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## Campaign Training for Libertarian Candidates

by Greg Stempfle

Are you tired of our elected officials not being able to find *anything* in the budget to cut? Are you sick of the only solution you hear to any problem is *more spending*? Are you going through Ron Paul withdrawal? Well now is your chance to do something about it.

The Libertarian Party of Michigan is looking for candidates to run for office this November under our party banner to spread the word about limited government, individual rights, and non-interventionism. The LPM has set an ambitious goal to run 100 candidates for office in Michigan, from Federal to County offices.

To help our candidates and prepare them for the campaign season, the LPM will be hosting free of charge, a candidate training conference on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western in Livonia. Here candidates will hear about dealing with the media, fundraising, campaign forms, building a website, and voter outreach among other topics.

Plus there will be a panel of five current and former elected Libertarian councilmembers to share their experience with our new and seasoned candidates.

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## LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL CONVENTION 2008



A Better Choice for  
*America*

DENVER, COLORADO  
MAY 22-26

by Bill Hall

### On to Denver!

The excitement is palpable. On May 22 through 26, a thousand Libertarians will meet to chart the course of the Libertarian Party for the upcoming two years. They will converge on Denver, Colorado, birthplace of the Libertarian Party in December of 1971, and the site of two prior Libertarian National Conventions, in 1972 and 1981.

When I arrived at the Denver Convention in 1981, I was recently graduated from law school, yet a seasoned Libertarian activist. I had joined the Party four years earlier in Indiana, after hearing

1976 Libertarian Party Presidential candidate Roger MacBride speak at my college. I attended the 1979 Los Angeles convention as an Indiana delegate. In 1980 I made my first run for office as a Libertarian, for the Illinois State Legislature. In 1981, I was attending as an Illinois delegate, even though I had recently moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, to take a job with the same law firm I still work for today.

Even though it wasn't a Presidential Nominating Convention, there was a big turnout in Denver in 1981. The year

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before, Libertarian Party Presidential nominee Ed Clark had reached new highs in Libertarian vote totals, and the Party faithful were optimistic about our prospects for the future. Like today, the country was sliding into recession. Middle Eastern terrorism was in the news. Both were used as excuses for government to spend beyond its means. The forces of Democratic and Republican socialism marched on.

This year we face the prospect of selecting our Presidential nominees from a field of more than a dozen announced candidates. Some of them are principled Libertarians, worthy of our consideration. Others are political opportunists, hoping to exploit the Libertarian Party's ballot status for their non-libertarian campaigns. All those candidates are campaigning against the backdrop of Ron Paul's pro-freedom, anti-war and overtly libertarian campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

Unlike the campaigns of the Libertarian Party hopefuls, Ron Paul's campaign appears to have caught the imagination of thousands of present and former Libertarian Party activists, not to mention hundreds of thousands of Americans. Ron Paul has set Internet fundraising records, raking in tens of millions of dollars. He has drawn deep support from young voters, independents and Reagan Democrats. He has emphasized for us in the Libertarian Party of Michigan something that Jon Coon taught us in his 1994 U.S. Senate campaign. The natural constituency for libertarians is the young, the working class, and small business people, eager for social mobility and clever enough to recognize that requires the freedom of lower income tax rates and less regulation, not more government.

Unfortunately, it has now become obvious that the Republican Presidential nomination will go to the war-mongering Senator John McCain, co-sponsor of the McCain-Feingold law that eviscerated all Americans' freedom of speech, whose positions on most issues are indistinguishable from those of Democratic front-runners Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. This is good news for the Libertarian Party, because it means neither the Republicans nor the Democrats will offer the voters economic or personal freedom, only the Libertarians.

Will Ron Paul have the good sense to abandon

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the Republican Party, as he did 20 years ago, and seek the Libertarian nomination? Might we arrive in Denver to the excitement of a Ron Paul draft? If Ron Paul doesn't seek our nomination, will any of those running for the Libertarian Party Presidential nomination earn the votes of a majority of the delegates? Will the delegates break new ground in political history by voting for "None of the Above", and nominating no one? Will Mary Ruwart, Bob Barr, Ed Thompson, or another new candidate throw their hat in the ring? Come to Denver and find out. Be a part of history in the making.

To learn more about the Libertarian Party National Convention or to register, go to <http://www.lpconvention.org/>. To become one of Michigan's 34 delegates to the Libertarian Party National Convention, email LPM Secretary Emily Salvette, at [salvette@umich.edu](mailto:salvette@umich.edu) to let her know you would like be a delegate. To learn more about being a National Convention delegate, and those candidates running for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominations, plan to attend the LPM's 2008 Campaign Conference on March 8, starting at 9 a.m. at the Livonia Best Western hotel.



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## LPM RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

### PRESS RELEASE

"Judging from Governor Granholm's latest "State of the State" address, the state of our State is a state of denial," declares Bill Hall, chairman of the Libertarian Party of Michigan. "Tonight the Governor congratulated the Democratic House and Republican Senate for making painful spending cuts, when in fact they increased state spending by a billion dollars. She feted them for raising personal income taxes, creating the new Michigan Business Tax and then raising that new tax before it even took effect, ignoring the theft of citizens' livelihoods those dramatically increased taxes represent. She decried Michigan's highest-in-the-nation insurance rates, but forgot to note they are the direct result of state coverage mandates, such as no-fault insurance. In short, she denied the cold, hard truth. The truth that Michigan's economic problems are the direct result of her, and our bipartisan state government's, policies."

"Every year we hear grand promises, but every year we end up farther down the wrong path. This year we heard promises to invest taxpayer funds in the Governor's favorite industries. To welcome foreign businesses to Michigan on a tax-free basis, while existing Michigan businesses and citizens continue to pay the same high Michigan taxes. To sell State bonds, so the State can lend those funds in competition with banks in the subprime mortgage market. To transform Michigan into a Swedish Socialist paradise.

Why would we trust a politician to use taxpayer funds to pick the winners and losers in our economy? A politician, I might add, who has no business experience and virtually no experience working in a non-government job? Instead, we need to make real changes now to unshackle the Michigan economy."

Hall noted the Libertarian Party of Michigan wants less government and more freedom. "We need to cut spending, lower taxes and reduce bureaucratic regulation until Michigan is ranked first in entrepreneurship. Level the playing field," Hall continued, "for everyone, not just those that are favorites of Governor Granholm."



# Affiliate Events and News

## Port Huron Libertarian Council Member's Initial Freedom Initiatives Pass

by Mark Byrne



Port Huron Councilman  
Mark Byrne

On January 28th 2008, the Port Huron City Council voted to increase freedom 3 times.

Council member Mark Byrne introduced resolutions to repeal the entire Chapter in the city ordinances that regulated Amusements and Entertainments, for the purpose of eliminating regulation and licensing of

amusement and entertainment establishments which had bowling alleys, roller skating rinks, theaters, pool/billiards tables or rooms, dancehalls, arcades and/or gaming devices back in December and the resolution became law after it's 3rd and final reading passed.

The council also approved Byrne's resolution amending Chapter 24 of the city ordinances on Fire Prevention and Protection for the purpose of allowing outdoor burning of firewood in Chimeras and portable fire pits. They were previously banned on private property in Port Huron.

The 3rd vote also initiated by Libertarian Party member Byrne repealed an ordinance against playing catch or football in city parks.

Other freedom initiatives moving forward towards the 3rd and final reading include eliminating mandatory bicycle registration and replacing it with an on line voluntary system to help return lost or stolen bikes.

More controversial freedom initiatives by Byrne are moving forward to a 3rd vote but it is unclear if these will pass the final vote yet. They include allowing businesses other than non-profits to apply for a beer tent permit during special events such as the annual Port Huron to Mackinac Island yacht race party and allowing beer and wine to be consumed in and along the downtown marina and 2 water front city parks.

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NN

The LEC was asked to consider supporting this resolution before the state legislature. The general feeling amongst board members was that while we support parental rights and the idea behind this amendment, the "compelling government interest" clause rendered the entire resolution meaningless. Look at how the "interstate commerce clause" and "necessary and proper" clause to the US Constitution have been interrupted by the courts to give Congress virtually unlimited power. This resolution will most likely be addressed at the State Convention before the entire membership.

January 23, 2008, Introduced by 80 Representatives referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2007-2008/jointresolutionintroduced/House/pdf/2008-HIJR-NN.pdf>

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by adding section 27 to article I, to declare the fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to direct the care, upbringing, and education of their children.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to declare the fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to direct the care, upbringing, and education of their children, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

### ARTICLE I

SEC. 27. PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS HAVE A NATURAL AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO DIRECT THE CARE, EDUCATION, AND UPBRINGING OF THEIR CHILDREN. NO GOVERNMENT ACTION SHALL BURDEN, ABRIDGE, OR HINDER THIS NATURAL, FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT UNLESS IT IS IN FURTHERANCE OF A COMPELLING GOVERNMENTAL INTEREST AND IS THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE MEANS OF FURTHERING THAT COMPELLING GOVERNMENTAL INTEREST.

Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be submitted to the people of the state at the next general election in the manner provided by law.

# Affiliate Events and News

## Upcoming Events

**March 8, 2008**

LPM Campaign Conference  
Best Western Hotel, 16999 South Laurel Park Drive  
Livonia, just west of I-275 at 6 Mile Road

**See last page for agenda and registration**

**April 20, 2008**

Meeting of the Libertarian Executive Committee (LEC)  
Teleconference meeting, PM.

Any member of the party wishing to attend the teleconference please contact a member of the LEC near you.

**May 22-26, 2008**

National Libertarian Convention, Denver

**June 7, 2008**

State Convention, Romulus  
-Nomination of candidates for public office

**August 5, 2008**

Primary Election

**November 4, 2008**

General Election



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## Lansing

### Voters Bill of Rights Forum in Lansing Press — by Will Tyler White

Sunday January 13, The Capital Area affiliate hosted a Voters Bill of Rights forum at the LPM Lansing office that resulted in a nice story and photo in the Lansing City Pulse. "The Other Sides" is the title of the piece, and the photo shows "The Libertarians .... clearly had the classiest banner".

Held in conjunction with the Michigan Third Party Coalition (MTPC), the event was designed to garner support for the coalition's 15-plank platform to reform the election process. The Voters Bill of Rights draft can be accessed at the Capital Area web site, [calparty.org](http://calparty.org), or by joining the MTPC yahoo discussion group (mithirdparties).

The event was a successful "open forum and debate" as advertised and generated good public interest. The publicity and direct mail effort resulted in five new members the following week.

See the article on line at [lansingcitypulse.com](http://lansingcitypulse.com), [http://www.lansingcitypulse.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=1553&Itemid=2](http://www.lansingcitypulse.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1553&Itemid=2)

## Ann Arbor

### Libertarian Presidential Candidate Bob Jackson Speaks to College Libertarians at UM — by Eric Plourde

On Thursday, February 7, Bob Jackson made a visit to the College Libertarians at the University of Michigan. Jackson is running for the Libertarian nomination for President of the United States and is currently third in fundraising within the party. The conversation focused on three main issues: dysfunctional government, energy policy, and US foreign policy.

Afterwards, there was a question and answer session in which Jackson was asked what he thinks his chances are of winning the race. He replied by stating that the race is about building a strong party and a strong following, even if the chances of winning are not necessarily very high.

He also addressed the Ron Paul/Libertarian Party issue, saying that it is not necessarily wrong to support more than one candidate, but that Libertarians should vote Libertarian and that someone like Ron Paul could have a place in a Bob Jackson appointed cabinet.

# Election 2008: How to Become a Candidate

by Leonard Schwartz

## A. Selection of Candidates

Candidates for the following offices will be selected by LPM members at the LPM convention, scheduled for Saturday, June 7: United States Senator, Member of State Board of Education (2), Regent of University of Michigan (2), Trustee of Michigan State University (2), Governor of Wayne State University (2), and Justice of Supreme Court (1).

Candidates for Representative in Congress and State Representative whose districts are in more than one county also will be selected at the LPM convention.

Candidates for Representative in Congress and State Representative whose districts are entirely within one county will be selected at county caucuses held at or before the LPM convention. Candidates for county and township offices likewise will be selected at county caucuses held at or before the LPM convention.

Candidates cannot be selected after the LPM convention.

If you can't attend the LPM convention, but want to be nominated: (1) complete your candidate paperwork beforehand and (2) ask someone to take your paperwork to the convention and nominate you.

Some townships have a nonpartisan library board. If you want to be a candidate, ask your township clerk for the procedure.

Except for Representative in Congress, you must be a resident for any district office.

## B. LPM Membership

The LPM Bylaws don't explicitly require that a candidate be an LPM member. But selecting a nonmember is unwise.

1. If a person doesn't support LPM, why should LPM support him?

2. Some persons claim that they can't afford LPM dues. But if a person can't even find someone who will make a campaign contribution to pay his dues, that person will be merely a nominal candidate.

3. By joining LPM a person indicates that he supports libertarian principles and opposes the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals. A candidate who refuses to join LPM is more likely to do something that will embarrass LPM.

4. Once a person's candidate paperwork is filed, LPM cannot remove that candidate from the ballot. If a candidate does something that embarrasses LPM, the only thing LPM can do is censure that candidate. Even if the news media reports that LPM censured the candidate, his unlibertarian conduct will still embarrass

LPM. It is better to have no candidate than to have a candidate who will embarrass LPM.

## C. Candidate Paperwork

Each candidate must fill out a "Certificate of Acceptance" and an "Affidavit of Identity." Chairs of LPM affiliates should get copies of the current version for county caucuses. Candidates for Justice of the Supreme Court must also fill out an "Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification."

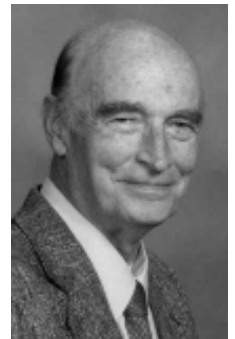
Forms are available from the Bureau of Elections, county clerks, and at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos). Don't use old versions.

All forms must be filed in completely. In the past, some members who were nominated didn't get on the ballot because their forms weren't correct. Here are some common problems:

1. Put your complete address, including zip code, on both forms. Use the address where you are registered to vote.

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## California LP Presidential Primary Results February 5, 2008



*Bob Jackson from Michigan (right)  
placed 4th in the California Primary*

Christine Smith	3,890	25.1%
Steve Kubby	2,670	17.2%
Wayne A. Root	2,165	14.0%
Bob Jackson	1,368	8.9%
Barry Hess	834	5.4%
George Phillies	773	5.0%
Michael P. Jingoian	742	4.7%
Daniel Imperato	649	4.1%
Robert Milnes	661	4.2%
John Finan	646	4.1%
Dave Hollist	632	4.0%
Alden Link	514	3.3%

For the record...

Ron Paul (5th place, GOP) 112,552 4.3%

# Election 2008: What's on the Ballot

## Federal

Presidential and Vice-Presidential Electors (17)  
US Senate (Carl Levin's seat)  
US Congress (all 15 seats)

## State

Justice of the Supreme Court (1 seat)  
State Board of Education (2 seats)  
Univ. of Michigan Board of Trustees (2 seats)  
Michigan State Univ. Board of Regents (2 seats)  
Wayne State Univ. Board of Governors (2 seats)  
Michigan Legislature (all 110 seats)  
(the State Senate is not up until 2010)  
Other Judgeships

## County

Many county offices are up for reelection every two or four years. County Executive, Sheriff, County Commissioners among others. Please check with your local county clerk.

## Local

Few cities and school boards hold elections in even numbered years. An exception being cities in Washtenaw County, which are also partisan. Most cities will have some nonpartisan elections in 2009. Many townships will also, but their elections are partisan. Community Colleges Trustee positions are often in even numbered years. Seeking election to a local office has been where Libertarians have a good track record for success. Please check with your local clerk for availability.

## The Process

In this newsletter, there are articles by Leonard Schwartz, LPM Political Director, on how to go about becoming one of these candidates and what necessary paperwork is and is not required. For most offices there are just three forms to fill out. There is little to no campaign finance paperwork required for these offices if you do not spend more than a specific amount. Please keep this issue around for reference.





# Campaign Finance Information

by Leonard Schwartz

## Congressional Candidates

To get campaign finance information and forms, call the Federal Election Commission, 1-800-424-9530. Say that you are a candidate for Congress and want a candidate information package.

Highlights from the Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees:

You must form a candidate committee if you accept any contributions (even \$1) or if you spend more than \$5000 (even if all expenditures are paid out of your own pocket). Give it a name like "Committee to Elect [your name]" or "Friends of [your name]" or "[your name] for Congress." The committee's name must include your last name. You can be the treasurer of your own committee.

If you accept any contributions, your committee must open a checking account. You must keep a record of the name and address of each person who contributes more than \$50. If someone contributes more than \$200, you should also get the person's occupation and employer. You can accept anonymous contributions of \$50, but you must keep a record of when they were received.

You cannot accept more than \$100 in cash from any person. You cannot accept any contributions from corporations and labor unions; but you can accept contributions from their political committees.

You must keep a record of all campaign expenditures, even if you paid them out of your own pocket. Your committee must not make cash expenditures greater than \$100. Your committee must get a receipt for all expenditures greater than \$200; a canceled check is acceptable.

Most campaign material must say "Paid for by [name of your committee]."

You must file a Statement of Organization and periodic reports if contributions or expenditures exceed \$5000.

## Candidates for State or Local Office

To get campaign finance information and forms, contact: Bureau of Elections; 430 W. Allegan; Lansing MI 48918; 517-373-2540

Ask the Bureau to send you: "Candidate Committee Manual" and "Candidate Committee Campaign Statement Instructions and Forms." You can also find these booklets at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos). Make copies of the blank forms, fill in the copies, and make copies of the completed forms.

Highlights from Candidate Committee Manual.

### 1. Candidate Committee

You become a candidate under the Campaign Finance Act as soon as you:

- (a) file a nominating petition or a filing fee, or
- (b) receive a contribution or make an expenditure, or
- (c) are nominated by a political party caucus or convention.

Within 10 days of becoming a candidate, you must form a candidate committee, even if you don't plan to solicit contributions or spend any of your own money. You can be the treasurer of your own committee, unless you are running for a judgeship.

Give it a name like "Friends of [your name]" or "Citizens for [your name]."

The committee's name must include your first and last names.

Within another 10 days, you must file two copies of "Statement of Organization for Candidate Committees."

### 2. Contributions

If you accept any contributions, even \$1, your committee must open an account at a bank or credit union.

All contributions must be deposited in the committee's account.

You must keep a record of all contributions for 5 years. You must record the name and home address of each contributor. If someone contributes more than \$100, you must also record the person's occupation, employer, and work address. Do not deposit a check until you get this information.

You can accept contributions from any U.S. citizen. You cannot accept more than \$20 in cash from anyone or anonymous. You cannot accept contributions from corporations and labor unions; but you can accept contributions from their political committees. Special rules apply for contributions from political committees that are not registered in Michigan; see Appendix J of the Manual.

### 3. Expenditures

You must keep a record of all expenditures for 5 years, even if you paid them out of your own pocket. Your committee must not make any cash expenditure greater than \$50. Your committee must get a receipt for any expenditure greater than \$50; a canceled check is acceptable.

### 4. Campaign Finance Reports

You must file periodic campaign finance reports if you received more than \$1000 in contributions or if you spent more than \$1000, even if all campaign expenditures were paid out of your own pocket.

### 5. Campaign Material

Fundraising letters and most campaign material must state: "Paid for by [name and address of your committee]."



# Becoming a Candidate

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2. If you are a candidate for Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, or County Commissioner, put your district number on both forms. Except for Representative in Congress, you must be registered to vote in your district.

3. Use the correct title of the office sought. If you are running for Congress, the correct title is Representative in Congress. The titles for state offices are listed above. For titles of county and township offices, check with your county or township clerk.

4. On your "Certificate of Acceptance," put "4th day of November, 2008."

5. On your "Affidavit of Identity," put your precinct number. This is the most common error. If you live in one of the few cities that has wards, also put your ward number. You can find this information on your voter registration card. If you cannot find your voter registration card, call your city or township clerk to get this information.

6. In part II of your "Affidavit of Identity," put "11/04/08" after "General Election," and check "Regular Term." In part IV, check "Certification of Party Nomination . . ."

7. Your "Affidavit of Identity" must be notarized. Notaries will be at the state convention.

Even if you don't yet know the office for which you will be a candidate, try to fill in as much of these forms as possible before the convention.

## D. Filing Candidate Paperwork

Forms for each candidate whose district is entirely within one county must be filed with the county clerk.

On the first business day after the LPM convention, someone must deliver to the county clerk (1) the "Affidavit of Identity" forms (3 copies for each candidate), (2) the "Certificate of Acceptance" forms, and (3) a list of those candidates. The list must have the complete address, including zip code, of each candidate.

There is no special form for the list of candidates. I suggest that you use a letter, addressed to the county clerk, saying, "Attached is a list of candidates nominated at the [ ] County caucus of the Libertarian Party of Michigan on June 7." Notice that the date must be the date of the LPM convention, which is the date the caucus formally closes, even if all candidates were nominated earlier. The letter must be signed by both the chair and secretary of the county caucus (who can be the same person if the caucus has only one person).

Forms for other candidates will be filed with the Bureau of Elections on that Monday.

## LPM Lansing Office Still an Option

by Will Tyler White

The Capital Area affiliate has negotiated to continue to occupy the Lansing office rent free for its own use, until our June convention. This will give the membership and new LEC an opportunity to renew the lease if so desired.

Much of the contents of the Lansing office belonged to Capital Area libertarians, so those items remain. A few items of furniture and office supplies were sold by the LPM at auction, and the remaining office furniture, computer and supplies were requested by and given to the Capital Area affiliate.

I have proposed an office pledge program, which is what funded the Hazel Park office. Please contact me at whitewi5@msu.edu if you would be willing to make a monthly pledge to reopen the Lansing office.

## The Republican Fisherman

A woman in a hot air balloon realized she was lost. She lowered her altitude and spotted a man in a boat below. She shouted to him, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am."

The man consulted his portable GPS and replied, "You're in a hot air balloon, approximately 30 feet above a ground elevation of 2346 feet above sea level. You are at 31 degrees, 14.97 minutes north latitude and 100 degrees, 49.09 minutes west longitude."

She rolled her eyes and said, "You must be a Republican."

"I am," replied the man. "How did you know?"

"Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct, but I have no idea what to do with your information, and I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help to me."

The man smiled and responded, "You must be a Democrat."

"I am," replied the balloonist. "How did you know?"

"Well," said the man, "you don't know where you are or where you are going. You've risen to where you are, due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise that you have no idea how to keep, and you expect me to solve your problem. You're in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but, somehow, now it's my fault."

# Libertarian Candidate Conference and Training

**March 8, 2008**  
**9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**  
**Lunch is Provided at 11:30 am**

**Best Western Laurel Park Suites—I-275 and 6 Mile Rd.**  
**16999 S. Laurel Park, Livonia, MI (734) 464-0050**

**FACILITATORS:** Greg Stempfle, LP of Michigan At-Large Member & Newsletter Editor  
Erin Stahl, LP of Michigan Vice Chair

**NOTE TAKERS / TIMEKEEPERS:** Greg Stempfle and Erin Stahl

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**ATTENDEES:** Libertarian Party members who are running for office including some Presidential Candidates

**PLEASE BRING:** Information regarding your campaign.

## Agenda

Introduction	Greg Stempfle & Erin Stahl	5	9:00am to 9:05
Campaigning as a Libertarian	Greg Stempfle	15	9:05 to 9:20
Understanding the 2008 Changes Regarding the LP State and National Conventions	Bill Hall, LPM State Chair	5	9:20 to 9:25
Candidate Paperwork/Campaign Finance	Leonard Schwartz	15	9:25 to 9:40
Target Marketing Yourself to the Voters	Andy LeCureaux	30	9:40 to 10:10
Working With the Media	Tim O'Brien & Erin Stahl	30	10:10 to 10:40
Defenders of Liberty Awards	Greg Stempfle & Erin Stahl	45	10:40 to 11:25
LP Presidential Candidate Straw Poll	Greg Stempfle & Erin Stahl	15	11:25 to 11:40
Lunch- Preparation		20	11:40 to 12:00
Issues Made Fun With the Politigo Game	Jim McWilliams	60	12:00 to 1:00
Roundtable Discussion With Elected Libertarians	Elected Libertarians	60	1:00 to 2:00
Toastmasters-Public Speaking Tips	Mary Comfort	15	2:00 to 2:15
Creating a Website	To be announced	10	2:15 to 2:25
Fundraising	To be announced	10	2:25 to 2:35
Lessons From the Ron Paul Campaign	Scotty Boman	10	2:35 to 2:45
Closing/ Survey / Follow-up Questions	Greg Stempfle & Erin Stahl	15	2:45 to 3:00 pm

Feel free to stay until 4:00 to network after the conference

**Additional Information:** Available for sale: Gold and Silver Liberty Lapel Pins: \$6.00 each or 2 for \$10.00  
Cato Institute Pocket Constitutions: \$2.00 each



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**FREE** workshop for Libertarian candidates  
(Lunch and soft drinks included)



**FUN** and exciting interactive game about the issues



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**LEARN** easy techniques & tools for running for office



**Defender of Liberty Awards** being awarded

See detailed agenda. Please send registration to:  
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The County You Live In:	Your Local LP of Michigan Affiliate:
<b>Questions Needed for Conference</b>	
Joining us for Lunch? <b>Yes</b> or <b>No</b>	Notes:
Office Seeking:	
Level of Candidacy: <b>Paper/Name on Ballot</b> <b>Active</b>	
LP Membership: <b>National</b> <b>State</b> <b>Local Affiliate</b> <b>New</b>	Notes:
Membership Dues: <b>Current</b> <b>Lapsed</b> <b>Unknown</b> <b>New</b>	





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- Meet Libertarian Elected Officials

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