

NJ LIBERTARIAN

NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY P.O. BOX 56, TENNENT, N.J. 07763

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

A state committee meeting of the NJLP was held on August 25, at the Franklin Park Inn, Franklin Township.

The two main topics on the agenda were the Youth Rights Report and the Bylaws Revision.

The Youth Rights Report was designed to counteract state legislation regarding Children's Rights. As suggested by Len Flynn, the report would serve as a back-up document geared specifically for our candidate's use in this fall's election.

The report includes positions on: The Juvenile Justice System, Age of Sexual Consent, Firearms, Driving, Curfews, alcohol, Cigarettes, Child Labor Laws, and Compulsory School Attendance.

All those present at the meeting received a copy of the report, which was put together by a committee under the leadership of Mike Perry. Upon review and discussion of the paper, it was decided to table the motion for its acceptance until the next meeting, when the report would be refined in accordance with the membership's suggestions and specifications.

A copy of the revised bylaws was also distributed to those in attendance. As time was short, the Bylaws Revision Subcommittee passed a resolution recommending that the proposed new bylaws be submitted to the NJLP membership at a general meeting on November 17, for their consideration. (Old bylaws are available from Jean Macron, Dan Hurley, and Len Flynn.)

Following the business portion of the meeting, we were treated to a guest speaker, rather Haile Selassie, of the NAACP, History Teacher, and Religious Leader, who also claims to be the son of Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia.

Though currently engaged with his people in their own struggle against big government for liberty, he admits to finding many areas in which he can be in agreement with Libertarians.

In an informal talk he discussed his opposition to government bureaucracy and red tape. He also claims to be in total agreement with our positions regarding the draft, foreign policy and victimless crime. In regard to welfare, he stated, "Welfare is just another way for government to control its people." His concern, he said, is much more for employment than it is for government hand outs.

Though not in total agreement with all our positions, he did emphasize the fact that he thought we could work together toward our goals in abolishing laws that are detrimental to the freedom of all Americans.

Respectfully submitted

- Bonnie Swirsky
Recording Secretary

Workers Needed

Spend this August in sunny, southern California! Libertarians from across the nation are invited to come to Orange County and help put the L. P. on the ballot. There is fun to be had and money to be made. Accommodations can usually be provided. Call (714) 964-1908 or (714) 975-0905 for details.

NJLP SUPPER CLUB A FINANCIAL SUCCESS

With Nicole Bergland speaking Aug. 10 at the Dorian Manor, Old Bridge, on what to expect at the LP National Convention, the NJLP Supper Club completed its Spring/Summer Series with a net profit for party coffers of nearly \$180.

The Supper Club took in \$915 and spent \$735.36 for a profit of \$179.64.

Supper Club Chairperson Bill George said he was "delighted" with the club's success and he looks forward to the Fall/Winter Series (October thru December) to continue this pattern.

"It appears that Friday nights have caught on as the best time to hold these dinners, so we will continue with them," George said. "I'd like to thank everyone who has helped in any way to the Supper Club's success."

Speakers, dates and locations for the Fall/Winter Series will be announced in the NJ LIBERTARIAN as soon as arrangements are finalized.

The two major LP Presidential contenders, Bill Hunscher and Ed Clark, kicked off the club's program with appearances on May 18 and June 15. Ms. Bergland, the wife of LP National Chair Dave Bergland, was staying in NYC for most of August and readily agreed to speak on the convention "inside information" as a member of the Convention Committee.

According to Ms. Bergland, the highly-acclaimed California supper clubs did not begin turning a profit until after their first year, and none offered prime ribs.

George said he would like to see more non-members at future dinners, which have the potential of serving as a recruitment vehicle as well as a social event.

REPRINTED FROM LOCAL NEWSPAPERS:

Breaking a federal 'stranglehold'

DEAR EDITOR:

For two centuries America has been the shining star of achievement, far surpassing anything the world had ever seen before. Freedom made it possible: The freedom to create, to build, and to try your best and be rewarded for your effort. From electric lights, telephones and automobiles to antibiotics, computers and airplanes, America showed the way.

Necessary for this explosive creation of wealth was the free market. The market yielded enormous opportunity for success, and it provided the environment for productive Americans to convert this small agricultural society into the world's industrial colossus.

Now we are witnessing the reverse process: The destruction of the nation's wealth on a massive scale by the strangling of the market through government controls and taxation. President Carter tells us to "sacrifice" on energy, but there is no sacrifice of government power and controls when he seeks to grab \$142 billion in "windfall" (to the bureaucrats!) tax loot. The Department of Energy's choking regulations plus the robbery of "windfall profits" taxation will assure permanent energy "shortages" by stifling production of petroleum products.

The solution to contemporary economic problems is to get government out of the way so the free market can go to work. Abolition of all price controls, allocations, quotas, subsidies and "windfall" taxes would allow rapid and efficient resolution of the energy crisis.

Government is the cause, not the solution of America's problems. If given the chance, the creative and industrious genius of free Americans will restore and preserve our economic strength. Let's abolish government planning, subsidies and regulations, so the free market can thrive again.

Leonard T. Flynn, Chairman

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A TWO MONTH CHAIRMAN?

The State LP Chairmanship is largely an honorary position. The power of the chairman is practically nil since the State Committee members are directly elected and have the same voting power as the chairman. The chairman can form committees, but important decisions and appropriations are still up to the S.C.

It can be argued that a one year chairmanship provides cohesiveness and coordination, but cohesiveness is more likely to be provided by the newsletter editor and treasurer. The function of coordination falls to the S.C. by the power vested in it, although Bill George is providing a lot of leadership. This is not reflection on Len Flynn, who is bound to wind down after almost two years on the job.

The chairman is our main spokesperson, and as such should be more than a caretaker. However, it is difficult for anyone, no matter how enthusiastic, to devote great amounts of time to the job over the course of a full year. Realizing this, many responsible activists such as Bob Shapiro, Jane Rehmke, and Ken Kaplan, just to name a few, refuse to accept the job. They would probably accept it for two months, though.

In a two month tenure one chairman might decide to investigate advertising agencies to determine the costs and benefits. Maybe they could produce a profit. Another chairman might decide to contact all the local newspaper editors to develop rapport. They would carry more weight and have more success in their ventures as spokespersons for the party. They could also broaden our range of activism by soliciting ideas of people geographically or personally close.

Oftentimes young activists and even older members wonder who to contact about doing such and such. It is easy to say that no one is stopping them from taking action, but many feel that they do not have the authority to do so.

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With authority revolving around the state, we might achieve more activism and visibility. Long range planning would still fall to S.C. members, most of whom would presumably serve as chairmen over a period of time.

It is imperative that we turn loose all our activists with ideas. Potential benefits far outweigh risks, as action and enthusiasm spawn more of the same. The summer doldrums are over and we have to get moving again.

Tom Palven

LETTER POLICY

The NJ LIBERTARIAN wants to hear from you. Letters and articles must be typed single-spaced in half-page (4") columns. Contributors will receive 1/8 page of advertising space for each page of material. Send to:

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BOB SHAPIRO
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REPLY TO A WCBS EDITORIAL

WCBS says that Congress should vote an emergency appropriation to help support the Food Stamp program. The Libertarian Party says that, instead of an emergency appropriation, we should concentrate on making the cost of food more affordable. Libertarians would accomplish this the same way we would solve many of today's problems: by focusing upon the government as the problem and not the solution.

First, the many farm subsidy programs that now exist should be ended. These government programs cost billions of tax dollars and do nothing for consumers but raise the cost of food.

Second, all food products should be made totally exempt from tax, from the farmer, on to the trucker, to the wholesaler, right down to the local grocer. By eliminating this multitude of taxes, all food prices would be lower, and a loaf of bread could cost half as much.

Third, reduced food production costs could be passed along to consumers by deregulation of the trucking, rail, and energy industries, in the same way that passengers paid less for air travel immediately after airline deregulation.

Fourth, keep workers employed by reducing the Minimum Wage. Every time the government increases the Minimum Wage rate, unemployment rises, especially among minorities and teenagers.

Fifth, drastically reduce government spending on non-essentials and thereby reduce the primary impetus for inflation.

And finally, with the tax money saved by ending all these government programs, consumers could be given a big tax cut to spend on food and other necessities.

The Libertarian Party says scrap the costly, wasteful, and counter-productive Food Stamp program. Less government and lower taxes would help feed the poor while forcing government bureaucrats into productive jobs in the private sector.

If you agree with these ideas, or would like to discuss them further, give us a call. We're listed in the White Pages of the Phone Book: The Libertarian Party.

Ted Jacobs

MEETING NOTICE

There will be a general meeting on September 23 at the Magnolia Inn in Matawan (Exit 117 of Parkway).
Topic: Libertarian Party National Convention

Directions: Proceed southwest on Main Street, Matawan. Pass two lights (Rt. 34 and County Road 516). Magnolia Inn will be on the left about 3/4 miles after 516.

Also, the proposed revision of the NJLP Bylaws (included in this issue) will be discussed at the general meeting on Saturday, November 17, at Bob Shapiro's house.

BY-LAWS

- I. NAME The name of this association shall be the New Jersey Libertarian Party (hereafter, "NJLP") and the association shall be incorporated under Title 15 of the Laws of the State of New Jersey.
- II. PURPOSE The purpose of the NJLP is to organize the means for promoting libertarian ideas and institutions.

III. MEMBERSHIP

A. Qualifications

Membership is open to any ~~resident~~ *one who lives or works in the state* of New Jersey who affirms in writing that "no person or group -- including government -- has the right to initiate the use of force against any person", and also affirms the above purpose of the NJLP. Thereafter, such a person shall become a member upon the payment of dues.

B. Rights, Privileges, and Restraints

1) Any decision made by the State Committee may be appealed to the next General Meeting where it may be overturned by a 2/3 vote, except that no valid financial commitment made for the NJLP by the State Committee shall be repudiated.

2) The Executive Secretary will furnish any member with a copy of the membership list at reasonable cost of reproduction. *except that the "private" list may be used only for official party business and may not be disclosed to any other organizational or non-member individual.*

3) No member may spend or commit party funds except as authorized by the State Committee or a General Meeting.

IV. MEETINGS

A. General Meetings

1) Full authority shall be vested in NJLP General Meetings, one of which shall be the Annual Convention held yearly ~~in February~~ at the call of the State Committee. General Meetings may be called by the State Committee, the State Chairpersons, or by five (5) members plus 10% of the membership. General Meetings shall have sole power to set dues and adopt the platform.

At least two (2) weeks written notice shall be given for all General Meetings. A 2/3 vote at a General Meeting may remove any person from office in the NLLP, provided that notice of the consideration of the removal of the person from office was included in the written notice of the meeting.

- 2) There shall be at least four general meetings held each year.

B. Annual Conventions

- 1) The Annual Convention shall be held ~~not~~ ^{not after March 21} before February at the call of the state committee.
- 2) Delegates to the Annual Convention shall be chosen in accordance with written procedures which have been approved, without any modification, by a two-thirds vote of the general membership at two consecutive meetings. In the absence of said procedures, each member shall be deemed to be his own delegate without privilege of proxy.
- 3) Trustees, officers, and three state committee members at large shall be elected at the convention.
- 4) Candidates for statewide office shall be selected at the convention. Candidates for other offices may be designated by the delegates in the absence of approved procedures for selecting candidates for such offices.

V. STATE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Members

- 1) The State Committee shall consist of the annually-elected officers, the State Committee Representatives, and the County Committee Chairpersons.

B. Meetings

- 1) The State Committee shall meet at the call of the State Chairperson or 25% of its members. ~~A quorum shall be a majority of its voting members.~~ At least ten (10) days notice shall be given to each member of the State Committee for meetings, lesser notice shall suffice if all members agree.

C. Powers & Responsibilities

- 1) The State Committee shall have authority to act for the NJLP between General Meetings, to approve expenditures, to draft positions, to create, define the duties of, and appoint committees, to approve the creation of county committees (with consent of a General Meeting), ^(proposal) ~~and approve their by-laws and amendments there-
to~~ and shall appoint and may remove the News-
letter Editor with the consent of the General Meeting.
- 2) Any offices which are unfilled at the annual convention or which are vacated prior to the expiration of their terms, shall be filled by the state committee.
- 3) ^(previous) The state committee shall appoint a convention committee ~~at least four months prior to the date of the convention.~~

VI. Officers

A. The officers shall be the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, and the Executive Secretary. They shall be elected yearly at the Annual Convention.

- 1) The Chairperson shall:
 - (a) Preside over all meetings, be general spokesman for the NJLP, and execute the resolutions of the General Meetings and State Committee.
- 2) The Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson in that person's absence, and generally assist the Chairperson.
- 3) The Treasurer shall:
 - (a) Maintain and make available proper financial records of all receipts and expenditures, reporting same to the State Committee and General Meetings.
 - (b) Prepare and submit any government or other financial or tax reports required
 - (c) Maintain the membership list
 - ~~(d) Serve as finance manager of the annual convention and shall be a member of the convention committee.~~

4) The Recording Secretary shall record, maintain, and report minutes of all meetings of the State Committee and the general membership.

5) The Executive Secretary shall:

(a) Maintain the NJLP mailing list.

(b) Carry out other duties as directed by the Chairperson

(c) Assume the duties of the Chairperson and Vice-chairperson if both are unavailable.

B. State Committee Representatives shall hold positions on the State Committee by virtue of selection in one of the following ways:

(1) State Committee Member-at-Large (3) shall be elected yearly at the Annual Convention. All candidates shall be placed on one ballot, and each voting NJLP shall cast one vote each for one, two or three candidates. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected, with ties being broken by run-off elections among those tied.

(2) State Committee members-by-petition shall be members of the NJLP who shall assume their posts by filing with the Recording Secretary a dated petition appointing the person to this post and signed by at least five (5) members plus 10% of the membership of the NJLP; any member may remove his name from any such petition by a dated writing to the Recording Secretary; no member may have his name on more than one petition at a time; any representative who ~~no longer~~ no longer has the approval of at least 10% of the membership

(rounded down to nearest whole number), whether by loss of signatures or growth of the party, shall be notified by the Recording Secretary, and shall have until the next General meeting to obtain the required number of signatures, or shall cease to be a Representative.

C. In addition to the officers elected annually, the NJLP may have the following officials: 1) Party Counsel (who shall be an attorney and member of the NJLP appointed yearly by the State Committee); 2) Newsletter Editor; 3) Three Trustees, one of whom shall be elected yearly at the Annual Con-

IX. AFFILIATIONS

The NJLP shall be affiliated with the Libertarian Party.

X. RULES

The State Committee shall have authority, by ~~majority of the entire voting membership of the Committee~~, to adopt rules to implement these By-Laws and the Certificate of Incorporation, which rules may be adopted, amended, or abolished by any General Meeting. Except as otherwise provided in the By-Laws Rules and Certificate of Incorporation, Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the NJLP meetings.

XI Quorum

Unless otherwise specified, a majority of the members of any NJLP committee constitute a quorum for that committee. A quorum for General Meetings shall be 10% of the total NJLP membership.

XII Definitions

A. Vote - Unless otherwise specified, a two-thirds, a majority, etc. vote is determined by those voting with abstentions not counted.

B. Committee - This term refers to ad hoc or standing committees, task groups, sub committees, or caucuses performing an NJLP function.

C. Private membership list - Members who wish to have their names and addresses omitted from the NJLP list when it is used for other than official NJLP business, as in exchange with other state parties or use for non-official libertarian oriented enterprises, may check the appropriate box on the NJLP application.

XI. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may only be amended upon the resolution of the State Committee approved by a two-thirds majority at any General Meeting, with notice of the proposed amendment given in the notice for the meeting. The Certificate of Incorporation may be amended at any General Meeting by a two-thirds majority of the entire NJLP membership.

vention for a three-year term: the trustees shall have no authority other than that which each may hold as a member or official of the NJLP, and any member of the NJLP, including any official, may be a Trustee. The trustees shall have only that authority which is granted to the trustees of corporations not for profit under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

4) National Representatives; 5) NJLP committee chairpersons; ~~6) Party Auditor;~~ and
b) Sergeant-At-Arms.

D. An officer shall be deemed to have resigned if (s)he is a candidate for office representing any political group other than the New Jersey Libertarian Party.

VII County Committees

A. County committees must be approved by both the NJLP State Committee and a General Meeting. Ordinarily the NJLP shall recognize a County Committee formed at a County Convention attended by at least 25% or a minimum of 10 (whichever is lower) of the NJLP members in the geographical area the Committee proposes to represent. However, recognition may be refused by a majority vote or withdrawn by a 2/3 vote of any General Meeting. Conversely, a County Committee not meeting the above Convention criteria may nevertheless be accepted by a 2/3 vote of both the State Committee and a General Meeting.

A County Committee may include more than one county, but, a General Meeting may divide such committee upon the petition of a majority of NJLP members in any constituent county.

B. The County Committee shall have authority for selecting candidates for offices of political districts which exist entirely within the county of the County Committee. However, any candidate selected must be a member of the NJLP or the County Committees.

VIII. ARBITRATION

All disputes arising from these By-Laws or resolutions, actions, expenditures, elections, rules or decisions of the Party, or any organ of it, shall be settled by a 2/3 vote at a General Meeting.

If resolution is unattainable by this means,
the dispute shall be settled by arbitration conducted by an

arbitor chosen by the parties to such a dispute, or if they fail to choose an arbitor, then by the American Arbitration Association.

Membership Application

Send to: N.J. Libertarian Party
Jeanne Macron
2 Bernice Drive
Freehold, N.J., 07728

Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life—accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action—accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property—accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

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Do you believe in an economic system based on open competition instead of big-business-controlled government agencies? Do you believe, for instance, that the CAB should be stopped from restricting competition and fixing airline prices for the benefit of the giant airlines?

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Do you believe that voluntary agreements between companies or individuals are none of the government's business—provided that no force or fraud is involved nor intended against anyone else?

Do you believe the government should stop trying to impose its morality on the American people, that no crime has been committed if there is no victim? Do you believe it is wrong to use the time, budgets and resources of our police, courts and prisons to persecute people who may be harming no one but themselves?

Do you believe government should leave the buying of seatbelts, motorcycle helmets or any other item designed for personal safety up to the individual?

Do you believe government spending and taxation should be cut?

If you answered "yes" to most of these questions, congratulations. You may be more of a Libertarian than you thought.

The Libertarian Party

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