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SOS: Badnarik Ineligible for Michigan Ballot

LEC To Hold Special Convention

The Libertarian Party will have 65 candidates across the state of Michigan this November, but according to Michigan's Secretary of State Office, Michael Badnarik and Richard Campanaga will not be among them. Badnarik and Campanaga were nominated for President and Vice-President respectively, by the Libertarian Party at the National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia on May 30, 2004. Even though the Libertarian Party of Michigan does have ballot status, state law requires that the party submit the names of all nominated persons by the end of the next business day after the conclusion of the convention. The office of the Secretary of State claims that no notice was given before 5:00 PM on June 1. The State

LP is working with the SOS on this, and is hopeful that a waiver will soon be granted and our candidates will be on the ballot. In an attempt to remedy this problem, the Executive Committee of the LPM has voted to "hold a special convention on **Wednesday July 21, 2004, at 7:30 PM**, to nominate and confirm candidates. The convention shall be held at the state office conference room at 913 W. Holmes Road, Lansing, MI. In the event that prior to the convening of this convention, the Michigan Secretary of State accepts the names of the candidates who were selected at the LP national convention for placement on the November ballot, this convention may then be canceled at the discretion of the LPM Chair."

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Steinport Falls Short in Re-Election Bid

by Tom Quinn

In mid 2001, Jeff Steinport of Grand Rapids resigned his position as the chairman of the Libertarian Party of West Michigan to enable him to more fully concentrate his energies as a new member of the Grand Rapids School Board. He managed his new responsibilities so well that his fellow board members assigned him the position of treasurer and also selected him to be their representative on the Grand Rapids Downtown Development Authority. Unfortunately, Jeff lost his bid for reelection to the school board this June, garnering just under 20% of the vote and coming in fourth in a field of five for three positions. Along with the issues of student achievement, discipline, and safety, Jeff made it a top priority to keep a close eye on the district's



LPWM and former GRPS Treasurer Jeff Steinport

finances. He pointed out that less than half of the budget went toward teachers and the classroom, and criticized schools in the county for paying for prime rib dinners at taxpayer expense. He led his fellow members to turn down membership in state and national organizations, saving the district thousands of dollars. He also took an unsuccessful stand against an offer

from the State of Michigan to lease laptop computers for sixth graders, saying there was no empirical evidence that the one million dollars the program would cost would result in higher student achievement. "The bond on the ballot is what killed me" Stienport said.

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From the Chair

by Michael Donahue

Greetings to all Michigan Libertarians!

It's been over two months since you honored me with the Chairmanship of the Libertarian Party of Michigan and I must admit to still being a bit overwhelmed by it all. To put it mildly, things have been hectic. However, I suppose that's to be expected in a presidential election year.

The first thing to keep us occupied was the clearing out of the Hazel Park Headquarters which ceased operation as of May 31, 2004. After many hands pitched in to remove all our belongings the goal was accomplished successfully. Thanks go to a lot of people but I want to especially commend Nathan Allen, Leonard Schwartz and Will White for taking so much responsibility and making sure the job was done. And we can't overlook our good friend, Fred Collins, who provided an official dumpster of his own and carted away the items we no longer could use. We now are nicely situated in our new Headquarters in Lansing where we are, thankfully, spending much less of our financial resources each month to have a presence in an accessible location for all our members across the state. If you haven't visited the new office please do so whenever you can. The address and phone etc. are listed on our website.

The next item on our agenda was the National Convention of the Libertarian Party in Atlanta, Georgia May 27 through 31, 2004. Our state was well represented by 30 delegates who participated in the work, fun and excitement of the Convention. The balloting for our presidential nominee was very interesting, to say the least, and by now you all know the results. Michael Badnarik is an outstanding candidate and I urge all of you to get behind his campaign and support it whatever way you can. I was very proud of all of our delegates in Atlanta for the way they approached their duties in choosing our various nominees and Party officials. Michigan had one of the larger delegations to the Convention and therefore enjoyed great visibility all weekend. We especially were visible when one of our own, Fred Collins, was named National Campaign Manager for the Badnarik Campaign. As you can easily recognize, this is an enormous job and any help you can offer Fred over the next few months will be greatly appreciated. Now we have another reason to get behind the Badnarik Campaign. Our Michigan delegation, by the way, was part of the over 800 delegates and over 1,000 registrants to the Convention, thus making it one of the more well attended Conventions in recent memory. All in all, you were well represented by our delegation which did its part in putting forth a very favorable image for the National Party as you may have noticed if you watched the proceedings on C-Span. I would urge all of you to consider attending a National Convention some year. It's an impressive event.

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LEC Makes Plans

by Keith Edwards



Left to Right: Jim Allison, Will White, Tom Quinn, Rae Jozwiak, Nathan Allen, Dan Sheill, Greg Stempfle, Mike Donahue. Not Pictured: Jim Miller

Riding on the wave of unity established at the State Convention, the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Michigan laid out its organizational plans for the 2004-05 year at its meeting at the new Headquarters in Lansing on May 16. Chair Mike Donahue started the ball rolling by asking each LEC member to oversee one or more of the LPM's functions. This gets the at-large directors more involved in actual operations. For example, Rae Jozwiak will oversee convention planning by the sponsoring affiliate. Greg Stempfle will serve as political director including candidate development. While there appears to be some overlap, the system will be tweaked as time passes to avoid blurring of responsibility.

Stempfle announced he plans to hold two leadership conferences stressing candidate training. Jozwiak will coordinate the convention chair's plans with the treasurer and be sure that the timeline will work.

Affiliate development will be pushed by Vice Chair Jim Miller along with former Chair Bill Gelineau and a membership chair to be named. Nathan Allen will work with Treasurer Wil White on financial matters. Dan Sheil will oversee marketing and work on student outreach. Secretary Tom Quinn will oversee web site, newsletter and communications director. Jim Allison will work with Steve VanTil in the webmaster job, succeeding Ben Bachrach who has been a tower of strength in the LPM for years.

Donahue reported that there are prospects for new affiliates in St. Clair, Monroe and Isabella counties.

The meeting was well attended by other activists who also provided input.

LPM State Picnic

by Rosemarie Jozwiak

We hope everyone will join us for the festivities as the 2004 LPM State Picnic being hosted by the Tri-City affiliate on Sunday, August 22.

Invitations have been issued to both the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates. As of this printing, confirmation of attendance has been received from Mr. Campagna.

So for those who were unable to attend the National Convention in Atlanta, this is an ideal opportunity to meet and speak to him (them?) personally. Let's show the media that support is strong for our candidates. And don't forget to invite that dissatisfied with the D's and R's, libertarian-leaning person to attend with you. It is just a short Sunday afternoon drive. Hope to see you there!

Medical Marijuana

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were submitted to the Ann Arbor Clerk last month for their proposal.

Since 1996 when California and Arizona votes said "yes" to medical marijuana, the issue has won every single time it has appeared on the ballot.

Specifically, the proposal asks voters to amend the city code by granting an exemption under city ordinances (protection from criminal prosecution) to those residents who need to possess and use the marijuana plant for medicinal purposes. The proposal would amend Chapter 38. Offenses, Miscellaneous Provisions by adding two sections. A new §38-11-9 would permit possession of marijuana "under the direction, prescription, supervision, or guidance of a physician or other licensed medical professional." A new §38-11-32 would exempt patients from prosecution under the "Drug Paraphernalia" section so that they may possess the means needed to ingest marijuana."

Please visit their website www.mmdetroit.org for additional information.

Medical marijuana is a winnable issue with Americans across the board. All libertarians are encouraged to help out with this effort. If you are interested in working at a poll on Primary Tuesday, August 3, please contact Tim Beck at info@mmdetroit.org.

Calendar of Events

July 14, 2004 - 6:30 PM MACOMB COUNTY monthly meeting. Drinks and dinner at 6:30 PM, business begins at 7:00 PM. Location: Miles World Restaurant, 17689 Masonic, Fraser, MI 48026, 586-415-4500. **Contact:** Keith Edwards **Phone:** (586) 777-7468 **E-mail:** keithmarni@aol.com

July 21, 2004 - 7:30 PM Special Convention of the LPM. All dues paying members are encouraged to attend. Location: LPM State Office 913 W. Holmes Road; Southwind Office Park - Conference Room Lansing, MI 48910 **Contact:** Mike Donahue **Phone:** (313) 837-9082 **E-Mail:** forumshopper@comcast.net

July 25, 2004 - 12:00 PM Regular Executive Committee Meeting of the LPM. All dues paying members are welcome to attend. **Location:** LPM State Office 913 W. Holmes Road; Southwind Office Park - Conference Room Lansing, MI 48910 **Contact:** Mike Donahue **Phone:** (313) 837-9082 **E-mail:** forumshopper@comcast.net

August 2, 2004 - 7:30 PM The Tri-City Libertarian Party holds a general meeting on the first Monday of each month. Location: Lone Star Steakhouse on Tittabawassee Road in Saginaw (near I-675) **Contact:** Dick Jozwiak **Phone:** (989) 922-5226 **E-mail:** jozie@mail.com

Affiliate News

Wayne County Elects Officers for 2004

At their annual County Caucus this spring in Dearborn, the Wayne County Libertarians chose Greg Stempfle to be the County Chair during this hectic campaign season. Greg has served as Chair in the past and has also edited both the state and county newsletters.

Elected to Vice-Chair for the first time was Loel Gnadt. Loel has served on the board for a number of years and is one of the county's most dedicated activists. David Nagy will again keep track of our



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August 11, 2004 - 6:30 PM MACOMB COUNTY monthly meeting. Drinks and dinner at 6:30 PM, business begins at 7:00 PM. Location: Miles World Restaurant, 17689 Masonic, Fraser, MI 48026, 586-415-4500. **Contact: Keith Edwards Phone: (586) 777-7468 E-mail: keithmarni@aol.com**

August 12, 2004 - 7:00 PM Libertarian Party of West Michigan monthly meeting. Location: Club North Banquet Room at 1359 Plainfield NE; just North of Leonard in Grand Rapids. **Contact: Membership Director Steve Van Til Phone: (616) 738-2807 E-mail: stevev@lpwm.org**

August 15-21, 2004 The Tri-City Libertarian Party will have a booth at the Midland County Fair (Sunday, through Saturday). Location: Midland Fair Grounds, Midland, MI **Contact: Richard Jozwiak Phone: (989) 922-5226 E-mail: jozie@mail.com**

August 22, 2004 - 1:00 PM LPM State Picnic 2004 hosted by the Tri-City Libertarian Party Guest Speaker: Vice-Presidential candidate Richard Campagna Location: Richland Township Park, 200 Parkside Lane, Hemlock, MI **Contact: Rae Jozwiak Phone: (989) 922-5226 E-mail: jozie@mail.com**

September 9, 2004 - 7:00 PM Libertarian Party of West Michigan monthly meeting. Location: Club North Banquet Room at 1359 Plainfield NE; just North of Leonard in Grand Rapids. **Contact: Membership Director Steve Van Til Phone: (616) 738-2807 E-mail: stevev@lpwm.org**

October 14, 2004 - 7:00 PM Libertarian Party of West Michigan monthly meeting. Location: Club North Banquet Room at 1359 Plainfield NE; just North of Leonard in Grand Rapids. **Contact: Membership Director Steve Van Til Phone: (616) 738-2807 E-mail: stevev@lpwm.org**

November 11, 2004 - 7:00 PM Libertarian Party of Michigan monthly meeting. Location: Club North Banquet Room at 1359 Plainfield NE; just North of Leonard in Grand Rapids. **Contact: Membership Director Steve Van Til Phone: (616) 738-2807 E-mail: stevev@lpwm.org**

December 9, 2004 - 7:00 PM Libertarian Party of West Michigan monthly meeting. Location: Club North Banquet Room at 1359 Plainfield NE; just North of Leonard in Grand Rapids. **Contact: Membership Director Steve Van Til Phone: (616) 738-2807 E-mail: stevev@lpwm.org**

February 26, 2005 - 6:00 PM Freedom Dinner 2005 hosted by the Tri-City Libertarian Party Location: The Grand Banquet & Conference Center, Essexville, MI **Contact: Rae Jozwiak Phone: (989) 922-5226 E-mail: jozie@mail.com**

Troika Manages Presidential Campaign

by Jamie Lewis

"Close" seems inadequate to describe the Presidential voting at this year's National Libertarian Convention. After three ballots featuring three of the most qualified presidential candidates ever, the Texas Constitutional scholar, Michael Badnarik, emerged as the Libertarian nominee to challenge assumed nominees George Bush and John Kerry. The first challenge to be overcome was that up until the Atlanta Convention Michael was operating on what he says "would generously be referred to as a shoestring budget" and a campaign team of two people.

Enter Fred Collins.

Fred Collins gave the Second nominating speech for Badnarik at the convention and followed that up by stepping forward as the Campaign Manager. Fred then brought in fellow Troika members Barb Goushaw-Collins as Assistant Campaign Manager and Greg Dirasian as IT Manager.

The Troika team has been very successful in getting Michigan Libertarian Party members elected to non-partisan offices in Michigan. David Eisenbacher and Martin Howrylak in Troy, Andy LeCureaux in Hazel Park, and Erin Stahl in St. Clair Shores all won with the assistance of Troika. Since the new management team has been in place, the campaign team has grown from 2 to over 20 members from across the country, many of them being former Gary Nolan and Aaron Russo supporters. A campaign headquarters is being set up in Austin Texas. The top priorities for the campaign right now are fundraising, writing position papers, scheduling events and appearances, coordinating those plans with travel arrangements and media interviews. The fundraising goal has been set at over \$100,000 a week with 80% of all funds raised to be dedicated for TV advertising. Yard signs, bumper stickers and campaign Literature are being designed to be downloaded by the state campaign committees so they can be produced locally.

Coordinating a national campaign is a huge undertaking and can only be done well if you have reliable and dedicated people to handle the details on the state level. In Michigan Jim Allison has been named coordinator for Michael Badnarik's campaign. "I'd like to put together a successful trip through Michigan for him in mid September" Allison says. "I have a fundraising dinner in the planning process in Macomb County, but nothing is set in stone as of yet. I'm thinking about booking him at colleges in the area too. If you know of any large groups or events that he could speak at, or have ideas about other events for our Presidential candidate, let me know. The more ideas the better!"

For the latest campaign information go to www.badnarik.org

Affiliate Information

Capital Area Libertarian Party (includes Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Shiawassee)
Chair: Bob Broda (517) 321-7647 Website: www.calparty.org

Kalamazoo & St. Joseph Counties Libertarian Party (includes Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph)
Meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at TGI Friday's Restaurant in Oshkemo, Michigan. Chair: Matthew Umlor, mattumlor@yahoo.com Website: www.kalamazoopl.org

Libertarian Party of Livingston County
Chair, David Buck, (810) 220-5741

Libertarians of Macomb County
The LMC holds regular monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of every month (excluding December) at Mile's World 17689 Masonic (near Groesbeck), Fraser, MI 48026. Join us for cocktails and/or dinner at 6:00 pm, business begins at 7:00 pm. Chair, Keith Edwards, (810) 777-7468, keithmarni@aol.com Website: www.macomblp.com

Libertarian Party of Mid-West Michigan (includes Lake, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Osceola, Wexford)
General Membership meetings are every second Saturday at 6:00pm at Kountry Kitchen Restaurant, 1920 N. Mitchell in Cadillac.
Chair, Brian Kluesner, (616) 723-7087, Website: www.pecktec.com/lpmwm

Libertarian Party of Oakland County
Meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at Sila's, 4033 W. 12 Mile Rd, Berkley. Sila's is 2 blocks east of Greenfield on the south side of 12 Mile Road. Chair, Nathan Allen (248) 363-3790, nathan1117@msn.com Website: www.lpocmi.org

Libertarian Party of South Central Michigan (includes Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee)
Chair, James Parker, (517) 439-0643, jamesp@epcorp.com

Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County
The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Cubs AC Restaurant located in the Colonial Lanes Bowling Center, 1950 S Industrial Hwy, Ann Arbor. All meetings are open to the public. The first Thursday of every month is a business meeting. Other meetings feature speakers, project work, or social events. Chair: Lawrence (Larry) Johnson, Michlibertarian@comcast.net, 734-476-7817 Website: www.lpwash.org

Libertarian Party of Wayne County (includes Monroe, Wayne)
The party holds regular monthly meetings at 6:30 pm. on the first Thursday of every month at City Tavern Restaurant in Dearborn at 14316 Michigan Ave., between Greenfield and Schaefer. Chair: Greg Stempfle stempfle@hotmail.com Website: www.mi.lp.org/affiliates/wayn/

Libertarian Party of West Michigan (includes Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent,

Special Convention

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It is the intention that the special convention confirm the nominations of Michael Badnarik and Richard Campagna. Those names will be submitted, along with any other state representative nominees, to the Secretary of State's office before 5:00 PM on July 22 to comply with the letter of the law. All state party members are encouraged to attend this meeting. In the possibility that the SOS changes its position and renders a decision favorable to the LP, the special convention will not be necessary and may be canceled. Any cancellation or change will be noted on the LPM web site at <http://www.lpmich.org/> and on the LPM office telephone at 1-888-FREE NOW.

Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa)
Monthly meetings held in Grand Rapids at Club North's Banquet Room at 1359 Plainfield NE, just north of Leonard. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Chair: Ron Heeren rlheeren@attbi.com Website: www.lpwm.org

Libertarian Party of Van Buren County (includes Barrien, Cass, Van Buren)
Vice Chair: Harold Hester hhstr@lodisnet.com Website: www.lpmich.org/affiliates/vblp

St. Clair County Libertarian Party
Monthly meeting is at the Murphy Inn and Pub in the city of St. Clair on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month starting at 7 PM. dinner at 6:30 Chair: Mark Byrne iwantska@hotmail.com website: www.lpmich.org/affiliates/scclp/index.htm

Thumb Area Libertarian Party (includes Genesee, Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, Tuscola)
Meets the second Tuesday of every month at Whitey's Restaurant in Davison. Chair, Paul Hitch, phitch@intouchmi.com

Tri-Cities Libertarian Party (includes Bay, Midland, Saginaw, Isabella, Gratiot, Clare, Gladwin)
The TCLP holds a general meeting on the first Monday of each month at Lone Star Steakhouse on Tittabawassee Road in Saginaw (near I-675). Dinner is followed by the evening's guest speaker at 7:30, and the business meeting shortly afterward. Chair: Richard Jozwiak jozie@webinbox.com Website: www.TriCityLibertarianParty.org

Traverse Bay Libertarian Party (includes Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau)
Chair, Jerold Coon, jtcoon@gcii.com Website: www.lpmich.org/affiliates/tblp

Upper Peninsula Libertarian Party (Includes: Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon, Schoolcraft)
Chair, John Loosemore, (906) 334-2922, Website: www.lpmich.org/affiliates/uplp

From The Chair

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On another front, your State Party Libertarian Executive Committee (LEC) has already had its first regular meeting. Let me say right here that the newly elected LEC appears to be outstanding. Its members are nicely representative of all parts of our state and include some relatively new Libertarians as well as some old timers who've been around the barn a few times. It's a great mix and I believe it promises a fine year ahead. I have asked several members of the Party to pitch in this year and help with duties and projects to make the overall burden a little lighter for all of us. I am a firm believer in utilizing as many members as possible to achieve our Party's goals. Especially in a presidential election year there are many things to do. The initial organization table for the Party is set out on our website and I encourage you to check it out. If there are any activities that interest you let me know or contact the LEC member who oversees it. And if you think of activities we should be doing please let me know and I will consider them gladly. Many hands make light work and also give us a sense of participation and achievement. It's good for us as individual members and it's good for the Party. If you are asked to help out during the year with one of our activities I hope you will pitch in. As we go through the year I believe we should focus on support for our candidates throughout our State, membership development and active participation in our local affiliates. Be sure you attend your local meetings to help make your affiliate strong. That's a principal way to make our Party grow.

One of the people I have asked to assist the State Party this year is Steve Van Til of our West Michigan Affiliate. Steve is our new Webmaster. You may wonder why we need a new one. Well, it's because our long-serving Webmaster has asked for relief from these duties after many years of unheralded behind the scenes exemplary service in that position. Of course, that person is Ben Bachrach who has done so much for our Party for so many years in many different capacities, and always with congeniality and competence. We owe Ben a great vote of thanks for his service. So we say here and now, THANKS, BEN!

This first Chair's Message cannot end without a final acknowledgment of the great work done over the last year by our Immediate Past Chair, Bill Gelineau. He truly gave every ounce of his energy to the job last year. His vision of the State Party made us a better organization when he finished than when he began. We thank you, Bill, for your dedication and untiring efforts. And unlike some of his predecessors, he's not fading into the sunset now that his service as Chair is completed. He has offered to work in whatever role I can use him and so I have asked him to work under our Vice-Chair, Jim Miller, to assist with Membership, Affiliate Development and the Operation of the State HQ and Field Director's activities. I'm sure his experience in these areas will help Jim and the LEC achieve some of our goals this year. Thanks again, Bill, for your dedication and your loyalty. It has been, is and will be appreciated as you continue your efforts for Liberty.

One final thought. Something we can all do this year is help our membership grow. Please consider getting one new member for the Party between now and Election Day. If we all get one we'll double our membership and be the second largest state party in the nation. I know you can do it. You know you can do it. As they say in the Nike ads, "Just do it." See you next issue.

Steinport

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"I was seen as an opponent to the administration and the bond was essentially a referendum on their work thus far. Since I didn't hold hands and rubber stamp everything, those who voted in favor of the bond (which passed handily) most likely voted for the status-quo trio." Still, Jeff was a bit surprised at his loss as he had felt strong community support for his efforts on the board, and had earned the endorsement of the Grand Rapids Press. "It's very difficult to reach the people who don't regularly vote but just come out for bond votes. If I had reached them with my message, I probably would have won. However, after having two weeks to reflect, I don't see my loss as a bad thing. I've had other plans in the education realm on the back burner and I've just moved my timetable up by three years. I've seen the inside of the education bureaucracy and it isn't pretty. There is virtually no accountability, follow up, or concern for cost-effectiveness. Only in the education world is spending \$10,000 per student considered way too little. The only real loss here is to the taxpayers. Their money will now be spent foolishly without anyone asking questions or demanding results."

Government URLs

by Tom Jones

Below are some internet URLs for the U.S.A. and Michigan governments. Be aware or be square.

U.S.A.

U.S. Govt — general search engine: <http://www.firstgov.gov/>

U.S. House of Reps.: <http://www.house.gov/>

U.S. Senate: <http://www.senate.gov/>

Thomas — Congress info- bills, committees: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

Constitution, Laws, Regulations, etc.: http://www.firstgov.gov/Topics/Reference_Shelf.shtml#laws

U.S. bureaucracy: <http://www.firstgov.gov/Agencies/Federal/Executive.shtml>

U.S. Supreme Court: <http://www.supremecourtus.gov/>

Michigan

Michigan govt links: <http://www.michigan.gov/>

Michigan legislature and laws: <http://www.michiganlegislature.org/>

Mich Election info: <http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633--,00.html>

Mich eLibrary (MeL): <http://www.mel.org/index.html>

Gongwer News Service — Mich govt stuff: <http://www.gongwer.com>

LEC Minutes

Minutes of LEC Meeting for May 16, 2004

Meeting called to order at 12:05 by Chairman Donahue

Vice Chair Miller absent.

Motion by Stempfle to accept minutes of the April 17 LEC meeting. Second by Allison. Ayes all.

Motion by White to accept minutes of the February 8 LEC meeting. Second by Jozwiak. Ayes all.

Question was raised about Chairman Donahue handling the pledge program. He will be working on it.

Question was raised about tape recording meetings. Schwartz will bring in a recorder.

Treasurer's report was presented: Treasurer White says that new software is needed; "Treasurer's Expenses" in report is actually a correction factor for past several years; Discussion on end of fiscal year ending on May 31; Petty cash needs to be brought to new office; Campaign funds need to be separate entities.

Treasurer's report was accepted by Chair.

Chairman Donahue reported that there will be a total of 48 delegates for the National Convention; discussion ensued regarding accepting delegates from other states at convention; Mark Powell's Resolution from MI Convention is up on website; Ben Bachrach has asked to be relieved of webmaster responsibilities — Steve VanTil will take over; The Chair seeks to implement an organizational plan for the LEC that will get more people responsible for fewer things.

Treasurer White explained need for financial software. Motion by White to allow purchase of software up to \$600 and also allow periodic expenditures up to \$100.

Second by Jozwiak. Motion carried.

At-Large Director Allen reported that Hazel Park office will be cleared out on 22nd. Help would be appreciated. White is to notify utilities. Quinn is to contact Post Office to forward mail. Gelineau is to cancel insurance.

Recess at 1:42. Return at 1:55.

Newsletter editor Lewis reported that due to desire to have last issue go out before convention it was handled in a unique manner; He desires that the NL publication be coordinated with LEC meetings. Chairman asked that newsletters be previewed by LEC prior to publication.

Bulk mail permit expires soon - Keith Edwards will renew.

Gelineau provided a general report on goals and future activities for affiliate development.

Regarding candidates and elections, Stempfle would like to see: two leadership conferences; Websites for candidates offered through State website; State-wide slate brochure.

Motion by White to open a Federal Campaign Finance Account with Dianne Szabla as treasurer. Second by Sheill. Ayes all.

Receipt of proceeds from Stuart Ruley estate is being settled with \$4100 of approximately \$5100 in hand.

Convention report given by Lewis.

Schwartz reported that more membership sign-up forms need to be printed. Gelineau will oversee.

UMP discussion - as called for at convention - to be done at next LEC meeting.

Donahue suggest we consider incorporation. Moved by White to investigate such a move. Second by Stempfle. Ayes all.

Jozwiak mentioned that no confirmation has been received from insurance company that Midland Fair activities will be covered. Gelineau will look into.

White distributed copies of fliers containing State Platform. Donahue set regular meeting dates for July 25, October 10, December 12, and February 13. Meetings to begin at 12:00. An informal meeting to discuss possible structure of the LEC is set for August 29.

Meeting adjourned at 4:23

Minutes submitted by Secretary Tom Quinn.



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Libertarians Delivering the Message



Andy LeCureaux

Office: Hazel Park city council- 2001 and re-elected in 2003

Positions Held: Being the top vote getter in 2003 I was named (as is customary not required) Mayor Pro-Tem.

City Population: Just under 19,000

City Budget: \$10.8 million.

What made you decide to join the party and when? I joined the party in 1998 but have voted Libertarian or independent all my adult life. I joined because I wanted to get involved in the fight against income taxes and ending failed the war on drugs.

What has been your involvement in the LP? I was a LPOC executive board member in 2000 until I was elected to city council in 2001. I also was candidate for U.S. Congress in 2000, but raised no money and only answered league of women voters and newspaper questionnaires.

What would you say was your key to winning this office? Having a good campaign team, working hard by walking door to door and listening to the voters concerns. I also attended and sometimes spoke at city council meetings and was appointed to the youth assistance committee. The second race I had gained alot of support from people that I got to know while serving my first two year term and continuing to walk door to door. Both times I sought and received the endorsement of the Hazel Park firefighters union.

What has been your biggest political accomplishment in promoting libertarianism since being elected? Thinking for myself, listening to those in the council and the city and taking a big chance and firing a seemingly popular city manager against the wishes of alot of supporters, including the sitting Mayor. There was a threatened recall but it never materialized, and we found out that the city was in worse financial shape than we first thought. We put in a new city manager and new finance director/ treasurer, cut the fat from the budget with help from the unions concessions and their ideas to save money and

jobs,(we did lay off six part time, four full time employees and have not filled four vacant police officer positions) we also cut back on programs and services and did not raise property taxes, we did raise fees in many areas. Seven months latter the Mayor resigned. The underlying reasons for firing the city manager is that three of the five on council (myself included) felt money was not being spent wisely and with enough concern for the future of the city. When we asked questions about the empty water fund surplus, the failed attempt to relocate city hall, the land acquisition for the move before the required vote of the citizens and not bidding out the \$9.7 million Ice Arena project, the answers made us suspicious of wrong doing, pocketing money or kickbacks. As is the desire of many Libertarians I was not the majority on council but instead the third vote that made the majority. I made the motion that meeting to fire the city manager. We took the heat that followed and survived and kept the city out of bankruptcy. Another accomplishment that I am very proud of is my appointment to a twelve town trash board. This appointment meant that the rest of council trusted me to represent our city on this board that has its own \$8.5 million budget. They all know that I am the Libetarian. The board is made up of mostly city managers or DPW directors and one city attorney. There are only two elected officials on the board, myself and a city councilman from Troy, Martin Howrylak. Together with the lead of another city Royal Oak we (Troy, Royal Oak and Hazel Park) have lowered rates 20%, stopped the planned construction of a golf course on our capped landfill and returned over \$2 million to the member cities from the construction money. I was elected secretary of this board and sit on two standing committees that are seeking to settle pending law suits and have the support of the current chair to be the next chairperson. I never thought that when I got into politics that I would have been literally talking trash.

I encourage everyone to get involved in their hometown city government by starting to attend council meetings reading the local paper that covers the meetings and apply to a board or commission. Its easier than you think and so much fun to make good things happen!!!! Go for it I'm glad I did!!!

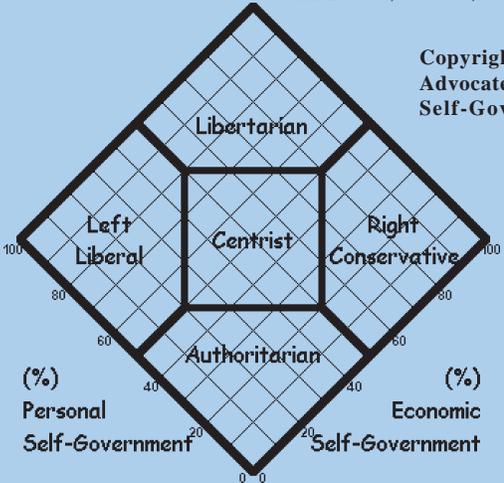
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Govt. should not control radio, TV, the press or the Internet			
Repeal regulations on sex for consenting adults			
Drug laws do more harm than good. Repeal them.			
Let peaceful people cross borders freely.			
Add 20 for Y, 10 for M, 0 for N			

Economic Issues	Y	M	N
Businesses and farms should operate without govt subsidies			
People are better off with free trade than with tariffs.			
Minimum wage laws cause unemployment. Repeal them.			
End taxes. Pay for services with user fees.			
All foreign aid should be privately funded.			
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