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Chair's Message

By NJLP Chair Jay Edgar

I strongly urge our supporters to attend our State Convention. During the State Convention many important things occur that are crucial for the success of the party. During the morning meeting we will be electing new officers, nominating and approving candidates for public office, and organizing County Committees. Each of these activities set the foundation for the year. Your attendance at our convention is invaluable.

You should also consider increasing your activism in the party. At the convention, consider running for an NJLP office or getting more active in your county committee (or organizing your county if it is not organized).

As I reach the end of my term as chair, I want to spend some time critiquing the past year. While many positive things occurred, I'd like to concentrate this article on areas where we could improve.

As chair I've been extremely poor at communicating our accomplishments to the press on a regular basis. We must develop relationships with radio commentators and news reporters so that when an issue comes they call us for our opinion. While press releases are useful, they are often ignored. What we really need is to develop personal relationships with the press in order to get noticed.

Communication with our general members has been poor. While use of the board and activist email lists have been useful, the communication with our members has been poor. Our website needs to be updated more often and email messages to our members need to go out on a regular basis. The use of our announce email list needs to be expanded and the list itself needs to be advertised. In addition we need to provide a means for members to discuss important topics. The Wallnet owned liberty-talk could serve this purpose but needs to be better advertised (to subscribe send a blank email to liberty-talk-subscribe@wallnet.com).

We need to do a better job harnessing the energy and efforts of our members and prospects. We receive hundreds of inquiries per year. Our communication and outreach with these potential activists has been poor. Very

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2011 NJLP Convention News and Registration Information

By Jay Edgar

Our annual convention will be held on March 12th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Party's Business Meeting will be held on morning of March 12th and will be open to all. Our full convention package includes lunch on Saturday and afternoon speakers with coffee and refreshments available all day. Lunch is to be served at noon.

Brookdale Community College is located at 765 Newman Springs Road in Lincroft, NJ. The convention is to be held in the Warner Student Life Center in the Navesink Room.

Speakers include NJ Gun Law victim Brian Aitken, EconStories.com Creative Director John Papola, President of the NJ Second Amendment Society Frank Fiamingo, medical marijuana activist Chris Goldstein, and award winning author F. Paul Wilson.

Brian Aitken's ordeal and eventual freedom was covered in last month's issue of the *New Jersey Libertarian*. Governor Chris Christie issued an Executive Order to grant Brian clemency on December 20, 2010.

Brian consults with companies to help them develop digital media & new business strategies and serves as Executive Creative Director of Alister & Paine Magazine. He will be sharing with us his story of injustice and his continuing struggle against his felony conviction.

John Papola, along with Russ Roberts created the world famous video "Fear the Boom and Bust, A Hayek vs. Keynes Rap". Currently the number of you-tube views of

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this video is over 1.8 million. John is an award winning producer/director in broadcast entertainment and marketing. He is currently a creative executive at Spike TV in their industry-leading brand group. He previously worked for MTV Animation series development and Nickelodeon's on-air creative group.

Frank Fiamingo is the founder and first President of the NJ Second Amendment Society. (NJ2AS). He is also a frequent contributor to ConservativeNewJersey.com, one of the leading Conservative NJ Blog Sites. Frank is also the owner of Professional Computer Services. He recently retired after 30 plus years of running the computer consulting end of the business, but still presides over the Medical Billing Service Division.

Frank did not grow up around guns. In fact he never shot a handgun until just this past year. He quickly discovered that owning and possessing a handgun immediately put one in the position of being guilty until proven innocent. Frank decided he wanted to do something to change the climate for NJ gun owners and started the NJ2AS.

The New Jersey Second Amendment Society has monthly meetings with featured speakers on a variety of related topics. They have an active legislative affairs committee that meets regularly with representatives throughout new Jersey. They are actively working with NJ Legislators to create legislation that would decriminalize simple possession for law-abiding individuals, and to promote a bill that would effectively make NJ a "shall issue" state.

F. Paul Wilson is an award winning author. He has published over forty books.

Paul is listed as a libertarian celebrity by The Advocates for Self Government. He was the first winner of the Prometheus Award of the Libertarian Futurist Society for his novel Wheels Within Wheels in 1979. Sims won again in 2004.

The Keep, The Tomb, Harbingers, and By The Sword all appeared on the New York Times Bestsellers List. The Tomb received the 1984 Porgie Award from The West Coast Review of Books. His novelette "Aftershock" won the 1999 Bram Stoker Award for short fiction. Dydeetown World was on the young adult recommended reading lists of the American Library Association and the New York Public Library, among others. He was awarded the prestigious Inkpot Award from the San Diego ComiCon and the Pioneer Award from the RT Booklovers Convention. He is listed in the 50th anniversary edition of Who's Who in America.

Chris Goldstein is a marijuana reform advocate, public radio broadcaster and writer. He hosts Active Voice Radio, a weekly social justice interview program. In the last 10 years Chris has interviewed hundreds of guests on topics related to marijuana including national politicians like Congressmen Barney Frank and Ron Paul and entertainment celebrities like Tommy Chong and Willie

Nelson. Chris worked for national NORML as their podcast and online media producer from 2005-2008, founding NORML's Daily Audio Stash. Also active in New Jersey, he worked with the Coalition for Medical Marijuana - New Jersey (CMM-NJ) to help pass the new medical marijuana law in the Garden State. Chris is often an expert guest for marijuana topics on radio and television. Goldstein serves as Communications Director for PhillyNORML and is very active on medical marijuana reform in Pennsylvania.

Registration can be performed on-line at <http://njlp.org/convention> or using the registration form on page 9 of this newsletter.

Whether it's the late twenties or two thousand and five
Booming bad investments, seems like they'd thrive
You must save to invest, don't use the printing press
Or a bust will surely follow, an economy depressed
Your so-called "stimulus" will make things even worse
It's just more of the same, more incentives perverted
And that credit crunch ain't a liquidity trap
Just a broke banking system, I'm done, that's a wrap.

We've been goin' back n forth for a century
[Keynes] I want to steer markets,
[Hayek] I want them set free
There's a boom and bust cycle and good reason to fear it
[Hayek] Blame low interest rates.
[Keynes] No it's the animal spirits

- Fear the Boom and Bust, A Hayek vs Keynes Rap

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few of them choose to become members or to become active in the party.

We need to get better at recruiting and supporting quality candidates for office. We need to provide our candidates with the tools they need to run effective campaigns. The candidates can not be left alone to run their campaigns, rather the party activists need to help develop each campaign to its fullest potential.

We have had much success and good press over the past year. Our candidates last year ran great campaigns. A few dedicated activists hit the streets promoting some of our candidates. The Open Government Taskforce and the Preempted Ordinance Repeal Project garnered us lots of great press (mostly thanks to the hard work of John Paff).

Despite our many successes, we must understand and take steps to correct our deficiencies if we are to grow. In addition **we need you** to get involved!



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Organizing Your County

by Kevin Ferrizzi

The one topic I probably get the most questions about is the Libertarian Party County Committees. Is there one near me? Where do they meet? What do they do? What if there is not one near me? How do I form one? Why should I form one? I am going to try to answer as many of these questions as possible in this article, in the hopes that by passing on my own knowledge and experience, as well as the accumulated history of many other members of the New Jersey Libertarian Party, I can, in some way, contribute to the continuing growth of this political party. I hope that I will also empower our supporters to become vocal activists in their area and provide a sound structure on which to base the continuing fight for greater freedom and personal responsibility in our country.

Currently, the counties of Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Salem, Sussex, and Warren are unorganized. The NJLP wants to get all of these counties organized as soon as possible. The advantages of having organized counties are numerous. The most obvious being the local organization of activists and the ability to reach out to potential activists in a more personal manner. Each organized county is entitled to nominating a County Representative to sit on the NJLP State Board and serve as your voice on the operation of the state party. If you live in one of these unorganized counties and want to form a Libertarian organization in your area there are two methods of doing so.

The first and easiest is to come to a general meeting, such as the one that will be occurring in the morning of our convention next month. At each of the General Meetings, time is set aside for county caucuses. In these caucuses, organized counties discuss the issues at hand and how they will vote on them. It is during this time that members in attendance not attached to a county organization can decide to form one. This is actually how I started the Camden/Gloucester County Libertarian Committee. After speaking to the NJLP Chair about organizing in South Jersey, he asked me to attend the next General Meeting. I attended the New Jersey Libertarian Party's Annual Convention in 2005, which for all purposes is also considered a General Meeting, and there met another man from my area. We talked throughout the Convention and I mentioned to him that the NJLP Bylaws had provisions in it for organizing a County Committee and had quite a few NJLP members and registered voters affiliated with the party. We decided to get active and grow the NJLP in South Jersey. When the caucuses ended and the General Meeting of the Convention resumed, each county took its turn to report to the main body the results of their deliberations. At the end, I raised my hand and, when recognized by the Chair, rose and announced the creation of the Camden/Gloucester County Joint Committee. The

membership accepted our announcement and we went to work making it happen.

The other method is to organize at a local meeting called in your county. First, contact the state chair and make that individual aware of whom you are and that you intend to form a new NJLP County Committee in one of the unorganized counties. The Chair will answer your questions and invite you to attend the next meeting of the NJLP so that you can meet other party members and the NJLP leadership. Attending this meeting is crucial, as it shows your willingness to be active, go the extra mile, and take the initiative.

Find to find a local spot to meet. It does not have to be a big grandiose event. A local restaurant, bar, or any other place with food, drinks, and tables that you can hang out in will work. I reserved meeting rooms in local libraries for my county meetings. They have plenty of resources such as chairs, tables, lecterns, televisions, projectors, and computers. Not to mention that vast amount of political knowledge stored on the shelves therein. Many will also allow you to bring in refreshments. If you have any personal contact with local business owners or organizations, ask to use their facilities. The worst they can say is no and it least you will get a chance to describe to someone what the Libertarian Party is. If they say yes, you open yourself up to an entire new pool of contacts and resources that could be educated about libertarian political philosophy and why it is good for them.

You must send a notification of your meeting to all NJLP members in the county within 15 days of the meeting. The Membership Coordinator can either perform this mailing for you or provide you a list of names and contact information for you to make use of.

In your meeting notice, ensure that all of the meeting information is clearly indicated. You may also want to include directions, GPS coordinates, MapQuest links, or whatever else to help people get to the meeting.

You are going to want to prepare a little for the meeting. Make sure you look over the list of names well. When newcomers realize that you have heard of them they feel more in touch with the larger organization rather than a person on an island. Again, it also shows that you have taken the initiative and personal time to bother to get to

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Future Meetings & Events

Sunday, February 20 — 2:00 PM State Board Meeting at Tumulty's Pub in New Brunswick. Call Jay at 848-525-0578 for more information
Saturday, March 12 – NJLP State Convention, Lincroft NJ.

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know who these people are. READ THE NJLP BYLAWS. This cannot be stressed enough. This document represents the rules of the organization. There is an entire Article dedicated to the creation, maintenance, rights, and responsibilities of county committees. Know it by heart. These people are going to have questions and you have to be ready to answer them. Write a short, 1-2 minute, speech. It is good practice on a receptive crowd and shows leadership, management, and oratory skills. Practice the speech. Print out copies for members to review and any other documents to plan to present. Try to make the meeting non-boring. Provide some visual stimulation in the way of posters, bumper stickers, an NJLP banner, etc.

Now you have a room full of members sitting somewhere waiting for you to speak. Deliver the speech. Be confident. Act as if you have done this a hundred times before. If these people are going to follow you, they need to believe that you can actually pull off what you are telling them. Make it clear that it will be THIS group that will lead the NJLP forward and create real change in the local political system. Ask for comments from the crowd and have a short general discussion before getting down to business. The first order of business is deciding who the officers are going to be. These positions are the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and County Representative. In order for a County Committee to be considered active by the NJLP only a Chair and County Rep need be elected. Set up a standard meeting day (third Tuesday of the month, 12th of the month, etc.) for everyone to get together again to begin to get into action. Get everyone's name and contact information in writing before they leave as well as how they prefer to be contacted.

Your next order of business shall be to setup regular meeting dates and locations. The date and time set for the meeting can be crucial. Take into account the average workday, children's activities, and other organizations that you may have to share meeting space with or organize around. There is much debate over what works better, a weeknight, or weekend day. When I started the committee, I was working as a landscaper and when I drug my tired and dirty butt through the door after sunset the last thing I felt like doing was going to sit through a meeting and talk politics. I have found that weekend meetings work best, as this is one most people actually have some free time. It may be best to have the meeting early so your attendees still have time left in their day to get to their regular life activities. Making the date and time of your meeting available to the most people possible is key, especially for the organizational meeting. One option is to send a mass email out to your new membership list stating your intention to hold the meeting and request everyone's availability.

Once your meeting is complete you will keep the NJLP leadership and your county activists aware of what is going on in your county. The first and most obvious way to accomplish this is by email. You should create a contacts list in your email and put all of the membership info you just got into it. Send an email out to this list. You can also use the resources of the state party to help you out by sending a mass email to email lists the party webmaster can create for you. You also will now have everyone's home address. You can make up an invitation urging local members to attend the organizational meeting and send it via the US Postal Service monopoly. This is a much more personal means of communication and I received a much better response in terms of meeting attendance. Even more personal is the phone call. In the membership list available from the state party will be members' phone numbers. Spending an hour making a few calls to introduce yourself and announce the meeting will go a long way. It shows that you are serious and personally vested in the endeavor. I have sponsored several phone banks and have always received a decent response.

"When a businessman and a politician get together, certain things are sure to occur." ... "The businessman is usually one who's found that he hasn't quite got what it takes to make it in a free market, so he will try to persuade the government to use its coercive power to help him gain an advantage over his competitors...: a special sanction, an import quota, a right of way, etc. The politician finds that if he complies he will grow richer in power and/or material wealth. The colluding business will aim for a monopoly over a particular market while the politician will aim in turn for further extension of political influence into the marketplace by controlling that monopoly. They both wind up winners. The losers: everybody else."

- From F. Paul Wilson's 1977 Science Fiction novel
Wheels Within Wheels

NJLP Member Appointed to Public Office

by John Paff

NJLP life member and former NJLP chairman Michael Pierone of White Township (Warren County) was appointed, as a Libertarian, to the Board of Education of the Warren County Vocational School District. His term began January 1, 2011 and expires on December 31, 2014. The Express Times noted:

More than two years after suing Warren County over an open records request, township resident Michael Pierone is being tapped by county officials to join the newly revamped Warren County Technical School Board. ...

After working on the outside as an open government advocate, the 54-year-old Pierone said

he was looking for an inside look at how government operates.

"I'm interested in representing the taxpayer," Pierone said Tuesday. "I want to have a better understanding of how everything works and what they're doing."

A former chair of New Jersey's Libertarian Party - he ran for Congress more than 20 years ago - Pierone runs a company called Micro Design Systems, which provides web design, web hosting and information technology services.

I congratulate Mike on his accomplishment.

Bylaws Change Proposals

by the Bylaws Committee

The NJLP Bylaws Committee proposes that the following changes be adopted at the General Meeting during our convention on March 12th:

Paragraph 5b. change Treasurer to Membership Coordinator and move this paragraph to the end of 9g.

Rationale: This change reflects our current operation. The Membership Coordinator manages membership information, not the Treasurer. Paragraph 9g describes the duties of the Membership Coordinator.

Paragraph 5c. Move the text of this paragraph to the end of Section II Fiscal Policy

Rationale: This paragraph detailing the restriction against spending funds without proper authorization belongs in the Fiscal Policy section.

Paragraph 5d move to new paragraph 7e.

Rationale: Paragraph 7 details the requirements on being an officer. 5d requires officers and other board members to be members of the NJLP and belongs under paragraph 7.

Civil Society and Fully Informed Juries

by Jay Edgar

In 1670, William Penn and William Mead were arrested and charged with violating the Coventicle Act. This act forbade religious assemblies of more than five people, unless they were assembling on behalf of the Church of England. Using jury nullification, the jury acquitted Penn and Mead. As a result the judge demanded that the jury not be dismissed until another verdict is reached. After announcing a decision of an acquittal four times the judge fined each of the juror's for their decision. One juror, Edward Bushel, refused to pay the fine and was imprisoned. Penn and Mead were imprisoned anyway for not removing their hats in court.

The custom of trial by jury grew out of common law into our current system of justice. It is an undeniable fact that the power to convict lies solely in the jury. No judge can overrule a result of a non-conviction by a jury. The jury is

the ultimate check and balance on our system of justice. Each jury must consider all facts of the case and must also consider the law itself. The Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) has taken on the role of educating potential jurors on their duties and responsibilities as a juror. The NJ Libertarian Party has been giving out Fully Informed Jury brochures at county courthouses around the state for over twenty years.

NJLP member, Julian Heicklen, has recently been distributing FIJA flyers at courthouses around the country. Most county courthouses understand our rights to freely assemble and educate jurors; however the federal courthouses have been violating Julian's rights at each outreach event. Julian has been arrested several times at the U. S. District Courthouse in Manhattan, at the Federal Courthouse in Newark, and in Springfield, MA for distributing FIJA brochures. As a result of one his arrest in Manhattan, the U. S. Attorney's office has charged him with jury tampering. He had a hearing scheduled for January 24th which he refused to attend on account of not receiving a response from the court to his questions. Julian has pointed out that the statutory time limit for a speedy trial has been passed. As a result of the hearing Julian may have had a arrest warrant issued, this is unknown at the time of printing.

In Florida, Chief Judge Belvin Perry, has issued an administrative order barring anyone from distributing literature near or around Orange and Osceola county courthouses. The order prohibits "*dissemination of all leaflets and other materials to summoned jurors containing written or pictorial information tending to influence summoned jurors, as well as approaching a summoned juror for the purpose of displaying a sign to, or engaging in oral protest, education or counseling with information tending to influence summoned jurors on any matter, question, cause, or proceeding which may be pending, or which may by law be brought, before him or her as such juror*" on or around the county courthouses in both Orange and Osceola counties. Such an order is obviously unlawful, however, judges have tremendous power around courthouses and having this order overturned is not easy. FIJA is currently mulling its legal options. In the meantime they have developed a new flier that they ask to be distributed both around these courthouses and around the nation. See <http://fija.org> for more information.

"It is our deep and settled conviction, confirmed by a re-examination of the authorities ... that the jury, upon the general issue of guilty or not guilty in a criminal case, have the right, as well as the power, to decide, according to their own judgment and consciences, all questions, whether of law or of fact, involved in that issue."

- 1895 Sparf et al. v. U.S.

Student May Challenge Zero-Tolerance Policy

by John Paff

In an Appellate Division decision handed down on January 11, 2011, a former student at Pinelands Regional Middle School, in Little Egg Harbor, was permitted to challenge the constitutionality of the school district's "zero tolerance" drug policy.

The student, who is identified only by his initials "P.P.," was suspended for five days after school officials found a single Alavert pill (an over-the-counter allergy medication) in his locker in 2008 when he was in eighth grade. The case documents are on-line at <http://lawlibrary.rutgers.edu/courts/appellate/a2683-09.opn.html>

The case was filed by the ACLU of NJ.

Passaic County Holding Confiscated Funds

by John Paff

I have uploaded checking account statements from January 2009 through August 2010 for the Passaic County "Confiscated Funds Trust Account." Those statements are available online at: <http://ogtf.lpcnj.org/20116yN//PassaicConfiscatedFunds.pdf>

This is the fund that holds money confiscated by police from criminal defendants and others under New Jersey's asset forfeiture law. (It may also contain moneys received through the federal government's asset forfeiture sharing program.)

As of August 31, 2010, the balance in the account was \$1,888,395.57. This money can be expended for "law enforcement purposes" by the county prosecutor.

While the payees on the checks disbursed from this account are disclosed on the bank statements, they can easily be obtained by submitting Open Public Records Act (OPRA) requests for specific checks.

For example, one could submit a written OPRA request for "a copy of both sides of check number 1596 for \$18,256.59 from the County's "Confiscated Funds Trust Account." While an OPRA request needs to only be in writing and not on any specific request form, Passaic County's OPRA request form is available at <http://www.passaiccountynj.org/PDF/modelrequest.pdf>

Parenthetically, I note that while the fund has, since January 2009, maintained a balance of greater than \$1 million, it is held in Wachovia "Government Advantage Interest Checking" account. On August 10, 2010, Wachovia paid the county \$74.77 as interest for the month of July 2010 while the balance during that month was \$1.9 million. This translates to approximately 0.05% annually.

I did a quick on-line check and found that Investor's Savings Bank pays 0.49% on 91 day Certificates of Deposit. So, even if Passaic County were to invest \$1 million of its "Confiscated Funds Trust Account" balance in those CD's instead of the checking account, it would realize an extra \$4,400 per year in interest.

December State Board Meeting Notes

Note: These are draft meeting notes that have not yet been approved. Some changes have occurred since the meeting that are not reflected here.

The December 12th State Board meeting convened at 1:08 pm. Board members that were present via conference call included Jay Edgar, Darren Young, Ray Cragle, Len Flynn (in place of Leo Zaccari), Chris Feeney, Joe Siano, Frank Warren. Russ Conger and Mick Erickson joined in during On-Going business. Absent were: Walter Luers, Ken Kaplan, Emerson Ellett, Kevin Ferrizzi, Joe Denise.

The minutes of the November 14th General meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented. As of the end of November the general fund has \$4,106.20. For the Month of November deposits made for \$315 (memberships), a \$300 check was written to Brookdale Community College (convention deposit), plus a check for \$140 was sent to Jay for newsletter expenses. The State Fund has \$2,550.81. The General Fund has \$455.06. Kevin is looking to our county dues sharing arrangement and how to handle this legally under the state laws.

The meeting then moved on to Ongoing Business starting with a discussion on Opt-Out Day. Opt-Out Day was organized by us at the Newark Airport. on November 24th. It was successful. The airport limited us to three activists in each of the two areas. The airport was in general very accommodating to us. We started by meeting at the bar at 5:00 PM and started demonstrating at 5:20. We were surrounded by news camera's when it started. Interviews were performed with both News 9 and News 12. Lessons learned was that we need to start it earlier in the day. Another event is scheduled for December 23rd. We Won't Fly Day is the title for the next event. Russ Conger has suggested that we organize a similar event for September 11th.

There was a letter writing campaign to free Brian. The NJLP wrote a letter to governor Christie. There is now video of Governor Christie stating that he is looking into what he can do. This is an issue we need to closely follow.

News on the Pre-Empted Ordinance Repeal Project was presented. Magnolia has been found to have an invalid loitering ordinance. We sent them a letter notifying that their ordinance is invalid. Their lawyer has replied stating

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Congress Rep Pascrell's Immigration Policy

Imagine you overhear a conversation in a diner. "Just look at all the Mexicans, Ecuadorians, and Colombians moving into town," says the first person, "I think we have enough of them already."

"I know," the second person response, "and we're getting thousands of Canadians, Jamaicans, and Brazilians too."

"Frankly," a third person adds, "people from China, India, and the UK make up too large a portion of our immigrants. They take away good paying jobs from people who were raised in America."

The conversation might lead you to believe that the people at the next table hold extreme views. Unfortunately those views are rather mainstream. They are held by a congress rep who I recently spoke to, and they form the basis of some of America's immigration policy.

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that their ordinance is significantly different. However it obviously is exactly the same as many ordinances that we have had repealed in the past in other towns. We are debating our next steps. We may do nothing if we find that they are not enforcing this ordinance. If it comes down to legal action the town may stand to lose tax dollars in legal fees. Len pointed out that this is not our fault, it is the town that is causing the issue. Jay agreed and stated that we should try to get the town to understand before taking legal action.

We hope to put together an on-line database that people can visit and see which towns have invalid ordinances so we can automate the tracking, and actions to be taken in these towns. We can put together a guide of how individuals can have loitering laws repealed. We can also contact our members in towns with loitering laws and have them take action.

News of Camden's misused loitering laws was discussed. Previously we spent a day filming, leafleting, and talking to residents in Camden. We had plans to get back to Camden, however due to the holidays we have not gotten back. On Friday is the court date of Anthony Moore who has been charged with Loitering with Intent. We would like to do another Camden outreach event. Jay would like to video interview the resident of Camden and do a "How to Save Camden" video expose. Hopefully we will have another outreach event soon in Camden.

We now have a loitering@njlp.org email address with a handful of NJLP members on this list. Len pointed out that this should be publicized on the NJLP website.

During the membership report it was reported that our membership numbers are down by about 20 members from this time last year. We had a lot of members expire in October. Some of the drop is due to Life members in our database with invalid addresses. These were recently removed. This month we had ten members expiring, half of them have renewed as a result of emailing them. The rest will be getting renewal letters this week.

All the expired members for the past two years were divided up among some activists who were directed to call these members and urge them to renew.

The convention planning was reported on. Our physical arrangements are all set. Its going to be on March 12th at

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Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ. We have three separate rooms for the morning meeting, luncheon, and afternoon speakers. For 60 people the cost for the room and lunch is around \$3,000. We have a few speakers lined up or we are looking into. Speaker fees will be around \$1,500.

Other speaker ideas that were presented would be a sex worker rights advocate and someone from the medical marijuana movement. Mick Erickson was going to contact someone from the medical marijuana movement.

The status of the December newsletter was discussed. Jay has a newsletter started however it needs more articles. Announcements and articles can be sent to Jay. We would like to get it out by the end of December. Len may have some letters to the editor for the newsletter.

During New Business Dan Karlan reported on the National Party. Dan has reported that the 2012 National Convention will be held the first weekend in May at the Red Rock Resort in Las Vegas.

The LNC approved the formation of a committee to investigate the purchase of national headquarters in the DC area.

The LSLA conference is scheduled for February in Seattle. Jay is planning on attending.

We then discussed the 2011 elections. We have 9 potential candidates who expressed an interest in running. So far we have Steve Felter, Darren Young, Joseph Rixon, Dave Hollinger, Allyson Edgar, Dan Karlan, Arp Trivedi, Mike Siduym, and (possibly) Dolores Young-Makrogiannis.

A generic website has been started for state candidates. A committee should be formed to help develop campaign issues for our candidates. It would be nice to get a couple of candidates organized and started quickly.

It was reported that Lou Jasikoff is planning a rally on Martin Luther's Day at the College of NJ in Ewing. It is Tea Party oriented, however it doesn't appear to be strictly right wing in that they have a speaker who is pro-immigration. A phone call has been made to Lou to get us a table at this event.

Our next Steering Committee meeting was then scheduled for January 23rd at 1:00 PM, via conference call.

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm

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2011 NJ Libertarian Party Convention

The NJLP Convention to be held at the Warner Student Life Center, Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, New Jersey.

The Convention will be held on March 12th. The Party's Business Meeting will be held from 9:00 AM until Noon and will be open to all. Registration will be required for the afternoon events which will include lunch and guest speakers, Our convention package will also include coffee and refreshments that will be available all day.

Registration for the Convention will be \$75 until March 7, 2011. After March 7 (including at the convention), registration will be \$85. Student rates are available at <http://njlp.org/convention>.

Tentative Agenda:

8:00 – 9:00 Gather for Continental Breakfast

9:00 – Noon NJLP Business Meeting (all our welcome, only NJLP members may participate)

- nomination of 2011 Assembly, State Senate, and other Candidates
- election of NJLP officers
- Discussion of NJLP Business

Noon – 1:00 Luncheon

1:00 – 1:45 John Papola, Creative Director of EconStories.org

1:50 – 2:35 Brian Aitken, Gun Law Victim

2:40 – 3:15 Chris Goldstein, Coalition for Medical Marijuana

3:20 – 4:00 Frank Fiamingo, NJ 2nd Amendment Society

4:15 – 5:00 F. Paul Wilson, Author

Note that the business meeting on Sunday is free. You do not need to register for Sunday's meeting.

When March 12th, 2011 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Location: 765 Newman Springs Road
Lincroft, NJ

Contact Email: convention@njlp.org Register online at <http://njlp.org/convention>.

NJLP Convention Form: Check here to use address from mailing label

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Full Convention Package \$85 (\$75 if paid prior to March 4th) _____

Speakers Only (\$25) _____

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Reserve your place by sending payment to: NJLP Convention, P.O. Box 56, Tennent, NJ 07763



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