," said County Administrator Walt DeAngelo. "I believe we're going to do it."

DeAngelo said he hopes to have the meeting agendas online before the end of the year. The last freeholder meeting is scheduled for December 30<sup>th</sup>.

The move comes after a request from the Libertarian Party of Somerset and Middlesex Counties. Party Secretary John Paff said they asked to have the agendas online so citizens can see them in advance and have a better understanding of what is scheduled to come up for a vote.

Agendas, usually between eight and 10 pages long, are available at the beginning of evening meetings. But Paff, a Franklin resident, said that doesn't give residents enough time to review the agenda to pose intelligent questions or do their own research.

"I can't think of a better way to inhibit public comment," Paff said. "You show up at the freeholder meeting and you look at the agenda for the first time there, and the agenda is very long. It's fairly complicated and sometimes the summaries aren't really enough for a person to understand what's going on."

In Somerset County, people like Paff can sign up to receive freeholder meeting agendas via e-mail. The agendas also are available online in several formats. The county began posting meeting plans at the beginning of this year, but now offers all the freeholder agendas dating back to Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Minutes of the meetings also are available dating back to Jan. 15, 2002.

DeAngelo said Middlesex does not plan to post the agendas for work sessions, public meetings normally held Mondays before the Thursday regular meetings. At work sessions, the freeholders confirm the agenda for Thursday nights, so it would not make sense to post the regular agendas online until the board has completed that task, DeAngelo said. The agendas could be online as early as Tuesday before the regular meeting, he said.

Paff has his eyes on even more, however, hoping that one day nearly all public documents are available online.

"Government organizations have so much of an advantage over the average citizen because they look at the stuff all day and have everything at their disposal," Paff said.

A regular citizen who must compile information through public document requests faces a challenge, he said.

"It's very difficult for people in the public, even if they are sophisticated, to read and understand these issues," Paff said.



LPSMC Chair Howard Schoen



LPSMC Secretary John Paff

Amboy Beacon, December 17, 2003

### Loitering Targeted

PERTH AMBOY - The Libertarian Party of Somerset & Middlesex Counties is challenging the city's enforcement of its Loitering Ordinance on grounds that it has been invalidated by the state's Criminal Code.

"Since similar state laws, such as the Disorderly Conduct and Harassment Statutes, cover the same type of conduct that municipal Loitering Ordinances seek to regulate, the local Ordinances are superceded and unenforceable," Party Secretary John Paff told Council members last week.

In a letter to Mayor Joseph Vas and the Council dated Dec. 4, Paff requested that City Law Director Alberto Rivas be directed to review the Ordinance in question.

"If Mr. Rivas finds, as we do, that the Ordinance is unenforceable, we ask that you repeal it," Paff wrote. "Further, we ask that you direct the Police Department to suspend enforcement of this Ordinance during Mr. Rivas' review."

The matter is expected to be discussed at the Council meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. at City Hall, High Street.

Paff attended the Council's regular meeting last week, where he was informed by Councilman David Szilagyi that his letter had been discussed at the Council Agenda two days earlier. That was the last Council Agenda, as the Council has decided to hold discussions of its meeting agenda at its regular meetings in 2004.

Before Szilagyi's response, Paff insisted that this was "a matter of some urgency, since - unlike some other towns - Perth Amboy is vigorously enforcing this Ordinance, and people may be jailed under an invalid Ordinance." He again requested that the police "cease enforcing" the measure because "if it's found to be invalid, people who may not be subject o it may be jailed."

Szilagyti noted that the Council "hadn't decided to go that far," and that suspension of enforcement "would be on behalf of the Mayor, not the Council" under Perth Amboy's form of government.

"Just for the record, most people arrested under the Ordinance are just given a summons," Rivas added.

According to Paff, the Libertarian Party was successful in getting a "nearly-identical" Ordinance repealed in Flemington on Oct 27.

**NJLP Annual Convention  
March 12-13, 2004**

**Seaview Marriott Resort and Spa**

**Directions: GSP south to exit 48; south on Route 9 for 7 miles.**

**Friday Night.** Welcome Reception for the Presidential Candidates- Mingle with fellow libertarians, guest speakers and LP Presidential candidates. Open bar, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

**Saturday.** Speakers will present in the morning and early afternoon. Luncheon, coffee breaks and refreshments all included. At the 3:15 p.m. business meeting we will elect party officials, select New Jersey candidates and more.

**Saturday Night/Sunday.** Take in nearby Atlantic City with your friends and family! Or, take advantage of the Resort's amenities which include the famous Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa; Indoor Swimming Pool; Sauna and Exercise Room.

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**SPEAKERS**

**Dr. Mary J. Ruwart** has been a libertarian activist since 1982. Dr. Ruwart is best known for her book about political freedom of choice, Healing Our World: The Other Piece of the Puzzle. The book has been translated into Russian, Serbian, Lithuanian, and Romanian. The third English edition was released in early 2003.

**Dr. Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad** has been a libertarian activist since 1975. He is the current Chair of the LP Judicial Committee. Dr. Ahmad is a frequent guest lecturer on Islam at the Foreign Services Institute. He is currently President of the Minaret of Freedom Institute, an Islamic think-tank in the Washington, DC area.

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# To the Editor

Dear Editor,

On October 26, syndicated columnist Ray Bateman wrote that the time was right for an Independent to govern the state of New Jersey. Bateman wrote back then “an Independent governor could be the interim wake up call for Republicans and Democrats. It would not be the end of the political world-but it could open the process to consideration of tough problems that abound.” Bateman went further to cite the example of Maine’s former Independent governor Angus King who recently completed two successful terms, “I believe a strong Independent governor (as King did in Maine) can work with both parties.”

I agree with Bateman’s assertion that an Independent could rock New Jersey’s politics, which is stuffy and boring and expensive to taxpayers. It must be remembered, however, that to get an Independent governor elected in New Jersey is very difficult indeed.

An Independent candidate, unlike a major party one, has to get 800 or more signatures to qualify on the election ballot. He or she has to raise money to compete. The amount is \$270,000 or more to be exact. While major party candidates enjoy vast amount of resources from party structures, an Independent candidate does not have that luxury. An Independent candidate needs 2,700 or more individuals to donate \$100.00 to his or her cause. There is a difficulty in reaching these donors with a severely limited and volunteer campaign staff. The campaign money received would place him or her in the position to qualify for the gubernatorial debates.

Some Independent candidates, sadly, have this belief that campaign fundraising is beneath them. They are of the belief that they could get their message across to voters by depending on free media and word of mouth. Thus, when election time comes they usually receive an average of 3% or below in the voting tally. If an Independent candidate were serious about making sure his or her message is heard, he or she must engage in fundraising at the outset, and work at this even when he or she receives painful blisters.

An Independent candidate has to be issue specific. While Democrats and Republicans at times are evasive on these matters, an Independent candidate cannot afford to be. He or she has to be direct on subjects like taxation, the state economy, car insurance and the like. In addition, an Independent candidate cannot be single issue. Some that campaign focus on one issue alone like the environment, the war on drugs, campaign reform and others. While these issues may be important, New Jersey residents want to know how the candidate will address subjects that affect them directly.

An Independent candidate has to be dynamic and at the same time humble. He or she must be personable, understanding, not to mention right sized. He or she must talk to people and not at them. Some candidates come off as egotistical, eccentric, bombastic and sometimes even snobbish. One example of this was H. Ross Perot in 1992. Perot was doing well for himself running for the presidency of the United States for a while. Then he made statements and engaged in behavior that was bizarre in nature. He accused President George H.W. Bush of attempting to crash his daughter’s wedding and then dropped out of the presidential sweepstakes only to come back three months later. Jesse Ventura made erratic statements and engaged in bizarre behavior as well. He sold his books and action figures from the governor’s mansion in Minnesota, and made statements such as religion was a “sham and crutch for weak minded people”. He also engaged in calling the Minnesota press corps “jackals” and provided color commentary for the now debunked XFL while in office. Independent candidates should always practice decorum and have a semblance of right and wrong. The public is always watching.

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Aside from getting public attention, an Independent candidate has to get media attention as well. Here in lays the rub. The New Jersey press does not take Independent candidates seriously. They have a bias against them. They tend to ignore them. This is why the candidate should do what it takes to get heard in the medium, whether it be writing a letter to the editor, writing op-ed pieces, sending press releases to the press, going on local radio or television and buying ads on them. The candidate should also organize rallies, set up town hall meetings to discuss his or her views with the people, campaign creatively like participating in special events like greeting people on tax day, etc. This would present the opportunity to gain supporters and volunteers to work for the campaign and develop a great deal of enthusiasm.

Independent candidates have to walk a long hard road. For the Independent candidate, nothing comes easy. The 2005 election season is only two years away, yet I believe that those who want to run as an Independent should get active now. If not, then once again he or she will let the major parties run the show, blowing off opportunity and at the same time allowing him or herself to become nothing more than an asterisk.

Alex Pugliese  
Kenilworth

## Show your true colors in NJ

At long last, you can register as a Libertarian. Fill out the form below and mail it to your county election board.

### Atlantic County

1333 Atlantic Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

### Bergen County

1 Bergen County Plaza, Room 310  
Hackensack, NJ 07601

### Burlington County

P.O. Box 6000  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060

### Camden County

P.O. Box 1066  
Camden, NJ 08101

### Cape May County

10-12 W. Mechanic Street  
Cape May Courthouse, NJ 08210

### Cumberland County

60 Broad St. W., Suite 210  
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

### Essex County

33 Washington Street  
Newark, NJ 07102

### Gloucester County

P.O. Box 352  
Woodbury, NJ 08096

### Hudson County

595 Newark Avenue  
Jersey City, NJ 07306

### Hunterdon County

P.O. Box 2900  
Flemington, NJ 08822-9952

### Mercer County

P.O. Box 8068  
Trenton, NJ 08650

### Middlesex County

777 Jersey Avenue  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-3605

### Monmouth County

300 Halls Mill Road  
Freehold, NJ 07728

### Morris County

P.O. Box 900  
Morristown, NJ 07963-0900

### Ocean County

P.O. Box 2006  
Toms River, NJ 08754-2006

### Passaic County

311 Pennsylvania Ave.,  
Room 103  
Paterson, NJ 07503

### Salem County

90 Market Street  
Salem, NJ 08079-9856

### Somerset County

20 Grove Street  
Somerville, NJ 08876-1262

### Sussex County

18 Church Street  
Newton, NJ 07860-9965

### Union County

271 North Broad Street  
Elizabeth, NJ 07207

### Warren County

413 Second Street  
Belvidere, NJ 07823

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<input type="checkbox"/> Democratic*	<input type="checkbox"/> Republican*
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian Party <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Law Party
<input type="checkbox"/> Reform Party	<input type="checkbox"/> U. S. Constitution Party
<b>OR</b>	
I, being a registered voter at the address listed below, wish to formally disaffiliate with any political party:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	
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First Name _____	Middle Initial _____
Date of Birth: (month) _____ (day) _____ (year) _____	
New Jersey Residence:	
Street _____	Apt. No. _____
Municipality _____	
County _____	Zip Code _____
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 <b>LPS</b> New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety	
 <b>Division of Elections</b> www.NJElections.org	

## Minutes of the NJLP General Meeting of November 9, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 PM. It was determined that a quorum (15 members) was present. The agenda was adopted. Officer Reports: Secretary presented his report. The minutes of the October 14 State Board meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer did not have a report due to the late arrival of bank statements. We are still liquid.

1. Under Unfinished Business:
  1. BCRA: Still in litigation.
  2. CAPP/Election Law Reform: Steinhagen e-mailed Ellett, waiting for the possible participation of the Brennan Center for Social Justice. There are three outstanding issues:
    - Getting the Conservative Party on the affiliation form,
    - Full reports on election results, not lumping under "Independent" all other candidates, and
    - Clarifying the status under New Jersey Campaign Finance laws.
  3. Newsletter: Hull moved (Stefanelli seconded) To send the newsletter to budget members 0 times. After discussion, Stefanelli moved (Karlan seconded) to change "0" to "the number of General Meetings." There was discussion of relative costs of the extra newsletter vs special mailing. The amendment failed. The main motion failed on a voice vote.
  4. Web site: There was discussion of the contents of the web site.
  5. Strategic Plan: nothing to report
  6. 2004 Convention: To be held March 12/13 (date changed, change reflected in newsletter, meeting reports, and insert in newsletter). Flynn moved That the NJLP assume financial responsibility for the Convention. The motion passed on a voice vote.
2. Under New Business:
  - a. Bylaws amendments and report of Special Committee: Hull proposed to extend membership to all those who (in addition to signing the certification and live or work in NJ) declare their party affiliation as "Libertarian." Stefanelli proposed that the effective date of this action (if approved) be the next Convention. The amendment passed. The main motion failed.

Cragle and Paff presented the report of the Special Committee. The contents were adopted on a voice vote. Following this, item 6 (specifying the frequency of the newsletter) was deleted on a voice vote.
  - b. The meeting was recessed for County Caucuses at 2:45, reconvened at 3:00. There were no changes reported out from the caucuses.
  - c. Committee Reports:
    1. Fundraising: Ellett moved (Karlan seconded) That we print up at least 20,000 of Libertarian Viewpoint with the NJLP imprint, as a function of cost. This was postponed to the upcoming Steering Committee.
    2. Electronic Communication: nothing to report
    3. Recruitment and Membership: Discussion of a separate appeal to budget members. Ellett and Hull will work on this.
    4. Public Relations: Karlan presented his oral report on the Drug Policy Alliance conference presence of the NJLP (and LPPa).

There was discussion of an ad in the 10 largest college papers (from May 18 State Board meeting). Paff moved That we rescind the State Board action. The motion passed on a voice vote. (The action that had been taken in May was a resolution to approve the payment of \$100 to any newly-formed campus libertarian club started by students at the top 10 schools prior to the next national election.)
    5. Candidate Recruitment and Support: Ellett reported that two (2) candidates for US Congress have come forward.
    6. State Chairs Convention: Flynn moved That we allocate \$25 for a second attendee to attend the State Chairs Conference. The motion passed on a show of hands.
  - d. 2003 Campaign: John Taylor's associate Jay Edgar reported on Taylor's campaign.
  - e. National Convention delegate selection: The following delegates were approved –  
Dan Karlan, Ray Lehman, Jay Boucher, Kristin Butler, Len Flynn, Virginia Flynn, Tom Wright, Frank Warren, Lou Stefanelli, Elizabeth Macron, Tony Federici, Emerson Ellett, Rick Libby, and Bob Hull. Ken Kaplan was approved as first alternate.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

# To the Editor

Dear Editor:

I read with interest two pieces of information in the latest newsletter. First, that we are slightly behind the Green Party in registrations, but that the total registrations of the two parties combined isn't enough to fill a little league baseball stadium. Also, that the disintegrated Reform Party still has strong support. Can we get a list of voters that were registered with the Reform Party and do a targeted outreach pointing out common areas between our two party platforms?

The other interesting item in the newsletter spoke about spending time and resources to repeal loitering laws around the state. I totally agree they should be reformed and they are unconstitutional. I would like to remind that NJ Libertarians that trying to repeal these laws will generate less goodwill with the voters and more ill will. Ask your neighbors. Ask your family. Ask your friends. Most people support these laws. We will increase our chances of getting elected (and then having the power to make changes) only by focusing on issues that resonate with the public. Restructuring the inefficient tax structure, reducing property taxes, allowing owners to build homes, reducing traffic jams, eliminating the waste involved in toll booths. These are the kinds of issues that resonate with people.

John Sulak  
Bridgewater

## Dr. Mary Ruwart to Address Convention

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Dr. Ruwart became a libertarian activist in 1982 and was a member of the National LP's Platform committee in 1983. She went to the national convention as a delegate in that same year and became an overnight sensation by running for President of the United States, coming in third in a field of seven. Dr. Ruwart continued her activities as Chair of Internal Education (1988-89); runner-up for Kalamazoo City Commission (1983); Chair, Kalamazoo County Libertarian Party (1985); Libertarian candidate for County Commission (1982,1987); and Libertarian candidate for State Representative (1986). She was also a Libertarian candidate for State Board of Education and was endorsed for that office by The Detroit News in 1990 for her unwavering support of educational choice. Her vote total in that year kept the Libertarian Party on the ballot in Michigan for 1992, when she ran again for State Board.

Because of her prominence in the Kalamazoo area, Dr. Ruwart regularly lectured in local high school and university political science classes. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the International Society for Individual Liberty and Fully Informed Jury Association. Her Internet column, "Short Answers to the Tough Questions" is a popular feature of the Advocates for Self-Government Home Page ([www.self-gov.org](http://www.self-gov.org)).

Dr. Ruwart may be best known for her book about political freedom of choice "Healing Our World: The Other Piece of the Puzzle" (SunStar Press, 1992). A review in Visions Magazine claimed that it might be "the most important book of the decade." It makes the case that "by basing our social action on the same principles that govern our individual relationships, we can create a win-win world of peace and plenty, where everyone comes out ahead." The book has been translated into Russian, Serbian, Lithuanian and Romanian. The third English edition was released in early 2003.

After her talk, Dr. Ruwart will be available for questions about her topic, herself, her book and her thoughts on the Libertarian movement. Make sure you don't miss her speech.



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