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Chair's Message

by Dan Krause - dan.krause@njlp.org

Farewell from the Chair

Many have heard me say in conversation that your life and your family are far more important than any political activity you might pursue. Our lives are fleeting moments on this earth, and politics will endure so long as there are humans to take part.

As many of this party know, I have no intention to accept a nomination for chair at this coming convention. Way back in 2019, a friend convinced me to accept a nomination at the 2020 convention, and by a chance of fate, the day I was elected to chair in 2020 was the same afternoon that Gov. Murphy closed the state.

Now, two years later, I am happy to say that we are in a position where I can hand off the title to the next person who wishes to serve our party in this role.

Many of you may be wondering why I am stepping away from this position of trust and responsibility, and I feel I owe it to you all to explain why. I came into this position with an agenda and for a specific purpose: Restore the board from the disfunction it had fallen into, complete the work of organizing the Regional parties so they can carry on the work of the party, develop relationships with the national party to bring resources into our state for the good of our members, begin the work of professionalizing the work of the party, explore and experiment with direct outreach and fundraising for our political activities, and establish organized counties throughout the state.

With very few exceptions, I and the rest of the amazing volunteers of this party were able to accomplish the goals I had.

We stand, as a party, on the precipice of an explosive growth. Every day, there are far more talented people joining our movement than at any other time in our

history, and we owe it to the world and our members to build the best structure possible.

I have been in some kind of leadership role since I joined this party in 2016, and now that the first phase of the work is done, I can happily give over this responsibility to other more capable people both on the board, in our local parties and in our newly created Departments.

My immediate plans are to assist in the transition, acting as coach and advisor for any chair who is elected at this coming convention, and then enjoying being simply an activist and member in Monmouth County.

I'd like to provide some guidance and advise for the incoming leadership, and for the members at large.

- The most important consideration when electing a person to leadership in this party is if they are capable of doing the job and doing it well.
- Have a plan. The process of planning is critical to any kind of success.
- Know that all your plans will collapse as time passes; success is defined by how we adjust to the winds of change not by standing still and insisting on our own way.

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- The movement towards a world of freedom and peace for all mankind is far, far wider than just the LP. We are a critical part of this movement, and we should never be afraid to make alliances necessary to create a better, more peaceful, just and free world.
- Be willing to listen, to compromise and to convince. No person has all the answers, and no one will be right all the time. Find ways to work together towards common goals.

A final thought: We have built a method of affiliation for our counties, as well as establishing Departments at the state level. I strongly advise you all to build up your own counties in partnership with your regions and become involved in some way with the departments of the State Party. This local organization coupled with shared resources at the state level is a combination which, if we dedicate ourselves to it, is a powerful mix.

Thank you all. Serving you as Chair has been the great honor of my life.

In Liberty,

Dan Krause, State Chair ♦

2022 Annual NJLP Convention Details

By Convention Staff

The 2022 NJLP annual Convention will be held on March 12th at the Edgewater Manor in Edgewater Park.

We will be gathering around 9 AM on March 12th for a remote address from our 2020 VP candidate, Spike Cohen. We will then proceed to start our business meeting. Items on the agenda include nomination of 2022 candidates for public office, nomination and election of 2022 Board Members, Regional Caucuses and elections, Platform and Bylaws Committee recommendation review and adoptions, nomination of NJ delegates to the National Libertarian Convention, and general planning for the coming year.

The full proposed agenda is posted at njlp.org/agenda.

Remote access for the meeting will be available but will be limited. Members interested in joining remotely should email convention@njlp.org for details.

Following our meeting we will be entertained and educated by a set of speakers including comedian Lou Perez, author Scott Horton, research Scientist Mary Ruwart, and LP Region 8 Alternate Pat Ford.

More info and registration details are at njlp.org/convention. ♦

Meeting By Petition Announcement

by The Committee for the Preservation of the NJLP

We the members of The Committee for the Preservation of the NJLP have submitted a certified list of signatures from good-standing and dues paying members of the NJLP to require that a meeting be held on March the 11th to address an ongoing issue with one of our members, Mark Kapengut. The meeting agenda will be limited to discussing and acting upon Mark Kapengut's behavior. Action may include the termination of Mr. Kapengut's membership in accordance with Paragraph 5.a. of our bylaws, a formal censure, and/or termination of access to party resources.

The meeting will occur on March 11th, the evening before our Convention, via Zoom starting at 7:30 (EST). Prior to the meeting we will publish and make available a collection of statements and evidence for members to examine. Per our bylaws, Mr. Kapengut will be given the chance to address all charges and witness testimony and all challenges will be welcomed and met. Our signatures and identities will be public record. Information on how to join the meeting will be posted at njlp.org/meetinginfo.

Note that all monetary expenses that incur from this member action shall be covered or reimbursed by the members of the committee. The Committee has donated the cost of publishing and mailing this newsletter to our members.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns members are free to email the Committee at info@savethenjlp.org and please feel free to add your name to the list of petitioners at savethenjlp.org/petition should you like and agree with this proposal. We will have more information to present to you all in the coming days. ♦

NJLP Passes Regional Outreach Funding

by Bill Sahr

There is a constant issue within the NJLP regarding a lack of necessary materials which has proven to be a major impediment for outreach campaigns. To overcome this hurdle the Board recently approved a new funding initiative to help all Regions in the NJLP get stocked up on tabling necessities. Each Region is eligible to receive 750 dollars towards outreach materials (list available upon request); however, this is not a blank check, nor is it without any criteria.

In order to qualify each Region must fulfill certain prerequisites, including having an active bank account, a PO Box and a storage unit (all in the Region's name), the submission of a request form (to either the VP of

Programs or the State Treasurer), and any and all receipts received to the State Treasurer (for tax purposes). We enacted these requirements to help get the Regions to be more self-sufficient and to aid in overcoming the constant issue of materials being lost, inaccessible, or privately owned (and therefore subject to usage denial and loss if a member leaves the NJLP).

Any Region willing and able to take part in this program has up until December 31, 2022 to submit their request form. If there are any questions, Regional Leadership is free to contact the VP of Programs or to confer with their Regional Board Representative. We hope this will help us to be more effective in our outreach initiatives and that it will see our numbers swell in the coming years. ♦



On January 27th we lost long time member and all-around great guy, Christopher Feeney.

Chris will be remembered fondly by many Party members.

Police Accountability Project Files Internal Affairs Complaint

by John Paff, Chairman NJLP Police Accountability Project

On February 7, 2022, I filed the following Internal Affairs complaint against three New Jersey State Police Detectives.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this e-mail as my complaint against Detective Carlos Estevez and, to a lesser degree, Detective Sergeant James Sansone and Detective Kartik Birudaraju. The facts related to the February 20, 2016 stop of Jeffrey Van Queen are set out in a February 7, 2022 Appellate Division decision, which is on-line here. The motor vehicle stop led to Van Queen's arrest and ultimate plea to a weapons offense which caused him to be sentenced to seven years in prison with a three and one-half year parole disqualifier.

The Appellate panel vacated Van Queen's conviction because, the words of the opinion, Estevez's basis for stopping Van Queen's vehicle "indicates a hunch and did not amount to objectively reasonable and articulable suspicion justifying an investigatory

stop." According to the court's opinion, "Estevez's decision to stop [Van Queen's] car was based entirely on the report from Sansone and Birudaraju of 'a black male coming out of a residence who appeared ... to have a rifle in his possession.'" Sansone and Birudaraju didn't inform Estevez of the type of vehicle that Van Queen was driving. The only information Estevez had when he made his decision to stop Van Queen was that a "black male" was driving a car in the direction indicated.

The court also found that the only reason why Sansone and Birudaraju were interested in Van Queen was because of the type of duffle bag he was carrying, the way he was carrying it and how "nervous" and "suspicious" he appeared (i.e. looking up and down a one-way street" and "looking in all directions" when he returned to his home. The court found that "[a] duffle bag lends itself to carrying a lot of things . . . [t]hat is the nature of a duffle bag." The court also found that looking around a one-way street and carrying a duffel bag with two hands is not sufficiently suspicious enough to warrant a reasonable suspicion of criminal behavior.

So, in sum, Van Queen's life has been turned upside down and thousands of dollars in attorney fees and court resources have been wasted due to Estevez's decision to stop a vehicle based on no more than a hunch. I would like Estevez (and, to lesser extent Sansone and Birudaraju) disciplined. ♦

Call for Candidates

by Jay Edgar

The election after a census triggered redistricting provides us with much lower thresholds to get on the ballot. The minimum number of signatures to get on the ballot for Congress is only 50 registered voters in your district. We seek to run candidates in each of NJ's 12 districts. Contact either NJLP leadership or your County Representative if you would like to run. Nominations begin during our upcoming Convention.

Note however that your district may have changed. See njlp.org/congressdistricts for a map of your current district.

Platform Committee Report

by Platform Committee

The platform committee of 2021-2022 consisted of Jay Edgar (Committee Chair), Liz Macron, Connor O'Keefe, Gregg Mele, Bill Sihr, Nikhil Sureshkumar, and Matthew Struck. We propose the following changes:

Proposal 1: Modify Section I-12, Government and Mental Health transition section as follows (stricken text indicates deletion, underlined text indicates an addition):

We call for the repeal of the last sentence of Article I, Paragraph 9 of the New Jersey Constitution, which permits the Legislature to authorize the trial of ~~authorizes~~ the issue of mental incompetency ~~to be decided~~ without a jury.

Rationale: Our concern is to preserve the right to a jury trial--even in cases of mental incompetency. We do not want to REPEAL the entire Paragraph 9. It affirms that the right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate.

This proposal was recommended by the committee 5 to 0.

Proposal 2: Add a new paragraph to Section I – 12 Transition section: “We call for the repeal of the Emergency Health Powers Act of 2005. (N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 et seq.). We call for the repeal of the Domestic Security Preparedness Act (N.J.S.A. App.A:9- 64).

Rationale. These laws form the basis of Murphy’s lockdowns and other restrictions. Many of the 2020 measures are relatively new and untested. Repeal of these laws would limit future excesses.

This proposal was recommended by the committee 4 to 0.

Proposal 3: Update section III-9 Election Laws

At the end add a new sentence: “We oppose any substantive change in electoral procedures through executive action.”

Rationale. In 2020 and 2021 election procedures in NJ are changed by Murphy’s executive orders. In 2020 these changes arguably violated the Federal Constitution in that electoral procedure is reserved for the legislature. In 2021 he is changing the electoral procedure for the elections in which he is himself participating, which smacks of self-dealing.

This proposal was recommended by the committee 6 to 0.

Proposal 4: Update section III-9 Election Laws:

Strike the entire paragraph: “We should return to the electoral system where there was no official ballot or candidate approval at all, and therefore no state restriction of access to a “single ballot.” Instead, voters submitted their own choices and had the option of using “tickets” or cards printed by candidates or political parties.”

Rationale. Such a system doesn't appear to be any better, but would discourage split ticket voting, electoral choice, and secrecy of the ballot. It would

encourage voter intimidation by political party operatives.

This proposal was recommended by the committee 6 to 0.

Proposal 5: Add the following to the end of the transition Section III -2 (Health Care):

We condemn government mandates placing sick patients alongside healthy customers in nursing homes during a pandemic. We oppose government interference mandating or prohibiting the use of face masks during a pandemic. We oppose government vaccination mandates being imposed on private employers and private business establishments.

Rationale: With the events of the past year the State and Federal government has asserted all sorts of powers in the name of fighting the pandemic. We thought it necessary to further state our opposition to the government using a pandemic to assert more power over us.

This proposal was recommended by the committee 5 to 0.

Bylaws Committee Report

by Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee consisting of Dan Karlan, Bill Sihr, Mark Kapengut, Dan Krause, Ken Kaplan, Chris Feeney, and Gregg Mele have approved the following proposals to be considered at the 2022 State Convention.

Proposal 1 (Allow for Email deliberation and Voting)

Add new Business Rule 6c.9 providing the rules for the State Board to vote and deliberate via email:

6c. 9. Board business may be held via email provided the following is observed:

a. If the business can be handled during a regular deliberative meeting it should not be considered via email. An exception can be made for any motion where all members of the body agree that it can be handled online.

b. Motion is made via email with the full text of the motion present in the email and a reply has been made to second the motion.

c. Upon seconding of such a motion, the Secretary, or other member acting in that capacity, shall notify all members of the Board, via some form of contemporaneous communication, that a motion has been made and the topic of such motion. The presumptive method for communication shall be by text message, however, any member may choose a different method of notification, provided they notify

the Secretary in writing of such other method, and provided it is easily available and will not create an undue burden on the Secretary

d. A minimum of two business days are provided for discussion.

e. After the minimum time for discussion a motion must be made to close discussion and to proceed to a vote.

f. A minimum of one business day is provided for voting, unless all members either vote or express their desire to not vote.

g. Anyone not voting will be counted as having voted in the negative.

h. The motion, second, and all votes shall be recorded by the secretary in the next regular business meeting minutes.

Rationale: Robert's Rules specifically states that voting via email is not allowed unless our Bylaws provides for it. Timeline for discussion was chosen to provide ample opportunity for discussion. Having discussion be closed via an affirmative vote ensures that members are participating in the proceedings. A full business day for voting allows for members to have different working and sleeping schedules.

This proposal was recommended by the committee 4 to 1.

Proposal 2 (Allow for Board and General Meetings to be by teleconference or video conference)

Delete from both paragraphs 6d and 6e the following text (two locations):

Meetings may be held by teleconference or videoconference, and the Committee shall have the power to adopt Special Rules of Order and Standing Rules to facilitate the conduct of business by teleconference or videoconference.

Add to Bylaws a new paragraph 6g.:

Any meeting may be held via teleconference or video conference as long as the meeting is held in accordance with the Bylaws, Business rules of the Party, and meeting decorum as specified in Robert's Rules of Order.

Rationale: Currently our business rules only allow for the Bylaws Committee and the Platform Committee to meet via "teleconference or videoconference". We should modify our bylaws to allow other bodies to meet this way. (General meetings, State Board, Ad-hoc committees).

This proposal was recommended by the committee 4 to 1.

Proposal 3 (Regional Composition Proposal)

Add to end of paragraph 11 f of the bylaws: "The assignment of counties to a region can be changed at the Convention by a vote of the majority of the NJLP members from that region in attendance."

Rationale: The method of moving Counties between regions has not been defined.

This proposal was recommended by the committee 3 to 2.

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Member Submitted Bylaws

Recommendation

by Carole Acton

I propose that we modify the Bylaws Paragraph 11f (Assignment of Counties to Regions) during our convention as follows. The effect is moving Union County from the Central Region to the Northern Region. (underlined text indicates insertion, stricken text indicates deletion)

Northern NJLP: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Mercer, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union, and Warren.

Central NJLP: Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Somerset ~~and Union~~.

Rationale: I recommend this change due to the location of Union County and the misallocated size of the two regions. Using the last membership report Northern Region only has 96 members while Central has 137.

There were 18 members in Union County when this report was generated, so this change would give the Northern Region 114 member and the Central Region 119 members.

Member Submitted Bylaws

Recommendation

by *Tim O'Brien and Rich Bowen*

I propose that we modify the Business Rule Paragraph 11 (Regional Organizations) as follows (underlined text indicates insertion, stricken text a deletion):

Regional Dues Share: the NJLP allocates 50% ~~\$5~~ per member per year to active Regional Organizations that have a treasurer and bank account, membership figures to be based on those who were members on the first day of the month preceding the month when the State Convention is held, and paid by quarterly installments in April/July/October/January. ~~before the end of the month following the State Convention.~~

Member Submitted Bylaws

Recommendation

by *Jay Edgar*

I have two bylaw change proposals that I would like to propose. While I propose them for consideration at Convention, I strongly believe that any Bylaws change proposals made by members at our convention be tabled for consideration by the Bylaws Committee.

Proposal 1: Place restrictions on member submitted Bylaws Changes:

Add paragraph h as a sub paragraph of Bylaws Paragraph 15:

h. Bylaws Amendment proposals submitted by members shall be signed by no less than five (5) Party members in the written notice. The Party Is not obligated to publish these proposals, rather the members making the proposal are responsible for cost of publishing these proposals.

Rationale: There have been many member submitted proposals that have been sent to the acting editor of our newsletter. Many of them, while well intentioned, have not been fully thought out by more than one person (**including this proposal!**). The Bylaws Committee exists to determine the suitability of proposed changes and to determine a proper number of changes to take up in business at our General Meetings. I do value the ability of proposing changes outside of the committee, but this should not be done by individuals acting on their own. For doing so wastes value meeting time, newsletter space, and may result in ill thought out proposals being adopted.

Proposal 2: update requirements for calling a general meeting

Update paragraph 6.a.1. as follows (underlined text indicates addition, stricken text indicates deletion):

General Meetings may be called by the State Chair, State Board, or by ~~5%~~ 10% of the entire NJLP membership ~~plus five members.~~ The completed petition shall be sent to the board at least three weeks prior to the planned meeting for validation. The full financial cost of the meeting shall be borne by the members calling the meeting unless the State Board decides otherwise.

Rationale: When the original requirements were originally drafted the action of obtaining signatures required meeting in person so a signature could be obtained. Today it is much easier to reach out to members with the use of digital signatures. We have a problem with a small number of members calling competing meetings of dubious value. Even when the cost of the meeting is not passed on to the membership, there is the cost of the time of our volunteers. As of today (mid-February) this would change the requirement from 22 members to 34 members.

Member Submitted Bylaws

Recommendation

by *Mark Kapengut*

1. Annual Convention.

Replace in 6.b.1: “The State Convention is a special General Meeting”, Striking “a special”, and replace it with “an annual”.

Rationale: This minor editing change would bring the terminology used in NJLP bylaws in line with RONR. NJ laws also require corporations such as NJLP to have an “annual meeting”. Much of the confusion in the run-up to January PGM was rooted in ambiguity how NJLP bylaws deal with special and regular meetings in RONR sense.

2. Regular General Meetings.

Add a new business rule under 6: “Unless explicitly stated otherwise, NJLP General Meetings shall be “regular meetings”.”

Rationale: Amid procedural confusion in January, the Chair staked a position that our summer and fall regular General Meetings are “special” per RONR. In my view, this is both a mistaken reading, and an approach actually damaging to NJLP, in that it undermines conduct of our GMs, starting with the next summer one. This imperfect emergency solution proposed here is offered as a stop-gap measure. It would override/amend this reading, allowing to conduct summer General

Meeting as has been the custom, and give time in the interim for the bylaws committee to develop a more robust longer term approach one way or another so that it can be presented to the membership at the next GM.

Member Submitted Bylaws Minority Report

by Mark Kapengut

Bylaws committee members are listed incorrectly on the nearby majority proposal; they were Dan Karlan (non-voting Acting Chair), Bill Sihr (Secretary), Daniel Krause, Chris Feeney (RIP), Mark Kapengut and Ken Kaplan. The Bylaws Committee majority presented a couple of flawed proposals.

1. Proposal 1 (Board email voting).

I recommend to **REJECT** this committee proposal as presented and to send it back to bylaws committee for further revisions. The debate in the committee has been short-circuited. Several further amendments are needed to make this more fool-proof and palatable.

a. Absentees count. This proposal is a needless deterioration from the current practice and may allow snap votes for political advantage. At present the Board using voting by email utilizes a modified procedure to count absentees, that better safeguards minority rights. The majority rejected language codifying this existing practice and failed to come up with a replacement.

b. Significance.

Amendment: "j. Matters of significant impact on the Party shall not be considered."

Rationale: Such matters should only be considered in an open session in regular order.

c. Openness. This proposal violates members access rights and is inconsistent with bylaws provision 6f.

Amendment:

"h. All Board business conducted by email, including discussion and voting shall be open to NJLP members, and they may offer their comments on business of the discussion prior to the vote."

Rationale: A move to codify voting by email should come with openness guarantees. Recently introduced board-monitor list is a step in the right direction but has not yet been codified as a business rule.

d. Reconsideration.

Amendment: "i. A motion to reconsider can be brought on any vote by email by at least 25% of the Board, including by a losing side. Such motion shall be voted upon at the next regular business meeting."

Rationale: This is another safeguard against possible manipulation of email voting.

Amendments b-d were ignored by the committee majority.

2. Proposal 2 (online General Meeting).

I recommend adopting amendments below, which would add safeguards making this proposal acceptable, or rejecting this proposal otherwise for further work by the bylaws committee.

A. Add new bylaws 6.a.6. "General Meetings can be held via video conference only in case of emergency. In situation of such an emergency, the Chair, the Secretary, and the VP of membership shall jointly certify that an emergency exists in the meeting notice and describe it in reasonable detail."

B. Add new bylaws 6.a.6, or as a business rule under 6. "Any decision of a General Meeting held online shall be reconsidered and voted upon by a next General Meeting held in person, provided that the request or motion for reconsideration is supported by no less than a quarter of members attending the former General Meeting."

Rationale. We need to retain strong presumption in favor of in-person General Meetings. However, in current external environment it may impossible to conduct an in-person meeting, which would necessitate an online one.

This provision adds two safeguards: that a true emergency must exist, and a lower plank for reconsideration which would reduce an incentive for possible foul play. I would like to stress that these safeguards were proposed and discussed back in November at the bylaws comm and may have sounded a bit exotic back then. However, a recent proposal for a second PGM in March provided a real-world example, vindicating both concerns.

This amendment was ignored by the Bylaws com majority.

3. Sufficient time provision for General Meetings.

Add new 6.a.6: "Sufficient time to conduct Party business shall be allowed for General Meetings."

Rationale: Our General Meetings are frequently and repeatedly plagued by time overruns and haste, mostly due to overly tight prior time estimates on the draft agenda. This clause would serve to rebalance the priorities and smooth out conduct of General Meetings.

The bylaws comm has first considered this clause in August. It deadlocked 2:2 due to reduced quorum, and it was tabled for further consideration and vote. In November session, it was ignored by the majority.

4. Open up Bylaws com records.

Add a new business rule under 6: “All records of the deliberations of Bylaws Committee shall be open to members.”

Rationale: This is consistent with our Openness policy (6f). The record of arguments and justification is useful to interested members considering whether to support or oppose committee’s bylaws proposals.

A sister proposal as a standing rule for the committee itself failed 3:2.

Member Submitted Platform Proposals

by *Mark Kapengut*

These proposals are a subset from a similar submission toward the Convention of 2021, left intentionally unchanged, except for light editing (some phrases feel already dated).

1. Sec. 1.5. Freedom of Communication

In Transition, change “We oppose any abridgment of the freedom of speech through censorship, government censorship, regulation, or control”.

Rationale: 2020 demonstrated that there are significant attempts at censorship coming from non-government or quasi-government sources. We should oppose this. Notice that no specific solutions are being proposed at this time etc.

[**Editor note:** This proposal was unanimously rejected by the Platform Committee.]

2. Sec 1.7. Discrimination.

At the end add a new sentence. “We oppose any discrimination based on vaccination status, in non-healthcare settings.”

Rationale. While mass vaccination is a positive thing, there are a lot of talk among statistis of requiring “green passports” or “proof of vaccination” for assorted live activities.

[**Editor note:** This proposal was unanimously rejected by the Platform Committee.]

5. Sec 3.2. Health Care.

Add a new paragraph:

We oppose government effort to limit treatment options, including of the novel coronavirus during pandemic.

We support selling generic drugs that have been on the market for over10 years, without prescription OTC.

We condemn pandemic-fueling government mandates placing sick patients alongside healthy customers in nursing homes.

We oppose government mandates or prohibition of consumption of any healthcare product or service.

We oppose government mandates, prohibition or interference in private sartorial choices, including face masks.

We oppose government mandating any non-pharmaceutical interventions that have not been proven safe and effective.

Rationale. These were some of the more egregious measures deployed by NJ during the pandemic in 2020.

NJLP Affiliates with Voter Choice NJ

by *Bill Sahr*

Earlier last year the Party officially affiliated with Voter Choice New Jersey, which is an NPO dedicated to enacting reform in the State to enable ranked-choice voting. For those who are unaware, RCV is an alternative to the existing first-past-the-post method where instead of the person with the most votes being elected (regardless of whether they received a majority or not) voters would rank the candidates based on preference. If your top pick fails to get a majority an automatic run-off vote begins. Through a process of elimination, a candidate is picked based on overall majority preference.

This system is great as it actually promotes majority rule (which is the purpose of a democratic system), eliminates the spoiler effect and it encourages people to vote their conscience, rather than voting for the lesser of two evils.

In a conference call between the NJLP and VCNJ we were asked to pass along information to our membership. VCNJ is seeking assistance in several counties with outreach efforts. They are looking for activists in Atlantic City, Camden, Chesterfield, Dunellen, Howell, Jersey City, Maplewood, Mansfield, Montclair, Newark, Princeton, Red Bank, and South and West Orange. If you live in or around these locations, please reach out to April Nicklaus (aprilnicklaus@yahoo.com), or email the VP of Programs and they will forward your correspondence along to VCNJ.

This affiliation is a great opportunity for all of NJ. It gives the citizens of NJ the opportunity to exercise their consciousness in the voting booth without worrying that their selection might inadvertently aid their worst-case scenario. I urge all NJLP activists who can help to do so. If you have any questions please contact the VP of Programs, or the VP of Political Affairs for more details.

Saturday,
March 12th
9:00 AM

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Convention 2022

**The Loft at Edgewater Manor,
Edgewater Park, NJ**



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SPIKE COHEN, FORMER LP VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE**

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Are you a current member? **Please consider joining.**

I'd like to join the NJ Libertarian Party! I have checked the level at which I want to join and have enclosed the corresponding dues. I certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals.

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