



New Jersey Libertarian

An NJLP Opportunity?

Apparently no Democrats have filed as candidates in the June Primary Election for the NJ State Senate in the 1st, 23rd and 24th State Legislative Districts, according to information provided by the State and posted on politicsnj.com.

Last year the Republicans failed to produce a candidate in the First Congressional District leaving Libertarian Timothy Haas as the only alternative to the Democrat. As a result Haas scored a little over 7% of the vote in November.

It's impossible to know what will happen in those three districts this year. A Democratic Party write-in candidate could earn enough votes in the primary to make it on to the November ballot. Or another minor party candidate could take advantage of these opportunities.

The filing deadline for alternative parties is the June primary so while time is short it's still possible for the NJLP to produce challengers in these three districts. Basically it takes the signatures of 100 registered voters in the district, though it's best to gather more to withstand any potential challenge.

While a loss with 7% can be considered as good as a loss with 1% the increased November vote total can only be considered a good thing for the NJLP. And having the LP as the challenger strengthens our position as *the* third party in New Jersey.

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Announcements **Volunteer Editor Needed**

Our newsletter is professionally produced every month. However because it accounts for our greatest expense we are currently seeking a volunteer editor. If you possess basic computer and writing skills, and are interested in volunteering for the position of newsletter editor, please contact me at chair@njlp.org.

Editor Deb Sackett and Wallnet have done a great job putting the newsletter on-line. If you'd like to receive it on-line, thereby receiving it earlier than print subscribers and saving postage and printing costs, contact Editor@njlp.org



Barry Allen at LPSMC's April 15, 2003 Tax Day protest in front of the post office in Dunellen, NJ. Photo by John Paff.

Calling All "Illegal" National LP Members

By Len Flynn, NJLP Vice Chair

Due to the new Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (BCRA), foreign nationals and anyone under 18 can no longer be members of National LP. Therefore, as an officer of the law-abiding NJLP, I ask any members to tell me about their "illegal" status, so we can advise National LP to remove their "illegal" memberships from the national rolls. regardless of age or nationality.

Hopefully, National LP can convert your former memberships into subscriptions to **LP News**, the national party's monthly newspaper, since presumably subscriptions like any other LP publications should be for sale to anyone,

The NJLP can still provide memberships for you now as "state only" members for the remainder of your term and the newly disenfranchised former LP members can at least still read their subscriptions to **LP News** for news about what the LP is doing nationally (like challenging the fascist BCRA in court). Of course, we will tell teenagers and immigrants about such "campaign reform" at every opportunity and let them thank Senator McCain and his fellow Demopublicans for this BCRA abomination.

In the event that National LP cannot provide even subscriptions under BCRA, I have formulated another approach. On my own and entirely independent of the NJLP, I have formed an unauthorized committee to obtain multiple subscriptions to **LP News**, which may then be distributed to individuals for educational purposes. The chosen recipients of these newspapers will be those whose rights to read about political issues have been abridged by the Washington politicians. The Flynn unauthorized committee for kids and aliens hopes that BCRA will be overturned or repealed, but in the meantime we commit to transferring libertarian political information past the tyrants in the Capitol and



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From The Chair

By NJLP State Chair Emerson Ellett

Convention 2004! Be sure to reserve March 26-27, 2004 for the NJLP Convention and reception in Atlantic City. Convention co-chairs Elizabeth Macron and Betty Florentine are inviting all 2004 Libertarian Party presidential hopefuls to a reception Friday night March 26. The convention will be held the following day. John Berthoud and Dean Ahmed have accepted invitations to speak, and Michael Bednarik (www.badnarik.org) is the first presidential candidate to agree to attend. The national LP convention will be held Memorial Day weekend in Atlanta, just two months following ours. Delegates to the national convention in particular might want to discuss the candidates' platforms in depth in Atlantic City.



Incidentally, because the national convention is being held two months earlier than usual, and in order to comply with national's credential notification rules, we will select delegates to the national convention this November at the General Meeting rather than during our March convention as we usually do. If you'd like to be a delegate to a national convention in an exciting election year don't forget to attend the November General Meeting.

It's been some time since I've given you a run down on the administration of the party, so maybe this itemized report regarding generic "core and critical activities" identified by national's Strategic Planning Team will be of interest.

Newsletter: ours is professionally done. However because it accounts for our greatest expense we are currently seeking a volunteer editor. Editor Deb Sackett and Wallnet have done a great job putting the newsletter on-line. If you'd like to receive it on-line, thereby receiving it earlier than print subscribers and saving postage and printing costs, contact Editor@njlp.org

Inquiries: we respond to 800# voice mail calls, and to requests for information sent to our state and national's web sites. We mail information packets usually within 24 hours. One or more volunteers are needed to answer the voice mail and mail out the info, tasks presently handled by your esteemed chair. Incidentally, if the party's voice mail number — 800 201-NJLP — isn't listed in your local telephone book let me know.

Press releases: volunteers needed. If something strikes you, such as the NJ Supreme Court's recent decision that voters needn't approve bonded indebtedness (the state constitution to the contrary), draft something up and send it to me. We can tie it to an event to increase the chances it will be picked up by the media.

Direct mail fundraising: we plan two appeals this year, to pay for the distribution of *Libertarian Viewpoint*, and to support state and local candidates. (In addition our web site accommodates online donations.)

Methodology to track legislation: volunteers needed. Terry Wintroub is tracking firearms legislation, but others are needed to monitor other legislative areas.

Membership: this job was recently taken over by volunteer Bob Hull; his proposed trial email renewal procedure could reduce costs further. Bob has instituted a program to renew long-lapsed memberships. Our web page permits renewal by credit card, and people can join online too. New members receive a welcome letter, a copy of the platform and other material.

Electronic communication: Jay Boucher and Chris Weimann are working to make the database accessible to county chairs and officers. Wallnet is providing email announcement features to the state party, county parties and activists; and a discussion forum called liberty-talk.

Methodology to generate inquiries and new members: the party has done some limited advertising in WebGuide. But individual members like Jay Edgar and organizations like the Monmouth County LP have done a lot more newspaper advertising. Regarding inquiry follow up we have divided the state into five regions, each of which has a coordinator whose job is to contact inquirers personally after the info packet has been mailed. Sometimes there is no follow up, so if you would be interested in doing that please let me know.

Monthly pledge program: to sign up go to our web site (www.njlp.org)

Speakers bureau or other outreach: volunteer needed to recruit speakers and schedule talks. (We have Tax Day outreach events and fairs in some counties.)

That's about it for now. The Steering Committee is considering a state Summit to brainstorm strategy for the party. All members are invited, of course. I'll provide details as they become available.

This month's fighters known to me, besides those already mentioned, include Somerset/Middlesex LPers Jim Harshman and Howard Schoen who represented the party at the Junior States of America political fair. Howard reports at one point he and Jim had 20 high school students taking the World's Smallest Political Quiz at the same time. Interestingly, most of the students who scored libertarian already knew they were libertarians. Several of the non libertarians stayed around to grill the indomitable duo, trying to reconcile the freedom message with what they've been taught all their lives. Much of the success can be attributed to Tim Haas who gave Howard valuable tips from the JSA convention he attended last year. On Tax Day Len Flynn, John Taylor and another Monmouth LPer handed out "\$1 million dollar bills" till midnight to late filers in Eatontown and Oakhurst, while John Paff and his band of stalwarts did the same in Dunellen.

The Strategic Plan and the New Jersey Libertarian Party

By Dan Karlan

In the first two issues of this year's newsletter, I introduced Strategies 20 and 19, the last numerically of those drafted by the national Strategic Planning Team (SPT). These were the 'cultural' strategies, directed at making activism more effective and reducing infighting and burnout. In last month's strategy, I directed our attention to the general world of local politics outside of campaigns and elections. Now I turn to an aspect of campaigns and elections that has received little attention, with the hope that our candidates (and their volunteers) and our leaders will consider that the strategy has merit.

Strategy 9 asks Libertarians to coordinate campaigns. When we have several candidates for the state legislature, there's no need for each of them to run his own campaign in a 'vacuum.' The issues are likely to be the same for all those candidates, so if one of them has prepared a position paper (for example) on auto insurance (for example), the other candidates should use that same position paper. Running a unified set of campaigns makes each candidate's job easier, and makes us come across as more professional and ready to actually do the job we're campaigning for.

If the NJLP can establish a standing Issues Committee, to identify and address appropriate issues, we'll go a long way to unifying the campaigns of our candidates.

Just a suggestion.

Strategy 9: Coordinate campaign activities within and among campaign levels

SPT believes that there is much to be gained by coordinating campaign activities within and among campaign levels. Coordinating campaign activities within campaign levels – for example, coordination among the campaigns for statewide state offices such as governor, lieutenant governor, state treasurer, state attorney general, *etc.* – can enhance the image of these candidates as well-organized and effective campaigners who support a common set of objectives for state government.

Coordinating campaign activities among campaign levels also poses significant opportunities for LP candidates. The ability to implement this strategy is highly dependent on the willingness of campaigns at various levels to work together.

This recommendation is not a one-way recommendation. It does not suggest only that higher level campaigns should seek opportunities to support lower level campaign. Nor does it suggest that only lower level campaigns should seek opportunities to support higher level campaign. This recommendation suggests that both should be done.

Over the years, statewide campaigns have been able to get media exposure for the LP's presidential candidate that the presidential candidate would not have gotten on his own. Similarly, statewide candidates have been able to garner media exposure for local candidates while visiting the local candidates' districts.

Possible Tactics:

- Develop compatible state and local strategies to elect or appoint Libertarians to public office based on state and local strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats
- Promote cooperative campaigns within a given jurisdiction
- Promote cooperative campaigns among slates of candidates at a given level of government (*e.g.*, statewide, county board, city council)
- Actively recruit and support enough candidates over enough election cycles to win a Libertarian majority

SPT urges affiliated state and local parties to support and encourage coordinated campaign activities within their state and to work with the national LP campaign – when possible – to coordinate activities with the LP's presidential and vice-presidential candidates. In the past, such efforts have, at times, resulted in increased publicity for all of the campaigns participating in the coordinated efforts.

Examples of campaign coordination might include:

- Using common vendors to obtain better pricing of printed materials
- Using a common graphic or color scheme
- Running joint ads



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Minutes of the NJLP State Board Meeting of March 16, 2003

With a quorum of 4, the Steering Committee convened at 1:15 PM at Tumulty's Pub.

Present were Emerson Ellett (Chair), Len Flynn (Vice-Chair, arrived 1:30), Dan Karlan (Secretary), Robert Hull (At-Large 1), Jay Boucher (At-Large 3), Andrea Nadolny (Mercer), and Frank Warren (Somerset). Absent were Lou Stefanelli (Treasurer), Ken Kaplan (At-Large 2), Jay Edgar (Monmouth), Chris Weimann (Ocean), Barry Allen (Middlesex), and Ned Kelley (Hunterdon).

A quorum for the State Board is 7 of 13. This was met at 1:30. Between 1:15 and 1:30, the Steering Committee met (having a quorum of 4 out of 7).

The agenda was adopted as presented.

The minutes of the 1 March Annual Convention were read, adjusted, and approved.

The Treasurer was not present to give his report.

At this point, the Steering Committee recessed and the State Board convened.

Under Unfinished Business:

1. BCRA: The Bylaws Committee will determine if a change to the dues is necessary to comply with BCRA requirements, and if so will prepare a proposal so this can be addressed at the next General Meeting (including a Bylaws change to permit changing dues at any General Meeting). If no Bylaws change is required, the change will be implemented at the earliest possible time. Flynn announced that he has formed an unauthorized committee to purchase multiple LP News subscriptions for underage persons or non-citizens, who are now excluded from national LP membership by BCRA. He will compose and submit a piece for the newsletter that explains this action. (The term "unauthorized committee" is specifically mentioned as open to contributions by minors in the 1/03 BCRA Campaign Supplement on page 13, citing 11 CFR 110.19(c).)
2. Election Law: Nothing to report.
3. Newsletter: We are in possession of a letter from National allowing the NJLP to use their bulk mail permit. The Treasurer is pursuing this. The question was raised, do we have any use for this permit?
4. The Web site: Contributions and membership renewals are now payable through the Web site, either through PayPal or by credit card.
5. Strategic Plan: Karlan is preparing a regular column for the newsletter.
6. 2004 Convention: Karlan will compose and submit an article for the newsletter soliciting feedback from members regarding this past Convention. At issue are: Was the location a contributing factor in the turnout, would a later start improve attendance, and should a re-organized schedule be considered. There was discussion of the merit of having a business-only Convention. Mike Panella (observer) suggested a restructuring of the schedule so that business is between lunch and dinner. Robert Jacobs was praised for his contributions toward making this Convention a success.

Under New Business:

a. Committee Reports:

1. Fundraising: Ellett will draft an appeal for State candidates.
2. Electronic Communications: Boucher will contact National about a database accessible to county chairs.
3. Recruitment and membership: Nadolny will design a flyer for community bulletin boards.
4. Public Relations: Karlan reported on the outcome of the Convention solicitation of people interested in a Public Relations workshop. Regarding the printer currently in the custody of Jack Toussaint, who is leaving the state, Flynn moved that the printer be handled in a manner that will benefit the NJLP as determined by the Chair. The motion passed on a voice vote.
5. Candidate Recruitment and Support: Robert Hull will send petitions to all appropriate members for those state legislative candidates. Karlan moved that Hull do this with the financial authorization of the NJLP. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The Chair proposed the use of all those with unlimited cell-phone minutes to solicit support for the candidates (a "call-a-thon"). Flynn offered his home (after consulting with his wife) on Saturday, April 19, as a base of operations. The Chair will present this event in the upcoming newsletter.

b. County Representative reports:

- Somerset/Middlesex (Warren): LPSMC will be present at the Computer Festival, May 3-4 at Raritan Center; volunteers are requested. April 11 is their next meeting.
- Mercer (Nadolny): Nothing to report.

c. Action Plan: Nothing to report.

- d. Tax Day, April 15: This was recognized as a county-level function. Several locations used for prior protests are no longer available.

e. Improvements needed and deficiencies noted: Boucher questioned the merit of having dues at all.

Announcements:

Future Meetings and Events:

- Steering Committee – April 8, at the Chair's residence, at 7PM
- Candidate Call-a-thon – April 19 at the Flynn residence
- Trenton Computer Festival – May 3-4 at the Raritan Center
- State Board – May 18, at Tumulty's Pub, at 1PM
- Steering Committee – June 10, location to be determined, at 7PM
- General Meeting – July 5 (Saturday) at the Flynn residence

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☐ Green Party ☐ Libertarian Party ☐ Natural Law Party
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Calendar

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- ❖ Steering Committee – June 10, location to be determined, at 7PM
- ❖ General Meeting – July 5 (Saturday) at the Flynn residence



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