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Support Our Candidates!

This year we have the opportunity to support Libertarian candidates at all three levels of government. Remember, without candidates we would be invisible as far as the electorate is concerned. So please, support our candidates! Make the voters aware there's hope after all!

If you would like to get involved with a Federal campaign contact the candidate:

U.S. Senate – Elizabeth Macron <emacron@msn.com>

1st Congressional District - Tim Haas, Audobon
<spooner@free-market.net>

2d District – Michael Matthews Jr., Galloway Township
<mm@snip.net>

3d District – Raymond Byrne, Waretown
<rumncoke@bellatlantic.net>

4th District – Keith Quarles, Wall <kquarles@att.net>

6th District – Barry Allen, Piscataway
<ballen@telcordia.com>

7th District – Darren Young, Summit
<darrenyoung@comcast.net>

11th District – Richard Roth, West Caldwell
<rthrchrd@aol.com>

12th District – Tom Abrams, Princeton
<atabrams@aol.com>

To get involved with a county campaign contact the county chair:

Camden County: Henry Cheney, Chair
<hcheney@clam.rutgers.edu>

Daniel S. Wright, Freeholder, Haddonfield

Colleen Fida Foster, Freeholder, Barrington

Monmouth County:

Robert Hull, Chair <rhull@wallnet.com>

Jennifer Carter, Freeholder, Cream Ridge

Joe Conklin, Freeholder, Atlantic Highlands

Robert Hull, Clerk, Wall

To get involved with a municipal campaign contact

Ned Kelley, <Kelleyned@yahoo.com>

Ned is running for Lebanon Township Committee in Hunterdon County.

NJLP Candidates Pass First Two Hurdles

They made the decision to run.
They gathered supporters and signatures.

They passed Hurdle Number One by filing.

They passed Hurdle Number Two by remaining unchallenged. They're **on the ballot!**

The campaign season has officially begun, and the 14 NJLP members who have made it thus far have hurdles yet to come. Please assist them with your donations of time and money!

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Ready! Set! Grill!

NJLP Annual Picnic and General Meeting

The NJLP annual picnic will be held on Saturday, July 13 with the general membership meeting starting at 1:30 PM at the Flynn home at 254 Tennent Road in Morganville (Marlboro Twp.).

Please bring: Your own meat plus one dish to share. Gas grill and tubs of ice with cold soft drinks will be provided along with snacks and picnic utensils. Extra lawn chairs would help.

Directions: (Call 732-591-1328 if you get lost.)

We are one mile EAST of Routes 18 and 520 on Tennent Road. If you are on Route 18 South (leaving New Brunswick), take the second ramp (Morganville exit) at the first exit AFTER you pass over U.S. Route 9. This exits directly onto Tennent Rd., just go 1/2 mile to Flynn's.

Going north on Route 18 from the Jersey shore take the Morganville exit, which is about 3 miles past the Route 79 exit. After the jughandle, turn LEFT onto Tennent Rd. We are 1/2 mile down the road.

The Flynn abode is the blue colonial farmhouse on the left in front of "Tires to Go." Park up the hill in front of the tire company and walk down to our house.

Facility: Our property is five acres of lawn, woods, swamp, and a stream.

The property is suitable for children to romp, and we can provide the following games and equipment.

Archery	Child's Swimming Pool	Bonfire
Badminton	Camping (BYO tent)	Hiking
Darts	Pogo stick	Croquet
Football	Basketball	Horseshoes
Volleyball	Frisbee	Tetherball
Soccer	Kites (BYO)	Softball
Fishing (BYO tackle)		Zim Zam

If you are interested in any of these activities, please come early (RSVP advised) and help to install them.

In Liberty,

Len & Ginny Flynn
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Conklin Site Gets an A+!

Monmouth County Freeholder candidate Joe Conklin's campaign team scores high marks with the site at www.voteconklin.com.

From info about the candidate and his team to ease in donating, the site is a terrific example of putting the web to work.

Way to Go, Joe!

NJL Advertising Rates

Full Page - \$60

Half Page - \$30

Quarter Page - \$20

Eighth Page - \$10

NJL Deadline

The deadline for the NJL is the 10th of every month.

Dumb Bills for "Smart" Guns

NJLP Member Terry Wintroub Testifies in Trenton

by Libertarian Activist Terry Wintroub

On Thursday, May 9th, I went to Trenton to testify against "smart" gun legislation being considered by the Senate Law & Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee.

The committee was taking up two bills, S573 sponsored by Richard Codey (D-27) and Joseph Palaia (R-11) and S890 sponsored by Peter Inverso (R-14) and John Girgenti (D-35). S573 would ban the sale in NJ of non-"smart" guns after 5 years from passage, whether or not any such guns were commercially available. S890 would ban the sale in NJ of non-"smart" guns 3 years after the NJ Attorney General finds one that qualifies under the bill as "available for retail sales purposes".

The NJ Institute of Technology has received \$1.5 million so far from the state to research and develop "smart" gun technology, meaning technology that would allow handguns to be fired only by "authorized" users. So NJIT's representative and slide show got the lion's share of time before the committee. The acoustics in the committee room were so poor that I could hear very little of anyone else's testimony.

There were testifiers from NJ Institute of Technology, the "Million Mom March", Association of NJ Rifle and Pistol Clubs, Gun Owners of NJ, Second Amendment Sisters, Kimber (manufacturer of high end rifles and handguns) and others. Since I'm not an official of any organization (including the LP) I identified myself as not representing any group.

Because the previous committee in that room ran overtime, the 2:00 hearing was delayed about an hour. When I finally got my four minutes I made three main points:

1. Senator Codey's bill, which allows the sale of only handguns that may not even exist, is absurd even by NJ legislature standards and is not worthy of my time nor the committee's.

2. The media, especially those relying on press releases from Sen. Inverso's office, have been disseminating misinformation about Inverso's bill. I came to testify in case the committee members were being sucked in by this misinformation.

- a. Inverso claims "Firearms kill more than 5000 American children under age 19 each year." FALSE.

Firearm deaths for ages 0-19 from ALL causes (homicide, suicide, accident, intent unknown) have been declining for 10 years. The average for 1997-1999 was 3800, a far cry from 5000. Half those 3800 were ages 18-19, and THOSE AREN'T CHILDREN. Unlike 18-19 year-olds, children cannot vote, join the military, or stand trial as adults. So the very claimed justification for this bill is false.

- b. Inverso claims "The attorney general would determine when handguns with personalized, smart gun technology are available for retail purposes." FALSE.

The bill itself determines that the technology is available for retail purposes when ONE model of ONE gun is delivered to ONE firearm distributor or retailer ANYWHERE in the US. The bill does not even require that the gun work, only that it cannot be fired by an unauthorized person. Senator Cody or any other anti-gun activist could pay the fee and fill out the paperwork to become a licensed firearm dealer. Then his brother-in-law could throw together some piece of junk that cannot be fired by an "unauthorized" user. Thirty-six months after the gun-hater/dealer takes delivery of the piece of junk and lets the AG know, it would be illegal for any dealer to sell ANY handgun that wasn't on the AG's list of "smart" guns.

- c. Inverso claims "The attorney general would require all new handguns in NJ to have the recognized technology." FALSE.

The bill would ban dealers from selling ANY non-"smart" guns, not just new guns. No gun owner would be able to sell any of his guns through a dealer. The burdens and costs of selling currently owned handguns without being able to use a dealer would border on state confiscation of those guns.

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Wintroub's Testimony On "Smart" Gun Legislation

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3. I asked the committee if they would approve a bill that said "Once one honest politician is elected to any office in any state, after 36 months it would be illegal for any normal politician to hold any elected office in New Jersey". I suggested they would not and their reasons for not approving it should be applied to S890.

The claims I quoted were taken from an Inverso press release on page 12A of the Feb. 7, 2002, Lawrence Ledger in the section called "Capitol News and Comment". What I was trying to do, without sitting there and calling committee member Inverso a liar, was to get the committee members to recognize that he was:

wrong about the number of deaths,

wrong about what guns would be banned,

wrong about who determines when the guns are viable,

so there's no good reason to believe anything else he says.

After I testified, Tracey Regan of the Trenton Times talked to me and wanted a good "sound bite" for my position. I tried, but the best included in her article was "Terry Wintroub, a member of the Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs, said it would also gut the value of his private collection. "This boils down to state confiscation," he said."

According to her article, the committee approved the bill (<http://www.nj.com/statehouse/times/index.ssf?/base/news-0/10210212052515110.xml>).

Also, Sally Goldenberg of the Bergen Record conned me out of the notes I used for my testimony and then ignored them in her piece (<http://www.northjersey.com/cgi-bin/page.pl?id=3527221>). Either she or her editor included a *major* gaffe at the end that shows a *total* unfamiliarity with the subject matter and incredibly sloppy reporting: "Police, the armed forces, and certain antique shop owners would be exempted from the bill, should it become law." The bill, obviously, has no mention of antique shops or antique shop owners. It exempts some antique GUNS from the "smart" gun mandate.

Others testifying made additional points about this bill and the "thinking" behind it:

When all handgun sales are banned except for the single "smart" gun on the market, shooting competitions that require several different calibers or types of handguns will be crippled because newbies will be hard pressed to find guns they can buy to compete with.

If the technology is deemed reliable, why are police exempt and only regular citizens forced to entrust their lives to this technology?

If this new technology is expensive (and what new technology isn't?), it will jack up the price of a handgun beyond some people's ability to afford. Only the affluent will be able to buy a handgun from trusted dealers.

If any Libertarians reading this or other articles about "smart" guns are thinking, "Well, heck, let 'em go across the river and buy their handguns in Pennsylvania", honnnnnnnnnk. Federal law prohibits you from buying a handgun outside the state you reside in. Technically, it prohibits you from taking possession outside your state. I can buy a handgun out of state, but I have to have the dealer send it to a Federal Firearms Licensee in New Jersey who will do the actual transfer to me. At a cost, of course, of \$15-\$50. However, this bill prohibits NJ dealers from doing such transfers of non-"smart" guns.

Unless the problem is "I hate handguns and want to find a way to virtually eliminate their sale in NJ", this bill is a solution in search of a problem.

New Jersey: Green or Libertarian?

On Primary Day the Asbury Park Press published the obligatory editorial to encourage an increasingly disinterested electorate to vote. About halfway through it noted: "The few thousand people who can't vote in the party primaries are those who have registered as Independents or as members of a handful of minor parties."

All in all, pretty standard stuff. But instead of following this with a snide attack on alternative parties, the editorial concluded on a far different note: "Since the middle of the 19th century, the two-party system has served the nation reasonably well. Each party has an agenda broad enough to accommodate people with a range of views on a variety of topics. Yet the existence of just two major parties is not a constitutional mandate. In the long run, their supremacy depends on their responsiveness to the electorate."

"If the turnout for primaries is a measure of voter response, Democrats and Republicans have work to do."

That claim about the Republican and Democratic agendas is, of course, nonsense but the gentle hint to the dominant parties after a reference to political alternatives is significant. An Op-ed piece by GOP public relations consultant Carl Golden in the same issue continued the theme:

"Party affiliation passed down from generation to generation is weakening as the numbers show, but it simply means that political parties must work harder to win their support. And, they may not win it every time out."

"Proof? Consider the following: 175 persons are Green Party members; 112 are Libertarians; 28 are Reform Party adherents; six are with the U.S. Constitution Party, and two are with the Natural Law Party."

Clearly the political establishment has taken note of our newly won right to affiliate with alternative political parties. Clearly they realize the potential this holds. And it's equally clear that Libertarians have not.

Look at those figures again: Greens 175, Libertarians 112. More Green Party members have declared their party affiliation than the other four parties combined.

Celebrity candidates and favorable media attention may have allowed the Green Party to score better at the polls than the LP in any individual race in New Jersey -- for now. But those figures on party affiliation do not accurately reflect the true organizational strength of the NJLP.

For all its occasional populist rhetoric, the Green Party has a fundamental leftist belief in big government. It's understandable therefore that its members would so readily formalize their party affiliation with their county election boards. The reluctance of Libertarians to do so is equally understandable, but regrettable to say the least.

The NJLP is New Jersey's third political party. We demonstrated it once again on Primary Day with the number of candidates we filed for the November election. We demonstrated it by filing full slates above the municipal level in both Camden and Monmouth counties.

County	Democrat	Republican	Green Party	Libertarian Party	Natural Law Party	Reform Party	U.S. Constitution Party
ATLANTIC	24,989	35,892	2	3	0	0	1
BERGEN	108,004	100,135	40	10	0	3	0
BURLINGTON	54,024	51,584	3	1	0	0	1
CAMDEN	91,557	35,482	2	4	0	0	0
CAPE MAY	9,352	26,522	4	0	1	2	0
CUMBERLAND	16,382	13,538	11	1	0	0	0
ESSEX	152,147	45,436	20	9	0	4	0
GLOUCESTER	42,655	25,856	1	2	0	0	0
HUDSON	122,124	25,771	23	8	1	1	0
HUNTERDON	9,235	25,106	3	4	0	3	0
MERCER	53,551	27,415	9	3	0	0	0
MIDDLESEX	114,912	45,250	20	10	0	0	0
MONMOUTH	68,951	73,679	4	26	0	1	0
MORRIS	40,946	96,164	14	10	0	1	1
OCEAN	49,991	76,331	1	0	0	3	0
PASSAIC	53,255	44,746	5	2	0	2	0
SALEM	8,539	7,223	0	0	0	0	0
SOMERSET	22,529	37,454	6	5	0	2	0
SUSSEX	8,638	28,969	1	5	0	0	0
UNION	87,953	41,621	6	8	0	6	3
WARREN	10,130	17,994	0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,149,864	882,168	175	112	2	28	6

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The Chart above was obtained from the Division of Elections at http://www.state.nj.us/lps/elections/elec2002/2002p_reg_cty.pdf.

New Jersey: Green or Libertarian?

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If we're to convince the media, election officials, the old parties and most importantly the voters that we are the true alternative party, we must do so not only at the ballot box but also by declaring our party affiliation. There are far more voters out there who consider themselves libertarians than our membership rolls indicate. Right now the affiliation figures do not even accurately reflect our formal membership numbers.

As libertarians we don't like the campaign finance laws. We don't like the restrictive rules and regulations of New Jersey's Election Law Enforcement Commission or the Federal Election Commission. But if we're to run candidates we have no choice but to abide by them.

Similarly if we want to be a true political party -- a viable, credible political party -- we need to utilize our right to affiliate. We need it to identify those who consistently vote Libertarian without joining the party. Voter affiliation is a way to do it. But like pulling down the LP lever in November, NJLP members must lead the way.

In New Jersey the Conservative, Reform, Natural Law and Constitution parties have all but closed shop. The Greens are still riding the wave generated by Ralph Nader's big splash two years ago -- but all waves eventually flatten and die. In contrast the NJLP is a permanent fixture of the Garden State's political landscape and voter affiliation figures should reflect this.

Again we're reproducing the State's Voter Affiliation Card as well as a list of county election boards. And once again we note the ridiculous wording of the card itself. Obviously the State isn't rushing to produce revised forms. Is anyone surprised? That alone tells us something.

Take a minute to cement the NJLP's status as New Jersey's third party. Complete the form and mail it to your county election board. If you need a Voter Registration Form call 1-800-201-NJLP and we'll get one out to you ASAP.

Don't let the Greens win this one.

VOTER DECLARATION OF PARTY AFFILIATION E.B. 227

I, being a registered voter at the address listed below, do hereby declare that I desire to vote in the primary election of the Libertarian Party Political Party. (Name of Party)

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Residence: _____
Street Address Apt. No.

_____ Municipality County Zip Code

Signature or mark of registered voter _____ Date _____

DECLARATION MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS PRECEDING THE PRIMARY IN WHICH THE VOTER WISHES TO VOTE.

☐ Marque aquí si usted desea recibir materiales de las elecciones en Español.

For the mailing address of your card, see next page.

Camden County Offers Voters a Choice

By Henry Cheney, Chair, SJLP

Libertarians in Camden County will have a real choice in 2002. In fact, many towns will have as many Libertarians on the ballot as Republicans and Democrats!

I would like to congratulate our candidates for their hard work thus far.

However, without the hard work of Tim Haas and Dan Wright, our candidates would not even be on the ballot - thanks for making a full slate a reality!

The South Jersey Libertarian Party is building its foundation. If you're interested in running for office or being an activist in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, or Salem counties please drop us an e-mail at sjlp@njlp.org.

County Election Boards

ATLANTIC COUNTY
1333 Atlantic Ave., 4th floor
Atlantic City

BERGEN COUNTY
21 Main Street, Room 16E
Hackensack

BURLINGTON COUNTY
755 Eayerstown Rd.
Mount Holly

CAMDEN COUNTY
600 Market Street
Camden

CAPE MAY COUNTY
10-12 W. Mechanic Street
Cape May Courthouse

CUMBERLAND COUNTY
60 Broad St. W., Suite 210
Bridgeton

ESSEX COUNTY
33 Washington St.
Newark

GLOUCESTER COUNTY
55 Delaware Street
Woodbury

HUDSON COUNTY
595 Newark Ave.
Jersey City

HUNTERDON COUNTY
1 E. Main Street
Flemington

MERCER COUNTY
640 S. Broad Street
Trenton

MIDDLESEX COUNTY
777 Jersey Avenue
New Brunswick

MONMOUTH COUNTY
300 Halls Mill Road
Freehold

MORRIS COUNTY
P.O. Box 900
Morristown

OCEAN COUNTY
129 Hooper Avenue
Toms River

PASSAIC COUNTY
311 Pennsylvania Ave.
Room 103
Paterson

SALEM COUNTY
90 Market Street
Salem

SOMERSET COUNTY
20 Grove Street
Somerville

SUSSEX COUNTY
18 Church Street
Newton

UNION COUNTY
271 North Broad Street
Elizabeth

WARREN COUNTY
413 Second Street
Belvidere

From The Chair

By NJLP State Chair Emerson Ellett

This year we have 9 candidates for federal office, triple the number in 2000 but still shy of a full slate of 13 in 1992.

Coming out of the Convention this year we had 6 federal candidates, and by mid-May we recruited a full slate of 8 more, at least on paper. In the 13th Congressional District (parts of Hudson, Essex, Union and Middlesex Counties) the candidate vanished. Another man stepped forward to take his place but petitioning resources had to be diverted to Monmouth County to ensure a full slate there. (As it turned out Camden County also came through with a full slate, thereby doubling the strength of our potential legal challenge to the exclusive use of the first and second ballot columns by the old parties. -- If we have full slates why should they get preferential treatment?)



In the 8th District (parts of Essex and Passaic Counties) Ron Tamburro accepted the nomination with the understanding that he would not have time to petition. There weren't enough petitioners to get him on the ballot.

In districts 9 (parts of Bergen, Hudson & Passaic Counties) and 10 (parts of Union, Essex & Hudson Counties) a dearth of petitioners again proved fatal. National offered to pay \$1 per signature, but there were no takers in those districts.

Of the districts in which we did not field candidates the 5th (Warren and parts of Bergen, Passaic and Sussex Counties) came the closest to getting their candidate on the ballot. When Dan Karlan accepted the nomination it was on the condition that others would gather the signatures to put him on the ballot. Though Bob Hull, our petition coordinator, mailed a petition to every member in the district only Dan and three others returned valid petitions, totaling thirty-one signatures. This being the first election after reapportionment only 50 valid signatures are required (as opposed to the usual 100).

This is the federal line up this year:

U.S. Senate – Elizabeth Macron will run against the old parties and Socialist Green, and Conservative challengers.

1st District – Tim Haas will run one-on-one against the Democrat incumbent. This is historic! **For the first time we are facing off as the only challenger to a career politician.**

2d District – Michael J. Matthew Jr. will challenge the old parties plus a Green and Socialist. This race should also be interesting. The Matthews name is well known in the Atlantic County area. Matthews Sr. was mayor of Atlantic City, Freeholder Director and Assemblyman before spending five years in the gray bar hotel.

3d District – Raymond Byrne will face the usual suspects plus an America First challenger.

4th District –Keith Quarles will challenge the usuals plus a Conservative and the slogan Honesty, Humanity, Duty.

6th District –Barry Allen will face the old parties and a Human Rights Advocate.

7th District –Darren Young is the only alternative party candidate.

11th District – Richard Roth is the only alternative party candidate.

12th District – Tom Abrams' alternative opponents are a Green and Conservative.

Considering our county and local candidates you can see there are some exciting races this year. Let's make the most of the opportunity.

It's not too early to begin planning for 2004. One member has already stepped forward with an offer to run.

Contact the Steering Committee or myself at chair@njlp.org or 732 774-3684 if you are interested in assisting the party or our candidates in any way.



FREE STATE PROJECT

Liberty in Our Lifetime

*"A free state might show the rest of the world what can be done...Let's think seriously about this."
--Claire Wolfe*

As featured on Free-Market.Net, LewRockwell.com, "The Libertarian Enterprise," "The Sierra Times," Anti-State.Com, and Brian Wilson, KSFO Radio...

"The Free State Project is a plan in which 20,000 or more liberty-oriented people will move to a single state of the U.S. to secure a free society there. We will accomplish this by first reforming state law, opting out of federal mandates, and finally negotiating directly with the federal government for appropriate political autonomy. We will be a community of freedom-loving individuals and families, and create a shining example of liberty for the rest of the nation and the world." (from the Free State Project website, www.freestateproject.com)

The Free State Project is a **new** strategy for freedom. Rather than continuing the same failed strategies aimed at bringing Washington, D.C. to the light, the Free State Project aims at liberty in a single state. What can be done in a single state? A great deal. We could repeal state taxes and wasteful state government programs. We could end the collaboration between state and federal law enforcement officials in enforcing unconstitutional federal laws. We could end asset forfeiture and abuses of eminent domain. We could privatize utilities and end inefficient regulations and monopolies. Then we could negotiate directly with the federal government for more autonomy. In other countries, provinces have obtained the right to opt out of national programs and receive a tax rebate instead. We could do the same.

Where will the Free State Project succeed where others have failed? First, we aren't asking for "donations" in exchange for your participation; the F.S.P. is not a scheme for making money. Second, we formulate strategy and policy by consulting the membership; unlike some other failed "free nation" attempts, this is not some cult of personality. Third, we will choose our destination rationally and by looking at all the available evidence. **The state where we will move will be decided by a vote of the full F.S.P. membership after research has been done on all the candidate states.** The vote will be conducted according to the method of Cumulative Count, which more closely approximates the ideal of individual choice than simple majority rule.

The Free State Project unequivocally rejects violence, racism, and fraud. We are a peaceful, legal group, and we support working within the electoral process.

Join the Free State Project and take part in a rapidly growing movement aimed at securing *liberty in our lifetime*. We don't want your money, just your signature - and when the time comes, your willingness to carry through on your word of honor.

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Minutes of the NJLP State Board Meeting of May 19, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 PM. Present were Emerson Ellett (Chair), Dan Karlan (Secretary), Lou Stefanelli (Treasurer), Robert Hull (At-Large), Liz Macron (At-Large), Andrea Nadolny (Mercer), Bill Schetlick (for Bob Jacobs, Hunterdon), Frank Warren (Somerset), and Barry Allen (Middlesex). A quorum is 9 out of 16.

The agenda was adopted as proposed. The minutes of the April 28 Steering Committee meeting were read and discussed.

The Treasurer reported the absence of a report.

Under Old Business:

CAPP: Ellett reported that the lawsuit has been dismissed. The outcome of this dismissal is unclear. Calls to the CAPP attorney have not been returned. Schetlick volunteered to call the court and determine the nature of the court's action.

The Newsletter: There was some discussion of saving money by reducing the type size. The sense of the Board is that a summary, rather than the full minutes, of Steering Committee and State Board meetings is acceptable, to reduce the number of pages taken up by that item. Stefanelli offered to ask the Newsletter Editor to take the declining membership into account in composing the NJL. Stefanelli will also investigate using 2nd class mailing.

The 2003 Convention. Nothing to report

Under New Business:

Karlan reported that he received a formal letter from Libertarian National Committee General Counsel Bill Hall, to the effect that the NJLP is empowered to use the "Libertarian Party" slogan, currently trademarked by the LNC, Inc., and is similarly empowered to challenge its use by any organization or individual other than the NJLP (and the national LP) and our approved candidates. The letter was accompanied by a copy of the official declaration of Trademark. The papers were turned over to the Chair, for use in the future as needed.

Additional candidates were approved: Matthews (2nd CD), Byrne (3rd CD), Tamburro (8th CD), Buoncristiano (9th CD), Boucher (10th CD), and Roth (11th CD). Authority was granted to the Chair to change Congressional Districts of candidates as needed to maximize campaign effectiveness. Schetlick volunteered to contact Matthews regarding petitions. It was also approved that we accept Hamman (1st CD) and Skovran (13th CD) provided they join the NJLP.

Fundraising: nothing to report.

Electronic Communication: there was some discussion of ways to increase the number of electronic subscribers. There was also discussion of the process of implementing database software for electronic communication.

Recruitment and Membership: Schetlick moved that the State Board ask county chairs to ask for registration information. The motion passed on a voice vote. Stefanelli asked Karlan to send him a copy of the prospecting letter the two composed several years ago.

The new member packet will include Bylaws, Platform, and voter affiliation card. Stefanelli suggested a premium of an extended-term membership would be an acceptable alternative to dues reduction (which can only be implemented at a Convention). Other premiums were considered. A Lottery Ticket and appeal was mentioned; the scratch-off kind was favored, because they are not time-critical).

Karlan moved that we allocate \$300 for a test mailing to 200 lapsed members to use a scratch-off premium (100 with, 100 without). Nadolny seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Public Relations: Hull is making the ISIL brochure purchase this week. There was a report from the OPH operations in Highland Park, Edison, and Piscataway.

Candidate Recruitment and Support: Ellett reported on Gorman's answers to the questions from the Steering Committee:

Must each attendee participate?	Yes
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Is there any take-home hard copy?	Yes
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What do other people charge?	\$35
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Is it possible to videotape the workshop sessions?	Yes
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It was decided to defer action on Gorman's workshop until the June Steering Committee meeting.

There were no announcements.

Future Meetings:

Steering Committee – June 29, 1PM, at Stefanelli-Macron residence

General Meeting – July 13, 1PM, at Flynn residence

Steering Committee – August 18, 1PM, at a place to be determined

State Board – September 15, 1PM, Tumulty's Pub.

Contact: Monica Williams
Campaign Manager
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website: <http://www.voteconklin.com>

Libertarians Accuse Monmouth County Republican Freeholders of Political Paybacks

Middletown, NJ—May 31, 2002—Libertarian Monmouth County Freeholder candidates Joe Conklin and Jennifer Carter are accusing the Republican Freeholders of making political paybacks, stemming from the latest round of contract awards approved at the May 23 Board of Freeholders meeting.

During the May 23 meeting, which was held in Atlantic Highlands, 4 of the 5 service contracts were awarded to companies that contributed over \$50,000 toward the political campaigns of the Monmouth County Freeholders. The award value of the 4 contracts was over \$175,000.

“Almost without exception, service contracts consistently are awarded to companies that make large political donations to Monmouth County Republicans,” states Conklin. “This does not make economic sense, and is unfair to companies that may be equally if not more deserving of the contracts.” Conklin and Carter are proposing campaign finance reform that prohibits organizations from bidding on contracts should they choose to make political donations to candidates within Monmouth County.

“This type of campaign finance reform is a primary platform of our campaign,” Conklin explains. “Citizens of Monmouth County deserve leadership that represents them, not the political donors of the Republican Freeholders.”

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Minutes of the NJLP Steering Committee Meeting of April 28, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM. Present were Emerson Ellett (Chair), Len Flynn (Vice-Chair), Dan Karlan (Secretary), Lou Stefanelli (Treasurer), Robert Hull (At-Large) and Liz Macron (At-Large). Ken Kaplan (At-Large) arrived at 1:25. Also present as observers were Pat Bontempo and Henry Cheney (arrived at 2:10).

The agenda was adopted as proposed. The Convention Minutes (submitted by immediate past Secretary Flynn) were read and discussed. It was noted that Henry Cheney is the State Board Representative from Camden, not Gloucester (as reported). The Secretary committed to informing the Newsletter Editor of this adjustment. At the same time, it was noted that Cheney is shown as "At Large #5" in the newsletter; the Editor will be advised of this error, as well.

There was some discussion of the existence of a term limit on the Steering Committee membership At Large by Petition. The matter was referred to the Bylaws Committee for consideration. Until otherwise addressed, it was agreed that there is no term limit on such Steering Committee membership.

The Treasurer circulated his report, and there was some discussion. The substantial contributions from the Convention were noted with delight.

This discussion quickly developed into a thorough discussion of Jack Toussaint's concern. He has expressed his displeasure with the earlier decision to adopt a new payment schedule for the database management, that the new schedule is unacceptable, and that there is not enough time to do what he would be paid \$200 for under the new schedule, which is to take effect May 1.

Stefanelli said that this is not a good time to implement this, and proposed that the Steering Committee rescind the earlier resolution and restore the earlier payment schedule.

Macron seconded the motion. Kaplan asked if the number of hours is reasonable. Stefanelli said yes, and that the work must be done. Hull questioned the amount of work. Stefanelli responded that, for example, National sends Toussaint weekly updates; plus 3-month renewal cycle for State members.

Macron moved that we invite Toussaint to the State Board meeting; this was ruled out of order, as there is motion currently on the floor. The outstanding motion (to rescind the resolution implementing the new payment schedule) passed unanimously.

There was further discussion of the relationship with Toussaint. It was generally agreed to invite Toussaint to a future meeting – not a State Board, nor even a Steering Committee, meeting, but something less formal. Karlan moved to recess for 10 minutes to contact Toussaint.

Flynn seconded. Stefanelli and Macron objected due to time constraints on their continued presence at this meeting. Stefanelli offered to arrange a meeting with Toussaint and Ellett, upon which Karlan withdrew his motion.

Stefanelli and Macron left at 2:05; a quorum (5) remained.

Under Old Business:

CAPP: Ellett reported that the amended complaint is at a standstill. There was a suggestion that for purposes of fundraising, alternative political parties be allowed to treat their Conventions as equivalent to the Primary in that: funds collected prior to that time do not count toward the general campaign limits. However, because funds collected for the Primary race cannot be carried over to the General Election race, this possibility was dismissed.

Additional possibilities included:

1. Reduce the 10% threshold for major party status.
2. Enforce existing victories (reporting different requirements).
3. Stop intimidating people who register Libertarian.

Karlan moved that we do a mailing of "Declaration of Party Affiliation" cards to encourage members to 'register' Libertarian. The cards would have the word "Libertarian" already printed. Hull seconded. Hull and Bontempo volunteered to do the work. It was considered that fundraising for Federal and State funds would be included in the mailing. The motion passed on a voice vote.

There was discussion of the Newsletter. There was discussion of the 2003 Convention. Martelle Greene is Chair of the Convention Committee, and is seeking the participation in the program of Walter Williams.

Under New Business:

Regarding the 2002 National Convention in Indianapolis, Flynn moved to add Dan Karlan to the list of delegates. Hull seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote. Karlan moved to add Ken Kaplan to the list of delegates. Flynn seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Karlan offered to present to the membership the question of New Jersey associating with other states in the process of forming a National Region for purposes of selecting a Representative (and Alternate) to the National Committee. This will be presented in the Newsletter.

Regarding the Fundraising Committee: There was some discussion of conducting a telethon or mailing following the June filing deadline, when the slate of candidates is finalized.

Regarding the Electronic Communications Committee: discussion was bypassed in Stefanelli's absence.

Regarding the Recruitment and Membership Committee: discussion was bypassed in Stefanelli's absence.

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Regarding the Public Relations Committee: Karlan moved that we buy 5000 Million Dollar Bills. Hull seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote. The Bills will be printed locally, using National's master, with NJLP-specific details on the reverse.

Karlan moved that we buy 1000 each of 4 ISIL flyers. Hull seconded the motion, which carried 21 (2 abstentions). The selected flyers will be "Social Security", "Pollution and the Environment", "Free Trade", and "Minimum Wage". During additional discussion, Bontempo urged that National retire the "New Political Party" flyer.

There was some discussion of moving the NJLP-owned large banners to a central location. The Regional Representative (Karlan) was urged to suggest that National make available for sale to affiliates small 'lectern-style' banners for state party use (hooks, Velcro, etc.)

Regarding Candidate Recruitment and Support: there was discussion of contracting with Don Gorman to conduct a workshop in New Jersey. Further discussion addressed the differences between Guzzetta and Gorman, and the relative merits of the two presentations. Some misgivings were expressed to requiring participation in Gorman's workshop, or if it would be possible to attend but simply watch the other participants. Ellett agreed to write a letter to Gorman, reviewing the plans for his workshop. In particular, Gorman is to be asked several questions:

- Must each attendee participate?
- Is there any take-home hard copy?
- What do other people charge?
- Is it possible to videotape the workshop sessions?

There was discussion of Bill Schetlick's offer to write a letter to solicit additional candidates. Bontempo expressed a strong desire for review of the letter as a condition of access to the database. Flynn will write to Schetlick advising him of the sentiment of the Steering Committee that his plan is praiseworthy but that the Chair be allowed review of Schetlick's letter.

There was a report (Cheney) on candidates from South Jersey. In the 2nd CD, Michael Matthews might be a candidate; however, he is not a member. For Freeholders, Dan Wright (Camden) and Ed Alness (Burlington – not a member, but will join) are likely possibilities.

Karlan agreed to contact the Secretary of State with regard to protecting the "Libertarian Party" slogan for candidates. (The "NJ Libertarian Party" slogan is already protected by virtue of the incorporation of the NJLP, but our Bylaws require candidates nominated by the NJLP run under the slogan "Libertarian Party.")

Hull moved that we spend \$300 for Hull to send petitions for the appropriate Federal and County candidates to all NJLP members. Karlan seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Regarding Improvements and Deficiencies:

Flynn commended the effort at getting more candidates. Kaplan mentioned the missed opportunities of not contesting non-partisan races.

Under Announcements:

Karlan circulated the Million Marijuana March flyer for this coming Saturday (May 4).

Flynn moved that we allocate \$55 to purchase the New Jersey Legislative Manual. Karlan seconded. After some discussion, the motion passed on a voice vote.

Kaplan moved that we allocate \$62 for Picnic supplies. Karlan seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

It was noted that all future meetings are to begin at 1PM unless otherwise noted. The State Board meeting was affirmed for May 19 at Tumulty's Pub in New Brunswick. The Steering Committee meeting was tentatively scheduled for June 16 and the home of Stefanelli and Macron. The General Meeting was set for July 13 (Saturday) at the Flynn estate.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

NJLP Member Gaylord Olson Challenges You to *Name that Sage*

Which well known libertarian thinker said these words:

"In contrast to the free market's invisible hand, which improves the lives of people, the government's invisible foot tramples on people's hopes and destroys their dreams."

If you think you know the answer, email it to editor@njlp.org. We'll identify the "sage" in the August issue.

Announcements

NJLP to Decide Regional Affiliation

In the Steering Committee minutes that appear elsewhere, mention is made of the issue facing the NJLP regarding the upcoming Convention and the Region in which New Jersey is to affiliate.

Currently, New Jersey is part of Region 6, with all of New England and New York, and I am the Regional Representative.

One question before the NJLP delegates to the National Convention is whether or not to remain in that region.

I urge all NJLP delegates to consider remaining with New York and New England as the preferred position. Contact me if you have any questions in this matter.

Dan Karlan, Region 6 Representative to the LNC.

This July there will be a National Convention, in Indianapolis. If you are Interested in being considered as a delegate in the NJLP delegation, please forward your name to Dan Karlan. Use <DanKarlan@CompuServe.com> or 97 Manhattan Ave; Waldwick, NJ 07463-2228

Want to get involved?

The NJLP has volunteer committees addressing fundraising, recruitment and membership, public relations, candidate recruitment and support and electronic access. Please contact State Chair Emerson Ellett if you'd like to serve on one or more.

Tom Wright is planning to drive out to the National Convention in Indianapolis and has room for 3 passengers or co-drivers. Split expenses at end. He will leave from Bergen County(early !) on July 3 and will drive back on July 7, though may stay over and

return on the 8th. Vehicle is Dakota crewcab pickup, manual trans, lots of luggage space, cap on bed, very dry but not guaranteed 100% water tight. He hasn't had it on long enough to know.

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Role of the NJLP Political Director

I Qualifications

The person seeking the office of Political Director should have excellent personal and social skills and practical political knowledge.

II Duties

A - Candidate Recruitment

The PD is responsible for recruiting candidates at all levels of involvement (trademark, impact, and challenge). It is the PD's prerogative to determine which offices (local, state, national) present the best opportunity for candidates, and to encourage potential candidates to run for offices that offer the best party building opportunity, especially offices uncontested by one of the old parties.

B – Ballot Petitions

The PD will advise candidates as to the requirements for becoming an official candidate in their district or municipality. The PD will coordinate with campaign staffs regarding the collection of ballot signatures to ensure that properly notarized petition (s) are submitted to the municipality or State Division of Elections as appropriate on time.

C - Candidate Support and Training

The Political Director will be available to advise candidates and their staff on running campaigns. Whenever possible he or she will schedule candidate training seminars for candidates and their staffs.

D - Coordination of Campaigns

Libertarian Party candidates can be more effective when campaign efforts are coordinated. For example, if a mailing or flyer distribution is being conducted for a local candidate a US House candidate can "piggyback". That is, their literature can be distributed with virtually no additional labor. The PD will encourage the coordination of all campaigns in order to help avoid duplication and waste, and to maximize opportunities for candidates to support each other.

III Term of Office

The PD will be appointed by the New Jersey Libertarian Party Chair with the advice and consent of the Steering Committee. The PD's appointment ends on the first Wednesday in November.

IV Compensation

Travel, phone and other related expenses incurred in responsibilities of PD will be reimbursed upon submission of expense vouchers.

V Authority

The PD will be given full access to NJLP databases and mailing lists.

If you would like to be considered for this position, please contact the chair or other member of the Steering Committee.

We Need YOU!

Interested in being the liaison between the NJLP and any of the following groups for the purpose of initiating combined activity? If so, contact Emerson Ellett at chair@njlp.org

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Contact: Fred DiMaria, Alan Marain

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Frank Warren, member North Plainfield Environmental Commission

Ronald Wishart, Secretary, Manalapan Township Planning Board

Thanks, Folks!

Calendar

Steering Committee – June 29, 1PM, at Stefanelli-Macron residence

Annual Picnic and General Meeting – July 13, 1PM, at Flynn residence

Steering Committee – August 18, 1PM, location to be determined

State Board – September 15, 1PM, Tumulty's Pub.



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