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NJLP Members to Consider Bylaws Changes and Elect Officers at General Meeting

Members attending the 2005 Annual Picnic and General Meeting will have important **bylaws changes** to consider. The proposed changes are on pages 7, 8 and 9.

Members in attendance will also be **voting for Chair, Vice Chair and Member At-Large** to fill several vacancies on the Steering Committee that are currently filled by Interim Officers.

The meeting and picnic will be held in Polanka Park, South River, at 1 pm on July 9th. For directions see Page 2.

Annual Picnic adds Fun and Socializing to General Meeting

Come devour big government at our Annual Summer Picnic. This year's picnic promises to be the best ever. The **Pawlowski for Governor** campaign is footing the bill for this year's event, and donating the facility, the pig, and the soda. Bring your own side dishes, and perhaps enough to share. Alcoholic beverages are not provided, but are welcome. There is a playground for the children, and horseshoe pits for the adults. Polanka Park is a beautiful wooded picnic area complete with full kitchen, refrigeration, charcoal grills, gazebo, covered dance area, clean restrooms, and much more. Bring a friend! Directions and map on Page 2.

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Special General Meeting Results

On May 15, 2005 a special general meeting was held for the purpose of consideration of the removal of Brian Phillips as Chair of the NJLP.

The members assembled voted unanimously to remove Mr. Phillips as Chair of the New Jersey Libertarian Party.

In other business: The members voted to accept the resignations of Tom Abrams, Vice Chair and William Goerke, At Large Steering Committee Member. Ken Kaplan was elected as Interim Chair, Pat Bontempo was elected as Interim Vice-Chair. Jeanne Macron was elected as an Interim At Large Steering Committee Member.

Elections for Chair and Vice Chair will be held at the July General Meeting.

For the minutes of the May 15th meeting, see Page 4.



Above – Dr. John Taylor congratulates newly elected Interim Vice Chair Pat Bontempo.

Below, far right, new Interim State Chair Ken Kaplan joins Treasurer Lou Stefanelli, Secretary Emerson Ellett, and At Large-Member Liz Macron



Announcements

Audit Committee Seeks Members

At the May 24th State Board meeting, Jay Edgar was named chair of the audit committee. This committee will perform an internal audit of the NJLP finances and report its findings to the membership.

The committee is seeking members with a financial background to help with the audit. If interested contact Jay at jay@redgar.com or (609)758-0975.

In the Loop?

The NJLP Announce List is a means whereby all members can be advised of events, meetings and special announcements. If you have not been receiving emails regarding NJLP activities please send Bob Hull your email address and request to be added to the NJLP Announce List. You can email Bob at rhull@wallnet.com

Calendar

June 12, 2005

Steering Committee Meeting

1 pm, 24 Inverness Dr., Marlboro (Ken Chazotte's home)

July 9, 2005

Annual NJLP Picnic and General Meeting

1 pm, Polanka Park in South River

Directions to Annual Picnic and General Meeting, Polanka Park, South River

The Polish War Veterans Picnic Grounds is located less than a mile off Route 18 in South River, NJ (near East Brunswick).

From the Garden State Parkway -

Southbound

1a. Take Exit 124 - Toward Sayreville/South River 0.1 miles

Northbound

1a. Take Exit 125 - Toward Route 35/Sayreville/South Amboy 0.2 miles

b. Turn Left to take the Chevalier Avenue ramp 0.1 miles

c. Turn Left onto Main Street extension. 1.3 miles

2. Turn slight Right onto CR-670/ West Main Street 2.7 miles

3. Turn Right onto McArthur Avenue 1.0 miles

4. Turn Right onto CR-535/Veterans Memorial Bridge 0.7 miles

5. Turn Right onto CR-677/ Reid Street 0.3 miles

6. Turn Right onto William Street 0.4 miles

From the Turnpike

1. Take Exit 9, Route 18 /US-1/New Brunswick/Shore Resorts. 0.6 miles

2. Take the Route 18 South ramp toward South River/East Brunswick. 0.2 miles

3. Merge onto NJ-18 South. 0.9 miles

4. Continue with directions below.

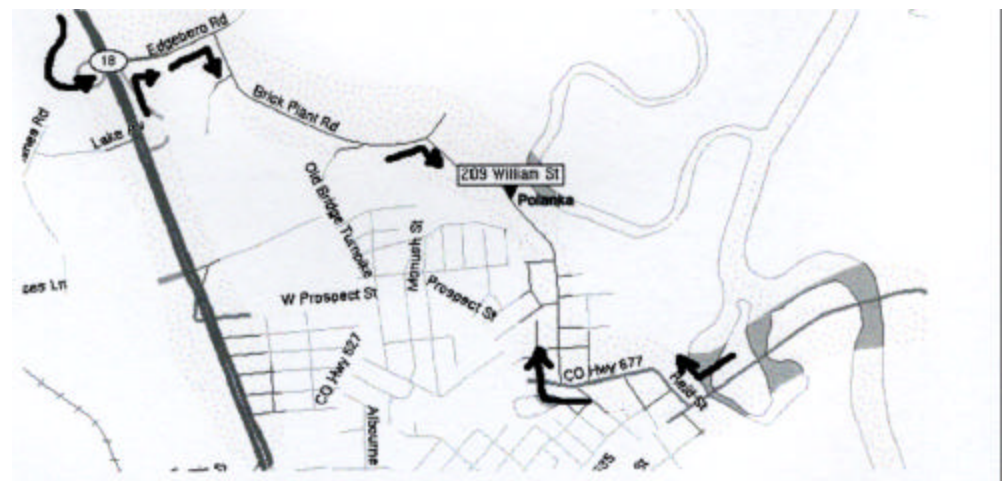
From Route 18

1. Take the Edgeboro Road ramp toward Old Bridge Turnpike 0.1 miles

2. Turn left onto Edgeboro Road 0.2 miles

3. Turn Right onto Brick Plant Road 0.5 miles

4. Turn Right onto William Street 0.2 miles



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Pawlowski for Governor Campaign Update

By the time that this issue of the New Jersey Libertarian is published the Pawlowski campaign will have successfully submitted sufficient signatures to get Jeff's name on the ballot. The campaign wishes to send out a big thank you to those who have helped with the petitioning.

The campaign has been very busy. This past month Jeff campaigned at many events and publicized his candidacy throughout the state. On May 9th Jeff spoke at Ramapo College during a symposium on Campaign Finance Reform. He questioned the constitutionality of the regulation of political speech.

On May 20th, both Dennis and Judy of the popular Dennis and Judy radio show threw their support behind Jeff. During an interview with Jeff, Dennis stated that Jeff is "his guy" and that voting libertarian is "the only way to go."

On May 24th, Jeff addressed the Citizen's Against Tolls forum. He shared the viewpoint of many guests that the toll system is inefficient and dangerous. Jeff called for an end to the NJ Turnpike Authority and the many patronage jobs it provides.

Now that petitioning is complete the campaign needs to concentrate on fundraising and publicizing Jeff and the Libertarian party. Your funds could help to insure that Jeff is included in the debates. We need to raise funds quickly so that we can afford to do a nationwide fundraiser. Please consider sending in a donation today. Details and more information is at Jeff's website: <http://pawlowskiforgovernor.org>

Long-time NJLP member and activist Pat Bontempo (on right) makes his donation to the Pawlowski For Governor campaign. Accepting Pat's check is Pawlowski for Governor committee member Jay Boucher. The donation was made at a May 5th meeting in Manchester Township (Ocean County).

Have YOU made YOUR donation, yet?
You can contribute to the campaign at:

Pawlowski for Governor
P.O. Box 177
South Amboy, NJ 08879-0177

Website:

<http://www.PawlowskiForGovernor.org>
(or, <http://www.Pawlowski2005.org>)

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Minutes: NJLP Special General Meeting May 15, 2005

Morganville First Aid Building,
273 Tennent Road, Morganville, NJ

Call To Order: 1:10 pm

Quorum Call: 36 voting members present at start of meeting—11 more members arrived during meeting.

Emerson Ellett, NJLP Secretary, chaired the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda: Passed

First Order of Business—Removal of Chair

Motion by Elizabeth Macron to remove Brian J. Phillips as Chair of the NJLP:

MR. CHAIRMAN: I PRESENT A MOTION TO REMOVE MR. BRIAN J. PHILLIPS FROM HIS POSITION AS CHAIR OF THE NJLP.

Mr. Brian J. Phillips was narrowly elected Chair on March 19 of this year. Since that time, he has shown by his actions and words that he is ill suited to the role of Chair. The Steering Committee called this General Meeting to consider removing Mr. Phillips from office, as he is unfit to serve.

Mr. Phillips began by attacking key volunteers. For example, he threatened to “fire” our Newsletter Editor, Deb Sackett; our Membership Coordinator, Robert Hull, and our Convention Organizer, Jay Edgar. He presumed that his position as Chair gave him the power to run the party single-handedly.

In addition to threatening to “fire” hardworking volunteers, he has attempted to make appointments without the approval of the State Board or Steering Committee, in violation of the By-Laws.

Mr. Phillips has attempted to close or restrict access to party meetings, change meeting locations on inadequate notice, cancel meetings and change the Party’s business rules—without the required advice and approval of the Steering Committee or the consent of the State Board.

Mr. Phillips has made defamatory communications to our members, to the National Party, to Liberty For All, to JerseyPolitics.com and to the New Jersey Attorney General’s office.

Mr. Phillips has written open letters to the NJLP membership wherein he refers to myself, Mr. Stefanelli, Mr. & Mrs. Flynn, Mr. Ellett and Mr. Hull as “animal waste,” and “fetid feces.” He says we are an “insane criminal cabal.” I am informed that several members have removed unsubscribed to the Announce list because of Mr. Philips’ venomous and disturbing communications.

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Mr. Phillips has claimed that there are 30 to 50 members of this party who are so angry they will only communicate with him. None of these 30 to 50 people have ever been named, nor have they ever shown up at any meetings. And, notwithstanding their claimed existence and anger, Mr. Phillips elsewhere laments that he stands alone. He asserts that the entire party membership is apathetic, complacent and deluded by the “criminals” who have been running the party for 25 years.

If Mr. Phillips continues as Chair, this party and its candidates will be crippled. Accordingly, I speak in favor of his removal from office.

Motion passed unanimously (36-0)

The membership honored Ray Cragle’s request that he be replaced as an Assembly candidate in the 14th District by Jason Scheurer. Bill Hunsicker is the other Assembly candidate in the 14th.

The membership then discussed whether or not a new Chair should be elected. Ellett ruled that a new Chair could not be elected at this meeting because the entire membership should be notified of the election. Len Flynn appealed Ellett’s ruling.

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Above, Tony Federici (right) speaks as Mike Pierone looks on.

Below, NJLP Treasurer Lou Stefanelli answers members’ questions on the National LP Dues situation, and the National LP’s “Raiser’s Edge” software problems that have resulted in members’ National memberships not being renewed.



A discussion followed. Rob Tannen suggested that an "Interim" Chair be elected and that elections for a permanent Chair take place at the General Meeting scheduled for July 9.

The membership then voted to overrule Ellett.

Ken Kaplan was then elected (unanimously) to be Interim Chair.

It was then reported that Tom Abrams, NJLP Vice-Chair, and Bill Goerke, NJLP Steering Committee Member-at-Large, had both resigned their positions. It was also noted that Darren Young, Campaign Support Committee Chair had also resigned. Tony Federici volunteered to call Abrams, Goerke, and Young to speak with them and to encourage them to continue their activism.

Chris Weimann moved that the body accept the resignations of Tom Abrams and Bill Goerke. Dan Mikulsky seconded. The motion passed

Election for an "Interim" Vice-Chair was held.

Pat Bontempo was unanimously elected to be Interim Vice-Chair.

Bill Hunsicker and Jeanne Macron were nominated to fill the position of Interim Member-at-Large of the Steering Committee. Hunsicker was not present. Jeanne Macron was present and spoke to the membership. Jeanne was elected to fill the position (Macron-45, Hunsicker-1).

Pawlowski Campaign Update: Jay Edgar reported that the campaign for governor was moving steadily forward—but of course always had a need for funds. The campaign is halfway to its first fundraising goal of \$30,000.

Right now the most pressing need is for petitioners. 800 signatures from registered New Jersey voters are required for the governor's race. We need to file at least 1200 signatures by the deadline—June 7, 2005.

Jeff Pawlowski spoke to the membership about the campaign activities. He asked every person present to get 20-25 signatures.

Dues Issues with National LP: Lou Stefanelli, NJLP Treasurer, reported to the membership about the problems with the National LP. He said that last summer's May/June check to National was deposited, but the members listed on the accompanying report were never processed. National failed to deposit checks for July and November 2004. Lou has received no response from National regarding the April 29, 2005 letter he sent to Michael Dixon, National LP Chair, listing the problems noted above. Stefanelli included a check and membership report with his letter.

NJLP has 3 volunteers (Chris Weimann, Jay Boucher, Bob Hull) trying to decipher the data "dumps" National has been sending since switching to new software—Raiser's Edge. The data arrives with no explanation about the new codes being used. Other states are having similar problems and Chris has been working online with LP members in other states trying to solve the data problems. He reports that National LP has been no help in this endeavor.

[Former Libertarian National Committee member Lorenzo Gaztanaga and his wife Susan arrived from Maryland LP. They were introduced and Lorenzo said that Michael Dixon had asked them to attend our meeting and observe what transpired. Ray Babecki was video taping the meeting, so he was able to show the Gaztanagas what they had missed.]

Tom Wright suggested that the Agenda for the July General Meeting include an update of the problems with National LP regarding dues and memberships with a discussion of possible financial disaffiliation with National if the problems remain unsolved. This was accepted.

Announcements:

Ray Cragle said he had received a notice to candidates from Trenton regarding the necessity for candidates to file criminal disclosure reports by June 7.

Barry Allen talked about a successful OPH booth that even caught the (mild) interest of Doug Forrester, candidate for governor in the Republican Primary.

Ray Babecki told the membership that the libertarian public access talk show, Third Point of View, which he directs, is on summer hiatus. The show will begin again the third Saturday in September. Ray is always looking for panelists and people to operate cameras.

Frank Warren, who is NJLP Petition Coordinator, reported that candidate petitions can be printed from (insert website). He has now added petitions that hold 10 and 30 signatures in addition to the regular petitions which hold 100.

Future Meetings:

May 22, 2005 State Board Meeting, Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick, 1 pm.

June 12, 2005 Steering Committee Meeting, Ken Chazotte's home, Marlboro, 1 pm.

July 9, 2005 Annual Picnic & General Meeting, Polanka Park in South River.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Flynn

Acting Secretary

Draft Minutes of the New Jersey Libertarian State Board Meeting May 22, 2005

Interim Chair Ken Kaplan called the meeting to order at 1 pm in Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick.

Kaplan recognized Brian Phillips as an NJLP member but not a State Board member, after Phillips requested to make a statement. Phillips contended that the May 15, 2005 General Meeting that removed him from his position as chair was invalid because it considered matters other than his removal. He also stated that the announcement of the meeting was improper because it included a list of reasons why he should be removed, and was not paid for by party funds. Kaplan ruled that the meeting was properly held. Phillips then urged that anyone who believed in the rules should leave the meeting, and departed.

Pursuant to bylaws provision 4.d.6 the Steering Committee approved the voting authority of the alternate member-designates to the present State Board meeting:

Chris Weimann for Virginia Flynn

Mike Pierone for Len Flynn

Jay Boucher for Jeanne Macron

Jeff Pawlowski for Lou Stefanelli

Ray Babecki for Elizabeth Macron

Other State Board members present in addition to Kaplan and the alternate members were Interim Vice Chair Pat Bontempo, Secretary Emerson Ellett, At-large member Robert Hull, Dameyon Beaman (Burlington County representative), Bill Hunsicker (Mercer) and Jay Edgar (Monmouth). Absent were Dan Ianetti (Camden), Bill Groefhrer (Ocean), Frank Warren (Somerset) and Darren Young (Union). -- Victor Kaplan attended as an observer from Warren County.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the May 15, 2005 General Meeting were approved.

There was no Treasurer's report.

Unfinished business.

Bylaws. Hull presented ten proposed changes that he will submit to the newsletter editor for inclusion in the next issue. Bontempo moved, and Hull seconded, a motion to consider the proposed changes at the General Meeting July 9. The motion carried. A motion to purchase additional copies of the bylaws was deferred to the General Meeting.

Bontempo moved, and Pierone seconded, a motion to put the bylaws on the web site. The motion carried.

Candidate support committee. Barry Allen will work with Frank Warren to ascertain the status of candidates' petitions.

Campaign reports. Pawlowski said he needs more signatures to get on the ballot. Last week he spent 10 minutes on air with Dennis and Judy of 101.5 radio, and NY1 has done a TV spot on his candidacy. But without sufficient signatures all will be for nought.

Audit of books. Kaplan appointed Jay Edgar Acting Chair of the audit committee. Mike Pierone and Bill Hunsicker volunteered. Jay will call for additional volunteers via the newsletter. John Paff offered an audit manual to the committee. The audit will cover the past five years and is due in August.

New business.

Appointment of college coordinator. The State Board unanimously accepted Kevin Ferrizzi's offer to be the NJLP's college coordinator. Kevin has just completed his sophomore year at Gloucester County Community College.

Restraining order against former chair. Hull moved, and Bontempo seconded, a motion that the NJLP seek a restraining order against Brian Phillips, on the grounds that he still represents himself to be the chair, and is using the NJLP mailing list despite Kaplan's certified letter to him informing him of the General Meeting's decision to remove him from office and directing him cease using the mailing list. The motion failed.

Announcements.

Jeff Pawlowski will be a speaker at the Citizens Against Tolls forum at the Hampton Inn, Woodbridge on May 24 at 7:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Emerson Ellett

Bylaws Proposals to be Considered by Members at July 9th General Meeting

The Bylaws Committee (Bob Hull, (chair), Dan Karlan, Bill Hunsicker, John Paff, Len Flynn) has a bunch (the technical term) of Bylaws proposals to submit.

There is a hidden serious difficulty in the Bylaws. In three places, Officers, At-Large Steering Committee members, and County Representatives (in effect, all State Board members except those nominated by petition!) are selected for a term of one year. The Bylaws elsewhere specify that the Convention must be held between February 1 and March 31. If one Convention is held (for example) in February, then all terms of the State Board (except as noted above) expire the following February. If the next Convention is held in March, then for some days or weeks, WE HAVE NO STATE BOARD, including officers. On the other hand, if one Convention is held in late March and the next one in early March (for example), then for some weeks we have overlapping Steering Committees. The specification of the terms as being "for one year" is the culprit, and is in fact advised against by Robert's Rules of Order. Our solution is to propose:

Change 5.c.4.c **"The term of office for a County Representative shall be one year."** to **"The term of office for a County Representative shall be until the conclusion of the next State Convention or when their successors are elected."**

Change 5.d.1 **"The Steering Committee shall consist of the NJLP Officers and three at-large members elected by the State Convention for a term of one year...."** to **"The Steering Committee shall consist of the NJLP Officers and three at-large members elected by the State Convention for a term to expire at the conclusion of the next State Convention or when their successors are elected...."**

Change 6 (2nd sentence) **"They shall be elected at the State Convention for a term of one year."** to **"They shall be elected at the State Convention for a term to expire at the conclusion of the next State Convention or when their successors are elected."**

These should be proposed and voted upon together: it makes no sense to divide this question, as each solves its local problem without affecting the other two, but all three are problematic.

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The Business Rules we incorporated in November 2003. 8.c explicitly specifies that Chris Weimann is the moderator of all NJLP e-mail lists. It is quite inappropriate for any such appointment to be incorporated in the organization's documents. We propose simply deleting that last sentence of Business Rule 8. Note particularly that this is NOT intended as any reflection on the quality of the job performance of Mr. Weimann.

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We propose changing Section 5.d.2, to eliminate an inconsistency in language:

The current sentence reads:

It shall also give advice and consent to the appointments made by the State Chair as provided herein.

Remove the words **"give advice and consent to"** and replace them with the word **"approve"**.

The new sentence will read:

It shall also approve the appointments made by the State Chair as provided herein.

Reason:

This section should be in accordance with section 6a, which reads (in part) **"create and appoint standing and special committees (subject to the *approval* of the NJLP Steering Committee); and appoint or remove the Party Counsel and Newsletter Editor, both actions subject to the *approval* of the Steering Committee."** (Emphasis added.)

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The Bylaws committee was asked to draft a policy pursuant to a NJ Statute regarding the participation of candidates in continuing political committees. The letter ruling is available on request.

We propose to insert a new statement at the end of Business Rules 2. Purpose:

No Officer or member of the Steering Committee or State Board shall be a candidate for public office.

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Bylaws Proposals, Continued

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The Bylaws specify that the State Board *resolutions* supersede Steering Committee resolutions. We believe the hierarchy Steering Committee < State Board < General Meeting should be made clearer and more substantive. For example, it is not clear that where Steering Committee approval is required (see above), State Board approval is acceptable. To make this explicit, we propose adding the following sentence to 5.c.5:

Wherever Steering Committee approval is specified, State Board approval shall suffice.

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We note that the procedure for amending the Rules explicitly makes it possible for the Steering Committee or State Board to undo or alter the wishes of the membership. To correct this inconsistency, we propose an addition to Bylaws 14: Amendments, as

e. The Standing Business Rules may be amended by a majority vote at any General Meeting.

And deleting the contents completely of Business Rules 14: Amendments.

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We note that a tradition within the NJLP has come under fire and question recently, and we want to make sure that the tradition is upheld by formalizing it in the Bylaws. Thus we propose

5.e Openness Policy

The NJLP is not a secret organization. All NJLP meetings are open to NJLP members and such attendees may offer their comments on business of the meeting, if time permits.

On rare occasions when a meeting must deal with confidential matters, PART of a meeting may be closed for cause by a three-fourths vote. Members excluded by such an executive session shall be provided with an explanation for the exclusion and the remaining meeting participants will provide a summary of actions decided to those excluded after the executive session is concluded.

Members of the public are usually welcomed to attend NJLP meetings as guests of NJLP members. Such guests may speak, if the members of the meeting by majority vote wish to hear the guest.

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In keeping with making explicit all incidental officials, as they appear in the Business Rules (8), we propose adding to the Bylaws 8, new (c, d, e): E-list Moderators, and qualifying the Newsletter Editor. We propose the following amendments:

Change 8.b from **"Newsletter Editor."** to **"Newsletter Editor, who must be a member of the NJLP."**

Similarly, the new 8.c would be

"Announce e-list moderator, who must be a member of the NJLP."

8.d would be

"Activists e-list moderator, who must be a member of the NJLP."

And 8.e would be

"Candidates e-list moderator, who must be a member of the NJLP."

Note that having separately-listed moderators does not require that a different person occupy those roles.

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Our next proposal recognizes a difficulty that emerged recently. While the difficulty might have been resolved, an issue at bottom has not been addressed. Our Bylaws specify that the appointment of any standing or special committee by the Chair requires approval by the Steering Committee (if #5 above is passed, State Board approval will also work). We think that should be amended. It is appropriate to allow any Special Committee to be formed by sufficient support from the general membership, bypassing the leadership, as a new 5.f:

5.f Special Committees

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Bylaws Proposals, Continued

Any Special Committee may be constituted by the submission to the Secretary of a petition containing the name and purpose of the committee to be formed, the composition of the committee (including Chair), the date at which the report of the Committee will be presented (after which the Committee will be discharged), and the signatures of _% of the membership plus 5 members. (Blank is to be filled in during debate.)

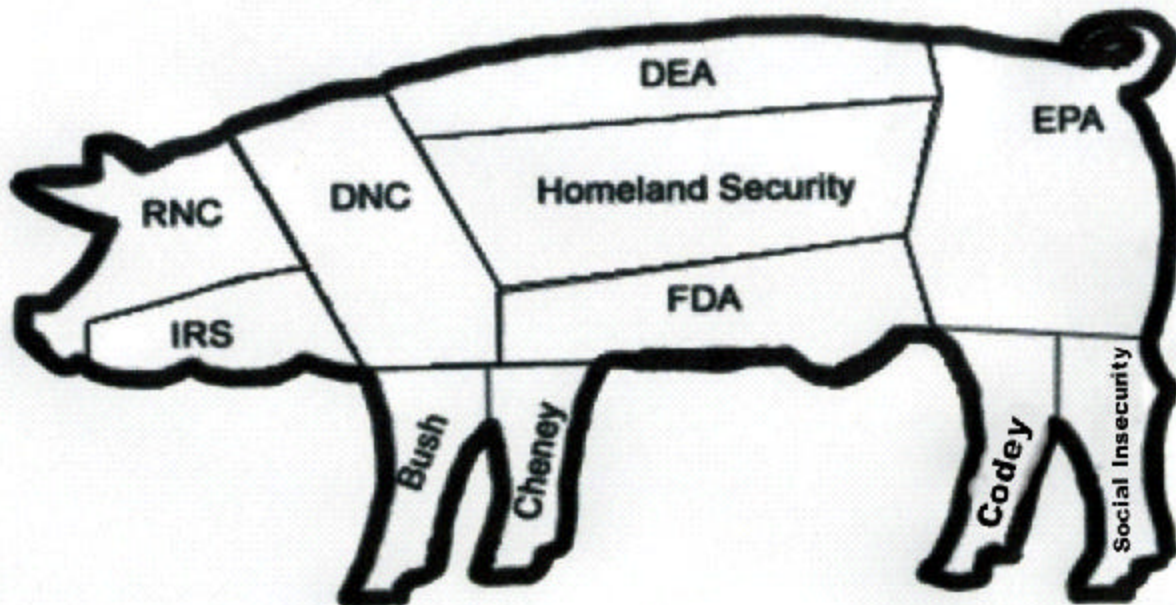
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A regular (bi-annual) audit should be stipulated by the Bylaws. Therefore we propose amending 5.d.2 with the addition of the following sentence:

A bi-annual audit of the NJLP shall be conducted under the direction of the Steering Committee and the results distributed at State Conventions held in odd-numbered years.

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NJLP PIG ROAST



Come devour Big Government!

NJLP Annual Picnic and General Meeting

**Hosted by the Pawlowski for Governor campaign, who will be
picking up the tab for the event!**

Polanka Park, South River Saturday, July 9th 1 PM

Meet the Candidate! Enjoy great food!

More details and directions on Page 2

**NJ Governor “Recognizes and Commends”
Writer of Letter to Ayn Rand
Son of NJLP member and Free State Project Board of
Directors Member Evan Nappen
Wins with “Anthem” Essay**



May 18, 2005 -- Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Lucille Davy, Special Counsel to the Acting Governor of New Jersey, Richard J. Codey, presented a Governor's Proclamation to Ethan Nappen, State Finalist in the national reading-writing contest sponsored by the Library of Congress, Center for the Book. The contest is called *Letters About Literature*. After reading *Anthem* by Ayn Rand, Ethan composed a letter to the author (below) as required by the contest rules. The Library of Congress received and judged over 50,000 entries. There were over 2,300 entries submitted from students across New Jersey. Ethan, who is in eighth grade, was one of 34 Level II (7th-8th grade) finalists.

New Jersey, which was just named the third most-indebted state in the U.S., is infamous for its overregulation of business, political corruption, erosion of personal freedom, disdain for individual rights, aggressive enforcement of *Malum Prohibitum* laws, legal embrace of political correctness, and high taxation. Rand's *Anthem* deals with a future society in which collectivism and the good of the State reign supreme over the individual and even the concept of individuality. It is therefore quite ironic that the Acting Governor of New Jersey “recognizes and commends” Ethan for an essay in praise of Ayn Rand's philosophy of objectivism.

Equality 7-2521
1200 West Park Avenue
Ocean, New Jersey 07712

Dear Ms. Ayn Rand,

We are reading your book, Anthem, after discovering it in the great tunnel below the ground. It somehow must have escaped the great book burnings of the unmentionable times. Although we commit a sin by reading your book and by writing this letter, we find it fascinating as it espouses concepts never before encountered by us in the Home of the Students. After completing our experiments with the copper wire and the glass box, we will resume writing this letter on paper made thousands of years ago. Tomorrow, we intend to show the glass box to the World Counsel of Scholars and give it to mankind as our gift.

We are hiding in the great tunnel below the ground. We long for the Golden One, but we are afraid that all is lost because the World Counsel of Scholars has proclaimed that Equality 7-2521 has broken all laws and that we shall be burned at the stake for thinking that our mind held greater wisdom than the collective mind of the World Counsel of Scholars. We must flee into the uncharted forest where death surely awaits us. We expect to be devoured by vicious animals, but our only regret is that we will never again see the Golden One. We probably will not be able to finish this letter or finish reading your book, but we are bringing them with us on our perilous flight into the uncharted forest. The book and the letter provides us with a peculiar comfort.

We are the happiest we have ever been because the Golden One and we are together. We are gathering our own food. We are getting further away from the City and from the air that touches upon it. Ahead of our trail we have spotted a white flame among the trees. We do not know what it is, but we will climb up to see it. We must stop writing for now as the climb awaits us.

I have finished reading your book, and I have read many other books as well. I have learned much, but there still is much to learn. I understand the meaning of the sacred word. I will never live my life for another. I now have a new name for myself, and I am Ethan Nappen.

I Remain,
Ethan Nappen

Libertarians in Print

Tuesday, May 17th, Daily Record

Response to Generations will pay off plan

Sandra Desmedt of Boonton is correct that future generations will pay dearly for the selfish mistakes of both our state and federal leaders.

The Daily Record recently ran a great series on how past governors and legislatures traded our future for their immediate short term gains with the voters, unions and special interests by making promises that can't be kept. The same can be said for Social Security, (Ms. Desmond there is no trust fund), United Airlines, General Motors and Medicare are all in trouble for making commitments to present and future retirees that they can't afford to keep. They all breached an inferred fiduciary responsibility in my opinion but we can't go after them as individuals.

What we can do is send a message as voters that we WANT to take care of our own matters. Give us the choice to opt out of the failing Social Security system, those among us that are genetically predisposed to socialism can choose to stay in. Government entities and corporations

are going to have to move towards contributory 401k style plans if only to stop burdening our children and grand children with even higher taxes than we pay today. We simply can't keep electing the same tired old candidates that offer more government laws and mandates as the solution to all societies problems. Libertarians and true conservatives in the Goldwater mode must get elected and stop this massive spending growth year after year. Get the federal government out of our lives except where constitutionally called for, return power to the states and let individuals and families get on with their lives never having to trust the lies politicians have fed us ad nauseam!

Craig Chapman
Pine Brook, NJ

May 12, 2005, The Kenilworth Leader

"Point of View", by Alex Pugliese

When people think of heroes, they usually think of the police officer on duty, the firefighter fighting a three-alarm fire, armed forces personnel fighting in combat or the athlete giving his or her all in a sporting event.

However, there is another kind of hero that is not talked about at all. A hero that puts his or her talents and creativity to work to better provide for people's needs and wants. I am referring to the business person.

The business person is a hero because he or she gets up every day to provide goods and services to individuals and consumers.

It is he or she who provides products that people want or need whether it be medicines, cars, computers, electronics, homes, food, financial services, building services, legal services, news services and so on.

It is the business person that accumulates his or her talent and mind to creating wealth, and it is he or she that creates not only the American way of life but economic prosperity for all in that atmosphere that is called freedom.

The business person is also one who provides jobs and opportunities for all. He or she cannot serve clients and customers without a helping hand, and it is he or she who is always willing to negotiate and offer reasonable wages and benefits to prospective employees for the purpose of bringing their products and services to market.

Sadly, in our society and popular culture, Americans treat the business person with scorn. Most Americans have this fixation that the business person is one that puts profits over people; one that undercuts his or her associates, customers and clients; one that exploits workers for the almighty dollar; and one that engages in deceptive practices to make a quick buck. They'll cite numerous examples of this.

Now I do not deny that there are some business people, unfortunately, that commit such actions, however, they are always punished when they not only face the law but when they have to face that entity called the free market. They are punished by people of conscience who choose not to do business with them.

A perfect example of this occurred during the 1980s and 90s. Prudential Insurance Company was prosecuted in all 50 states for engaging in “twisting.” That is, inducing a person to purchase a similar insurance policy with another agent.

Prudential eventually settled and made restitution to those it harmed. In the process, the marketplace punished the company when it experienced declining sales and when its stock suffered immensely.

Aside from being scorned because of stereotype, the business person is also scorned by government. Business people and the businesses they lead often have to face the prospect of being overtaxed, having the prices of their goods and services fixed, and having to experience the burden of being overregulated.

This makes it very difficult to not only open up a business, but it makes it hard to bring forth new ideas, technologies and innovations to the public.

I see this today in the state of New Jersey where Trenton politicians have overregulated the auto insurance industry, thus making it difficult for those insurers to do business in the Garden State.

Philosopher Ayn Rand once said “America’s abundance was not created by public sacrifices to the common good but by the productive genius of free men.”

When free from the chains that bind him or her, the business person can provide many needs and wants. Yet Americans have chosen to handcuff and punish business people. Because of that, we all suffer and that entity called the American dream suffers along with it.

Alex Pugliese, Kenilworth

Herald News Story cites John Paff, Libertarian Party

Note from John Paff: The following appeared in the Herald News. I wrote to Elmwood Park Borough Council, its attorney and its police chief after reading an earlier article by Heather Kays on the loitering issue.

I'm sending in a request for a correction on two issues: 1) I'm not an attorney (I just play one on TV :) and 2) it wasn't a court case that invalidated Flemington's ordinance.

Loitering law may not have leg to stand on

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

By HEATHER KAYS
HERALD NEWS

ELMWOOD PARK - Borough Attorney Louis Mangano wants to take a longstanding loitering ordinance off the books, after Police Chief Don Ingrasselino recently questioned its legality.

During an April meeting on the proposed building of a convenience store, Ingrasselino said the loitering law is unconstitutional and could not be enforced.

After learning of the dispute, John Paff, an attorney in Somerset who has fought loitering ordinances in several municipalities contacted Mangano, the mayor and the council.

Paff, a Libertarian Party member who fought and won a case against Flemington's loitering ordinance, agrees with Ingrasselino and is urging the borough to remove the ordinance from its books.

"While I am not sure about Police Chief Ingrasselino's reported statement that Elmwood Park's loitering ordinance is unconstitutional, I do believe that it is unenforceable because it has been preempted by the New Jersey Criminal Code," Paff wrote in a letter to local officials. Paff wrote that the court decision overturning Flemington's ordinance - which he called "virtually identical" to Elmwood Park's - supported his contention.

At Thursday's meeting, Mangano said that the ordinance, which has been around since the 1960s, should be removed.

"The borough cannot have ordinances that are different from what the state is legislating," Mangano said in a phone interview Tuesday. "The state preempts anything that the borough does."

For the most part, members of the council agreed.

"The chief was right on the money," said Democratic Councilman Jack McLaughlin. "We don't want laws on the books that can't be enforced, and we certainly don't want laws on the books that could come back to bite us."

McLaughlin and Ingrasselino both said that if a police officer attempted to use the loitering ordinance to arrest someone, in the end, the borough could be sued and held liable.

"If you are going to stop someone, there should be a distinct reason," said McLaughlin. "A loitering ordinance is too generic."

But according to Republican Mayor Richard Mola, the ordinance should be left alone.

"Personally, I think we should just leave it there," said Mola. "If it doesn't have any bearing, what's the difference?"

The borough would be setting itself up by removing the ordinance, he said.

"I'm just afraid that if we have nothing on the books, then we'll just be standing there naked," said Mola.

The ordinance will be discussed again at this Thursday's meeting.

"The ordinance has to be repealed," said Mangano. "It's going to be done. That's all there is to it."

Pawlowski Party Big Success

by Len Flynn

On Thursday evening May 26 Pawlowski campaign activists held an envelope stuffing and collating party at the Flynn's house starting at 6:00 PM. Bob Hull brought the paperwork and there was plenty of soda, chips and beer for the volunteers. The NJLP social event for the end of May managed to prepare petitions for mailing to over 500 NJLP members throughout the state -- every NJLP member should have petitions for Governor and, if they have a candidate in their district, for Assembly, too.

Bob Hull did the printing and the Pawlowski campaign volunteers provided the hands, and by 11:15 PM the mailing was complete. Now the entire NJLP membership has the tools to help our candidates get on the ballot.



LPCNJ's Open Government Task Force covered in Courier News

Courier News, April 27, 2005

Bound Brook accused of withholding council proceedings ***Council says records the Open Government Task Force is seeking don't exist.***

By GREG MARANO
Staff Writer

BOUND BROOK -- The Libertarian Party of Central New Jersey has asked the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office to investigate the borough for not keeping records of some of the council's closed sessions.

John Paff, chairman of the party's Open Government Task Force, said the borough was unable to fulfill his requests for executive session minutes -- which cover issues including personnel or legal matters and are to be made public once the issue discussed in the meeting is resolved -- of council meetings Aug. 3, 2003, and Feb. 3 and May 11, 2004.

The reason the borough gave: The records don't exist.

"I'm asking for them to enforce the Open Public Meetings act," Paff said.

State statute designates a \$100 fine for the first violation of open public meetings regulations and from \$100 to \$500 for subsequent violations.

"We are presently looking into what they reported," said Somerset County Prosecutor Wayne J. Forrest, though he would not say whether an official criminal investigation has been opened.

"Anytime anybody brings anything to our attention, we try to make that determination, if it is or is not a crime," Forrest said.

In the complaint, Paff wrote, "The damage has already been done" but asks the prosecutor's office to "at least correspond with the Borough on this matter so as to document this violation and decrease the likelihood of its reoccurrence (sic)." [see note below: J Paff] Borough officials attribute the gap in records to the turnover in personnel, specifically the position of borough clerk, which Tom Brodbeck vacated for medical reasons in June 2003.

In a letter to Paff dated Feb. 18, Bound Brook Borough attorney Doug Reina wrote: "Having been unable to locate any minutes of those sessions, I instructed the Deputy Clerk of the Borough to contact Mr. Brodbeck, the now retired longterm clerk of the Borough who was the clerk on the relevant dates. Yesterday when reached, Mr. Brodbeck advised that he had no notes of those meetings so that it would be impossible to reconstruct minutes of same. I might indicate that the governing body did not take any actions during executive sessions and that it appeared that Mr. Brodbeck was keeping minutes during such sessions."

Reina also wrote that he has discussed the need for an efficient, responsive procedure for document requests with John Kennedy, the borough's full-time administrator since October 2004.

But Paff does not accept that explanation.

"There's always finger-pointing and this 'my dog ate my homework' stuff," Paff said. "You've got a borough attorney in Bound Brook. ... He's supposed to be the one on top of this. Didn't it occur to him that, 'Why are there no meetings of the executive session being brought up for approval by the council?'"

The complaint also calls into question the practice of a quorum of the Planning Board meeting regularly as the redevelopment advisory committee. "If you're doing township business, and you're sitting as a body doing township business ... the Planning Board still has to give notice," Paff said. "This isn't some chance encounter like they're meeting at a baseball game."

In his letter to Paff, Reina also addressed this allegation.

He wrote that since the advisory committee has no power to spend money or oblige the borough on any financial matter -- and because the meetings Paff cited were merely of a subcommittee of the advisory committee and did not constitute a quorum of the whole advisory committee -- these meetings were not subject to the Open Public Meetings Law.

Note from John Paff: The original document that I directed Reporter Greg Marano to is located at <http://lpsmc.org/OGTF/BBpWebready.pdf> In that document (which has not been altered or amended since Greg Marano looked at it), the sentence reads: "Nonetheless, we ask that you at least correspond with the Borough on this matter so as to document this violation and decrease the likelihood of its reoccurrence."

In the Courier News article, it reads: "at least correspond with the Borough on this matter so as to document this violation and decrease the likelihood of its reoccurrence (sic)."

I believe that Greg Marano probably left out one of the "r"s when he copied the word "reoccurrence" from the Libertarian Party's letter. This error probably caused the paper's copy editor to insert the "(sic)" which ended up in the printed edition together with the misspelling. Since I did not commit any error, and [sic] carries a negative connotation, I have asked the Courier News to print a correction on this matter.

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Leading by Example

By Dan Karlan

Certainly the best way, and perhaps the only way, to lead is by example.

Former Presidents Bush and Clinton, once fierce adversaries treat each other with more respect, courtesy, and decency than some of us treat each other. That saddens, embarrasses, pains – and frightens – me.

In February, at the Portland LNC meeting, I was asked by the Chair to prepare a policy on harassment and offensive behavior. With Michael Colley's help, I prepared that policy. But if we NEED a policy to advise Libertarians to treat each other with respect, can we really expect non-libertarians to treat each other – and us – decently? If we can't lead by a proper example, how can we ever expect to bring society around? "Do as we say, not as we do" is a recipe for failure. Certainly the best way, and perhaps the only way, to lead is by example. At the Anaheim Convention, in 2000, I adopted and reiterated Don Gorman's mantra "The enemy is not in this room." Clearly Don intended to impress upon us the guidance that it is oppressive and intrusive government that robs us of our property and liberty, and also stands in the way of the LP gaining a foothold in the political process, and retaining that focus is critical. But more recently it was pointed out to me, and I realized with a chill up my spine, that an alternative view is also correct: that the enemy IS in this room. We are, in a critical sense, our own worst enemies. The recent eruption of hostilities, online and in the office, within the LNC, between LNC members and state affiliate officers, and among the various state affiliate members, sealed it for me. We are not the examples we must be.

Certainly the best way, and perhaps the only way, to lead is by example.

The level – and even existence – of mean spiritedness, sniping, and offensive and otherwise disrespectful language, and especially the presumption of malice, are inappropriate within the LP and anathema to a party that bases its philosophy on the dignity and worth of the individual. If we are to have any chance, we must become the exemplars of our own philosophy and principles. Nothing short of that will succeed.

I ask all of us to lead by example, not by counter-example.

Dan Karlan
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