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NJ Libertarian Party Annual Convention

Saturday, February 25th, 2006
Rutgers University Inn Cook
Campus
Business Session: 9:00AM – Noon
Luncheon/Speakers: 12:30PM –
5:00PM

Speakers/Entertainment Include:

Bradley Smith, Former FEC
chair and Election Finance
Law expert.

Poker Face, Freedom
Oriented Political Protest
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More Speakers to be announced

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Speakers only - \$40
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\$20 after 2/21)

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registration form on page 10 of
this issue.

LNC Update

By Dan Karlan

The following is my report on the LNC meeting last weekend (November 12,13, 2005).

The Treasurer reported that the LP is still running a deficit, though it is slowly being eroded. Receipts are not quite up to the desired level, though expenditures are down, and the most urgent Accounts Payable (including staff) are being met. The Treasurer asked the members of the LNC to develop a backbone, and I for one took that guidance personally and to heart.

We do not have an Executive Director; per the National Bylaws, National Chair Mike Dixon serves that function temporarily, while Shane Cory serves as both acting office manager (chief of staff) and communications director.

Shane presented a demonstration of the website addition, Libertarian Leadership School, which will offer on-line training in a variety of courses, including Ballot Access, Candidate Recruitment, and FEC Compliance, for example. There will be about a dozen in all, with more to come as the need and expertise to compile the course warrants. There will be weekly quizzes and access to experts, and the best students will be recognized at LP conventions.

We voted to outsource materials sales (including literature) to a firm run by Webb Garlinghouse, though because of BCRA obstacles he will probably have to reorganize as an LLC for the purpose of purchasing advertising space in LPNews. A motion to outsource LPNews was defeated. We heard three presentations from three different outfits interested in taking over LPNews in some form (including on-line), but the discussion (much of it in executive session, due to the need to confer with counsel) elicited important difficulties both with the outsourcing itself and in addition with each specific proposal. Another motion to make LPNews advertising-free was also rejected (objection to consideration passed).

My motion, made on behalf of the LPMA, to restore UMP (both flavors) and to set dues to \$30, was objected to, and the objection to consideration carried. (This was also the fate of a parallel motion, on behalf of Jack Tanner, to set dues at \$0.0001 with the promise from Mr. Tanner to pay \$100 into a fund for the purchase of 1,000,000 memberships at that price.)

(If I had been at the Kansas City meeting, I would have voted against setting dues to zero, because I believe it violated the Bylaws, and the measure might have failed on a tie vote, unless the Chair had voted in the affirmative. As it was, he could have defeated the measure by voting against it, creating a tie, but chose not to do so, suggesting to me that he did not oppose the move. So perhaps the measure would have passed with my vote against it anyway.)

The 10 LNC-selected members of the Platform Committee were selected. They are:

Lorenzo Gaztanaga (MD)
George Squyres (AZ) (Interim Chair)
David Aitken (CO)
Robert Murphy (OK)
Trevor Southerland (GA)
David Owens (PA)
Adam Mayer (OR)
Tim West (WV)
Donny Ferguson (VA)
Lee Wrights (NC)

In this region, I know that NY is one of those invited to send a delegate to this committee. I'm not sure if MA is, also. If so, I have the request that you advise George Squyres as soon as your decision is made. The deadline in the end of January, 2006.

The 5 LNC-selected members of the Credentials Committee were selected. They are:

Emily Salvette (MI) (Interim Chair)
Dena Bruedigam (OH)
Gary Johnson (TX)
Jack Tanner (FL)
Michael Houze (IN)

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Rutgers Libertarians Draw Attention to Dangers of Disarmament in College Press Coverage

The Daily Targum

<http://www.dailytargum.com/>

Libertarians increase presence on campus

By Ryan Yacco/Correspondent

Published: 11/16/05

The Rutgers Libertarians began the semester with plenty of ideas, but not too much action. This month, however, their efforts have begun to pay off, as multiple projects have materialized on campus.

The inaugural issue of the student group's monthly publication, "The Invisible Hand," was launched on Nov. 3. The newsletter offers articles from various group members demonstrating Libertarian viewpoints on topics ranging from third-party voting to same-sex marriage.

Coming only days before the last week's gubernatorial election, the issue also contains a feature on Jeffrey Pawlowski, the Libertarian Party candidate for governor who finished fourth, after Jon S. Corzine, Doug Forrester and Matt Thieke.

Additionally, the Rutgers Libertarians will be hosting tonight the first of what they hope to be a series of films documenting various aspects of their beliefs.

"Innocents Betrayed" - a documentary addressing the links between gun control and genocide - will be open to all students at 9:15 p.m. in Room 101 of Scott Hall on the College Avenue campus.

Darian Worden, chair of the Rutgers Libertarians, said the film was chosen because it focuses on the real dangers associated with what he called citizen disarmament, more commonly known as gun control.

"'Innocents Betrayed' is a well-made documentary based on thorough research," Worden said. "It shows the ugly history of citizen disarmament that is frequently ignored by the mainstream media and popular discussion."

Worden said disarmament laws preceded all major genocides in the 20th century.

"It doesn't dance around the central issue by engaging in debate about hunting and sporting 'rights' and the like," he said. "It cuts directly to the heart of the matter and is not afraid to deliver the hard-hitting truth about why disarmament laws must always be opposed."

The Rutgers Libertarians meet Wednesday nights at 9:15 in Room 120 of Scott Hall

Draft Minutes of the November 20, 2005 General Meeting

Chair Ken Chazotte called the meeting to order at Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick, at 1:22 pm.

The agenda was approved. The treasurer's report was received. The secretary presented the minutes of the November 1, 2005, Steering Committee meeting.

Chair report. The chair thanked our candidates for their efforts. He wants the party to focus on improving the infrastructure, membership recruitment and the 2006 elections.

Candidate recognition. The chair presented Certificates of Appreciation to the 2005 candidates present: James Conway, Bill Hunsicker and Ken Kaplan.

Libertarian National Committee update. Dan Karlan, LNC representative, reported on the latest meeting. He will forward his report to the newsletter editor. The 2006 LP Convention is planned for Jul. 1-3 in Portland, Oregon.

NJLP Convention. Jay Edgar has reserved the University Inn at Rutgers University for Saturday Feb. 25.

Bylaws. Of the proposed changes the membership approved two. Para. 4.a. Delete "or to the National Libertarian Party" from the second sentence. Add para. 2.e. to the Convention Rules: An NJLP Convention Rule may only be suspended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates, except Convention Rule 1., which shall not be suspended.

Newsletter. The hardcopy of the newsletter is not being delivered in a timely manner. The newsletter is, however, available on line. The hardcopy problem will be addressed under infrastructure.

County caucuses. A short recess was called for the purpose.

Project Full Slate. Resolved, (L. Flynn, Hull second) that the NJLP authorize the expenditure of up to \$300 for a fund raising appeal to support a full slate of Congressional candidates. The appeal will also call for support of local candidacies, which are essential to the long-term success of the NJLP. CARRIED.

Financial audit. Jay Edgar will call a meeting of the audit committee.

Outreach. Resolved, that Tony Federici be appointed Operation Politically Homeless coordinator. CARRIED. Tony volunteered to provide an OPH booth and literature.

Announcements.

Jay Edgar intends to seek the party's nomination to run in the 4th Congressional District.

Future meetings.

Steering Committee, Sunday December 18, Bill Hunsicker's residence, 1 pm

State Board, Sunday January 15, Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick, 1 pm

State Convention, Saturday February 25, University Inn at Rutgers University, 9 am

The meeting adjourned at 3: 57 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Emerson Ellett
Secretary

N. J. Libertarian Party Steering Committee Draft Minutes of December 18, 2005 Meeting

Chair Ken Chazotte called the meeting to order in Bill Hunsicker's apartment at 1:09 pm. Present in addition to Ken and Bill were Vice chair Jay Edgar, Secretary Emerson Ellett and At-large member Len Flynn. Absent: Treasurer Lou Stefanelli; and At large members Virginia Flynn, Robert Hull and Elizabeth Macron.

The agenda was approved.

The chair and vice chair reports are included in the agenda items that follow. The secretary had previously distributed the General Meeting minutes of Nov. 20 (no corrections noted), and the treasurer's report was distributed.

Convention report. Bradley Smith, a former chairman of the Federal Election Commission, has been confirmed as a speaker. His topic will be the theme of his book "Unfree Speech", which is critical of the FEC's restrictions on political speech. Jay reported that the band Poker Face and a representative from Bureaucrash have also agreed to participate. Jay is waiting to hear from the Free State Project.

Recruitment. Jay Edgar and David Mays are planning to hold an organizational meeting in Burlington County Jan. 18, 2006.

New committees. Ken will seek volunteers for committees to monitor state and federal issues.

Newsletter. Ken will contact Libertarian college clubs about printing the NJ Libertarian and other party materials.

Project Full Slate. Jay agreed to print the fund raising appeal. Len will issue a call for volunteers to assemble the mailing.

Financial audit. Bill Hunsicker and the chair will conduct the audit next month.

Infrastructure. The chair expressed a requirement for a monthly report on new and lapsed members by name; the dates new member packs were mailed and follow up was made; and the ability to email members. The secretary, who mails the new member and prospect packs, expressed a requirement for timely notification of new members and prospects who contact the NJLP directly or via National. The vice chair said he can provide the monthly reports requested by the chair. The chair and vice chair will investigate further and report their recommendations at the next Steering Committee meeting.

Announcements.

Bill Hunsicker, Mercer County chair, is working to find two other candidates to join him in running for Freeholder in 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Emerson Ellett, Secretary

To the Editor

I appreciate getting the New Jersey Libertarian. We exchange publications (Ballot Access News).

I hope you publish my letter in your next issue: New Jersey is the only state that gives the Republican and Democratic Parties their own column headings on the November ballot, but which won't give it to all parties on the ballot. By "column headings", I mean the words "Republican" and "Democratic" in big letters.

Every other state that has a party column ballot format gives ALL the parties their own column headings, whether they are qualified parties or unqualified parties.

18 of New Jersey's 21 counties use column headings and party-column ballots. The only ones that don't are Salem, Sussex and Warren Counties.

Many states not only give ALL parties their own column heading, they give all parties (qualified and unqualified alike) an equal chance to get the left-most column.

It's time for the New Jersey Libertarian Party to agitate for ballots that treat all parties equally well. I telephoned each county clerk's office in New Jersey in November 2005 to get a sample ballot from each county. One of the friendly employees asked me why I wanted one. I said I was studying party columns. He said, "Oh, yes, the legitimate parties get a party column". This entirely innocent and good-natured, but serious remark, illustrates how the design of most New Jersey ballots sends a message to the voters...there are "legitimate" (Dem, Rep) and "not legitimate" parties (all the others).

LNC Update From Page 2

I believe none of the affiliates in this region is one of the 5 largest, so the selection of the remaining 5 members of this committee is incidental.

Finally, the LNC removed the three members of the Program Committee for lack of performance. They were replaced by Sean Haugh, Bruce Dubner, and Dena Breudigam, the latter to act as Chair.

By the way, the Bylaws Committee consists of 10 people selected by the LNC, and they are:

Geoff Neale
Bill Hall
Dan Karlan
Sean Haugh
Rick McGinnis
Deryl Martin
Rich Moroney
Tim Hagan
Carl Milsted, Jr.
Fred Collins

Geoff was selected the Interim Chair, then the Committee removed the Interim from his title, then he resigned as Chair in protest over the LNC setting dues to \$0 (he remains on the Bylaws Committee, however). As the Secretary of the Bylaws Committee, I am the ranking officer, and serve as Acting Chair pending a resolution of this difficulty.

Plans and the timeline for the 2006 Portland Convention were discussed. The current form of the business agenda appears to be:

Thursday and Friday, Platform Committee,
Bylaws Committee, and outgoing LNC meeting
Saturday morning, Bylaws
Saturday afternoon, Platform
Sunday morning and afternoon, Officer and At-Large election
Monday morning, new LNC meeting

On a personal note: I now deeply regret my decision in Portland, early in the year, to vote in favor of a ballot vote in the matter of raising the dues. It was an unfortunate lapse on my part.

If you have any questions, please contact me (dankarlan@earthlink.net).

Dan Karlan

Libertarians in Print

Herald News
Monday, December 12, 2005

Help Wanted – Volunteer Newsletter Editor

The NJLP is in need of a volunteer editor for the New Jersey Libertarian.

Motivated individuals should have good writing skills and a working knowledge of computer word processing, especially Microsoft Word or Microsoft Publisher. The NJLP can provide a desktop computer, but the editor must have Internet access in order to communicate with contributors, printer and web host.



Time to leave the United Nations

There are those in the press, many on the political left, in the so-called "middle," and some on the political right, I might add, that are of the belief that the United Nations is a force for good in the world. That it should be supported vigorously by the United States and other member nations.

I strongly and emphatically disagree.

The United Nations is a corrupt, ineffectual organization that has failed to provide peace; failed to support human rights; and has given its support to despotic and tyrannical regimes. It is also an organization that has enriched itself and its members at the expense of other's suffering, and is an organization that itself has committed atrocities on a massive scale.

Here are some examples of U.N. corruption and crimes:

Since 1991, the United Nations has passed 17 resolutions against Saddam Hussein's Iraq, and never enforced any one of them. It was only enforced when the United States and its allies took decisive action against Iraq and Saddam.

United Nations officials have taken kickbacks and bribes in the tens of billions of dollars from Saddam Hussein in the U.N. "oil for food" scandal. This program was designed to help out the Iraqi people, but they never got the aid intended. Instead, the money was pocketed by Hussein and others.

The U.N. Human Rights Commission has allowed nations like Cuba, Libya, Iran and other despotic regimes, to be members. What is even worse, these nations all have committed atrocities and crimes against their own respected people.

There are those who take the position that the U.N. can be reformed, that the organization can be made to change for the better. I oppose this pipe dream. I believe that the United States should pack up its bags and leave the United Nations.

No free nation should support a world body that caters to the worst of humanity, the worst of the world and to one that has no respect for human liberty, human freedom and free governments.

Alex Pugliese, Kenilworth

Liberty in our Lifetime Free State Project

Free State Project What is the Project About?

The Free State Project is a plan in which 20,000 or more liberty-oriented people will move to the state of New Hampshire and work within its political system to reduce the size and scope of government.

The Project will reduce burdensome taxation and regulation; reform state and local laws; opt out of federal mandates; and press for the restoration of constitutional federalism.

The Free State Project will show the world what liberty can accomplish!

Free State Project Liberty in Our Lifetime

We don't want to wait decades for most citizens in the US to realize that the nanny state is an insult to their dignity. For those of us who already understand the debilitating effects of a government bent on reducing liberty rather than increasing it, the Free State Project aims at liberty in a single state.

What do we mean by liberty? We believe that being free and independent is a great way to live, and that government's maximum role should be to help individuals defend themselves from force and fraud.

Free State Project Where & Why?

The state where we will move was decided by a vote of the FSP membership after we reached 5,000 commitments. Population was the critical factor. Our research so far indicates that 20,000 activists could heavily influence only states with under about a 1.5 million population, or which spend less than \$10 million on political campaigns in any given two-year election cycle. New Hampshire met the population criterion, and its distaste for big government and a generally welcoming attitude toward the Free State Project were pluses.

Free State Project Get Involved!



Join the Free State Project and take part in a rapidly growing movement aimed at securing liberty in our lifetime. To learn more, you're invited to visit our website at www.freestateproject.org. Check out our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page, and visit our articles sections which contain more detailed information about the project. Whether you wish to become a full-fledged member or are sympathetic but unable to relocate, the Free State Project wants *you!*

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Calendar

State Board Meeting
Sunday January 15
Tumulty's Pub, New
Brunswick
1 pm

State Convention
Saturday February 25
University Inn at Rutgers
University
9 am

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2006 NJLP Annual Convention

February 25, 2006

Rutgers University Inn on Cook Campus, 178 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ

Directions:

Exit 9 of the NJ Turnpike to Route 18 North towards New Brunswick, staying in the middle lanes. Take the exit for Route 1 South. On Route 1 South, you will pass Sears and then a 'Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey' sign. Take the Ryder's Lane exit *before you go under the overpass* toward New Brunswick, going up the ramp onto Ryders Lane. Proceed through the traffic light. The entrance to the University Inn is just before the curve to the left. More directions and details can be found at <http://univinn.rutgers.edu>

The schedule for Saturday is a business session from 9:00AM to Noon where we will elect party officials and select our 2006 candidates. There is luncheon followed by entertainment and Speakers from 12:30 to 5:30PM. A continental breakfast will be available for those who show up early.

Speakers and Entertainment:

Bradley Smith. A leading authority on Election Law and Campaign Finance, Bradley Smith is Professor of Law at Capital University, where he returned after five years in Washington, D.C., serving as Commissioner, Vice Chairman, and Chairman of the Federal Election Commission (FEC). His book "Unfree Speech: The Folly of Campaign Finance Reform," strongly condemns the federal governments attempt to regulate campaign speech.

Pokerface. Returning to us for their second NJLP convention, Pokerface has made it their mission to spread the message of freedom and truth with their music. With a sound that is unmistakably their own, Poker Face mixes a variety of styles & orchestrations to take you on a true musical journey.

Bureaucrash. Bureaucrash is an international network of pro-freedom activists working to change the political ideology of our generation through creative activism.

Rooms at the inn are available. Make your own room reservations; be sure to mention that you are attending the convention. Telephone: 732-932-9144.

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