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Watching For A Sneak Attack

August 2nd is ripe for picking away at our liberty.

By Andrew Wrenbeck

Michigan's new election law requires that all local governments and schools to hold elections on one of four available days a year. Unless we are proactive on these election days, this law could turn against people who want less tax and more freedom.

The August 2 election date will be fertile ground for tax increases and liberty depleting legislation to be passed at the local level. Unless freedom-minded people are willing to research these dates, and announce what is going on to rest of the voters, we will certainly be overrun by people who wish to mandate where our hard earned money is spent, and how we are allowed to act. For instance, both Delta and Wayne Counties will be attempting to take millions of dollars out of our wallets in August. Will your county? I suggest a call to your county clerk to ask, or to visit the clerk's website to look.

The good news is that because these special election dates draw smaller crowds to the polls, it is a great opportunity for your local party to defeat unwanted legislation. It takes less voters for a positive outcome. All we have to do is act, and we can make Michigan a freer place to live.

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Help Stop Unjust Forfeitures

Support Senate Bills 138-143

By Leonard Schwartz

Michigan law allows the police to confiscate a motor vehicle if they suspect that anyone used the vehicle for an illegal purpose. It does not matter whether the owner gave consent. It does not even matter whether someone stole the vehicle.

For example, if the police claim that they found any marijuana in your car, they can seize your car. How the marijuana got there does not matter. Maybe it fell out of the pocket of an auto mechanic, valet parking attendant, or auto thief. Or maybe the wind blew a miniscule amount of marijuana through an open window. The police can confiscate your car. Although the government sometimes is required, and often is willing, to return the vehicle to an innocent owner, the owner must pay a large fee. In Wayne County, the fee is \$900.

Senate Bills 138-143 will help protect innocent owners from unjust forfeiture. These bills will require the government to return a motor vehicle, without any fee, if (A) the owner is not charged with a crime, civil infraction, or civil violation, or (B) the owner is charged with, but found not guilty of, a crime, civil infraction, or civil violation. Please ask your state senator and state representative to support Senate Bills 138-143.

SpeakOutMichigan provides an easy way to send e-mail to them. It provides a prewritten letter, to which you can add personal comments. Type in your zip code and SpeakOutMichigan will identify your state legislators and send them the letter. It takes only a minute or two. SpeakOutMichigan also provides an easy way to send e-mail to your friends, so that they can contact their state legislators. Again, there is a prewritten letter.

SpeakOutMichigan is a public service sponsored by the Libertarian Party of Oakland County. Help protect yourself and other innocent owners from unjust forfeiture. Support Senate Bills 138-143. SpeakOutMichigan is located on the web at: www.speakoutmichigan.org/

Monument Headed for Capitol Grounds

Brass Roots and HB-4962

By Tim O'Brien

The 4x6 foot, solid brass plaque – made of spent shell casings “from weapons Michigan gun owners refuse to give up” – is finally on track to be permanently placed on the grounds of the state capitol in Lansing.

On June 16, 2005 Rep. Leon Drolet (R-Clinton Twp.) introduced HB-4962 directing the Michigan Capitol Park Commission to install the monument created by Brass Roots, the gun rights group founded in 1994 by Jon Coon, the LPM candidate for US Senate that year.

The plaque features a 3-dimensional Statue of Liberty modeled on the Libertarian Party vignette, as well as bas-relief text of both the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution and Article I, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution.

The brass that was melted down and cast into the plaque was collected at a September 25, 1994 gun rights rally
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Libertarians Address Strategies For Success

A Convention Report

By Melissa McGuire
Central Michigan Life
April 25, 2005

Michigan Libertarians were given a hopeful message about their party's advancement at the party's state convention Saturday.

Keynote speaker Joseph Bast, president of the Heartland Institute in Illinois, discussed “Strategies for Success,” during the convention at the Holiday Inn, 5665 E. Pickard Rd.

Bast, a Libertarian himself, outlined 10 strategies Libertarians need to look for in the future as they continue to grow as a party.

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A Message

FROM THE CHAIR

What a great 10 weeks I've had!

During the next 42 weeks of my tenure as Chair, I hope to find everyone is as excited about the future of the LPM as I have found the people to be in the last 10 weeks. I've visited 7 affiliates so far and have gotten quite a few good ideas for the future of the LPM.

All of the great ideas aren't going to happen overnight.

One of the ideas (Thanks Mr. Raaflaub) was to broadcast the LEC meetings over the Internet. Unfortunately we were not able to get a system up and running for the first meeting. But on the bright side, you were all lucky. It was a boring meeting. We are going to use Yahoo Instant Messenger to broadcast the meetings. Anyone who wishes to listen and maybe watch the LEC meetings will need to download Yahoo IM to their computer and then register in advance. Stay tuned to LPM online for further instructions. We will have to verify who is participating since our LEC meetings are open to all LPM members but not to the general public. Our next LEC meeting will be on the first Sunday in August at 1pm and subsequent meetings will take place on the first Sunday of every other month afterwards.

Another thing I kept hearing is, Why aren't we kept informed about the activity of the LEC? The answer to that is a double-edged sword. First of all, I think the real question is: why are we not kept informed about the activities of the LPM? The LEC is not the LPM. The LEC is a handful of people who make executive decisions.

The LPM is 14 affiliates who haven't been communicating very well with each other. I hope to see this trend reversed. The best way to keep informed about the activity of everyone in the LPM is to utilize a tool created by Greg Dirasian.

LPM Online. Every affiliate should be posting all their activities and upcoming events to LPM Online.

All affiliate chairs should contact Greg Dirasian at, memdir@lpmich.org, and obtain their password to get involved with LPM Online. Currently the "upcoming events page" from LPM Online is on the home page of the LPM website. www.lpmich.org

Which brings me to my next point.

The website is an outreach tool that is being seriously underused. The LEC has come to the conclusion that we need to hire a professional Webmaster. We will be exploring that possibility right now.

As perhaps only 44 LPM members are aware, we have changed the organizational structure of the LEC. We no longer have 5 at large members. Those positions have been replaced by 5 Functional Director positions. The directors are, Communications, Development (fundraising), Membership, Newsletter, and Political. We have filled all but two of the director positions. We are looking for volunteers to step up and accept the directorships of Development and Communications. Email me if you are interested in either of the two remaining board positions. chair@lpmich.org

I hope to put together a leadership conference early next year to kick off the 2006 election. The initial ideas for workshops are, Affiliate Building, Candidate Training, Activists and Politicians Working Together, effectively using our NIDUS Data Base, Writing Press Releases, and any other ideas that you think will move our party forward. This is where you take over. Let me know what type of training you think will be most beneficial to your affiliate. Email me with your ideas.

The LPM has obtained the Qualified Voter File from the State Elections Bureau. The QVF is a valuable tool available to any affiliate who needs the information for party business.

And now for something totally out of our control, LP National is toying with some ideas regarding the amount they are going to charge for membership.

Newsletter Information

The *Michigan Libertarian* is published bimonthly as the official newsletter of the Libertarian Party of Michigan, 913 W. Holmes Rd., Lansing, MI 48910.

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Submissions: Please email articles to newsletter@lpmich.org

Only electronic submission will be accepted. Acceptable formats are plain text, MS Word, HTML, Freehand. Any other formats, please ask first.

Deadline: The next deadline for submission of articles and advertising is August 15, 2005.

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Advertising Rates: Full Pg \$200, Half Pg \$100, Quarter Pg \$50. 25% discount for LPM Candidates, 50% discount for LPM Affiliates.

The proposals range from free membership to a \$50 annual charge. They are also behind in implementing their new data base system. We are in a wait and see mode until LP national finalizes their decisions. Good Luck to our Regional Representative Alternate, Emily Salvette. She is putting in many hours working with LP National to find the most productive membership structure.

You will notice a change on the back page of this newsletter indicating that state or national will no longer collect local dues. We have decided that the best way to keep our membership rolls up to date is to do it ourselves. I'd like to encourage everyone to renew their membership by credit card at the LPM website. We have set up a dedicated server to process credit cards. The other option we prefer is to mail a check to the address shown on the last page of this newsletter.

I want to send out a major thank you to Andrew Wrenbeck for volunteering to be our Newsletter Director and editing our newsletter. Thanks Drew!

I Spent 17¢ Per Person For 44% Of The Vote Running In Western Wayne County

By Andrew Wrenbeck

Recently I ran for Van Buren Public School Board. After spending \$150.00 on the campaign, plus \$100.00 to get on the ballot, I was able to achieve 44% of the vote in the Van Buren School District, which is second only to Detroit in geographical size for Wayne County. I did a few things right, and I did a few things wrong. I managed to tap into a bed of Republicans that are fed up with the GOP spending and the theocracy their leadership seems to be trying to administer. Some of the lessons learned and details of this campaign may be helpful to future candidates in Michigan, so I wanted to share them.

First off, I did not spend a lot of money per vote. In the price above, I did not include the \$50.00 I spent on a pair of Nikes that were an essential part of the campaign. In my opinion, a good pair of walking shoes should be the first thing you purchase if you want to run. I walked a lot. When a voter meets you in person, and gets a chance for one-on-one communication it is something they will remember on election day. It is hard and time consuming, but essential in securing votes. I chose to walk the conservative area of the district, Canton Township. Due to illness, I did not get to walk as much as I really needed to in order to win.

I was running on conservative spending and the fact that the three-term incumbent I was running against was a puppet for special interest. These two things went over very well in a conservative area but I had help.

The area had many issues with the district before the election, and the assistance of a Canton Trustee who is a libertarian-Republican. This area sent 67% of their votes my way. Even though I am not a conservative, and I was torn apart in the papers for being a some sort of sex maniac (my wife did some modeling and the pictures were available on the internet), convincing these conservative people that I was the right choice was very easy.

Had I known in January what I know today, I would have won the office. This is why I want to share this information with the rest of the party. Many already are familiar with how this works, but there

are some who are not. If you have ever run for public office with the intention of winning, there are surprises that slap you in the face if the other side feels you can win. They spent considerable time researching me from the day I appeared on the ballot, before they even knew who I was, what I stood for, or why I was running. I know this because of the logs from my campaign website.

The first thing I learned is that there were two campaigns going on. One is the campaign to get the candidate more votes; the other is the campaign to get the opponent less votes. My opponent had a group of people that researched my private life, positions and family, and in the last few weeks of the campaign, they had this information printed in the paper - EVERY paper. There is a way to introduce the information to the public that guarantees it gets in the paper, I now know this tactic. It requires a friend in office.

Another thing I learned is that in a two-way campaign may be easier to win over the voters. You need less information to convince the voters that you are the right choice. It is easier to identify the problems with the opponent and since you are the only other choice, the voters come to you automatically. It also nets votes from people who just will not vote the other side. You cannot guarantee that this will be the case, but in areas where one side of the aisle has won repeatedly for the last twenty or thirty years, the opposition will be relying on the primary to be where the decision is made. If you are not facing an incumbent, the other side may even spend nearly all of their capital on the primary and consider the actual election as more of a formality than a question.

How do I know this from running a non-partisan election? Easy, I did not run a non-partisan election. The opposition pointed out that I was a Libertarian right off the bat, and identified Libertarians as people who only wish to eliminate public education. Of course, this was not something a school board trustee could do, nor was it actually part of my agenda. It does not matter, it made me sound less ideal, and therefore I was called a Libertarian in every single article written about the election. It was not non-partisan.

I was glad that I had written a complete

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A Stress Test The Hungry Man

By Major William H. Howcott

This one-question test will press the limits of your Libertarianism and give you insight into your own, personal Libertarian views.

You're a traveler, walking alone through a forest carrying two hamburgers, one of which you do not need or even want, when you come across a hungry man sitting on a log.

The man is starving to death, he's about to die from lack of food. You are aware that if you give him your unwanted hamburger, he'll live. But if you pass him by without giving him food, he'll starve to death. His life is in your hands. Now here is the question:

If you decide not to share your food with the hungry man, and thereby cause his death, should the government have the authority and power to prosecute and convict you for the death of the hungry man?

(YES/NO)

This is the one-question Libertarian Stress Test. It pits liberty against the government's duty to protect innocent life. What do you think is the correct Libertarian answer ... and why? I would be interested in your answer and your reasoning. Major Howcott can be contacted with answers by e-mail

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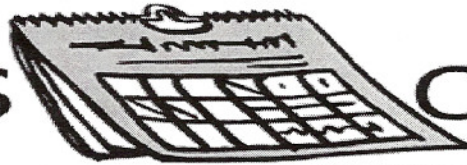
There was not an "Issue 1" of Michigan Libertarian's 34th volume. Due to the change in the LEC leadership and the Newsletter Director, there were timing issues that could not be avoided. Therefore we were unable to print a March newsletter. For consistency in dates, "Issue 1" was skipped.

Thank you for your patience. As the new Newsletter Director, I would also like to thank Nathan Allen and Greg Dirasian for their extremely valuable assistance in putting this together.

-Andrew Wrenbeck



EVENTS



CALENDAR

June 22, 2005 - 7:30 PM

Libertarian Party of Oakland County general membership meeting. Nonmembers are welcome. Meeting starts at 7:30. Optional dinner starts
Location: Sila's Restaurant, 4033 W.12 Mile, 2
Contact: Leonard Schwartz
Phone: (248) 546-3569
Email: chair@lpocmi.org

June 25, 2005 - 3:00 PM

Shootout fundraiser for Libertarian candidates running in nonpartisan elections. We will provide a variety of pistols with ammo and targets. No experience needed. Orientation at 2:45.
Shootout from 3:00 to 5:00.
Location: Double Action Indoor Shooting Center, 32411 Dequindre, south of 14 Mile, in Madison Heights.
Contact: Mike Netski Phone: (586) 350-5596
E-mail: michael@netski.org

July 13, 2005 - 7:30 PM

Monthly meeting of the Libertarians of Macomb County. All members and non-members are welcome to attend. Optional dinner starts at 6:30. Special guest speaker will be Macomb
Location: The Cutting Board Restaurant, 28655 Schoenherr Road, Warren, MI 48093 (just south
Contact: Jim Allison
Phone: (248) 548-2500 ext 2003

August 02, 2005

Primary Elections and Ballot Proposal Polling
Contact: Your county or local clerk's office

August 09, 2005

Filing deadline for candidates for city elections in cities without a primary
Contact: Leonard Schwartz
Phone: 248-546-3569
Email: Leonard@Schwartz45.com

August 10, 2005 - 7:30 PM

Monthly meeting of the Libertarians of Macomb County. All members and non-members are welcome to attend. Optional dinner starts at Location: The Cutting Board Restaurant, 28655 Schoenherr Road, Warren, MI 48093 (just south
Contact: Jim Allison
Phone: (248) 548-2500 ext 2003

September 14, 2005 - 7:30 PM

Monthly meeting of the Libertarians of Macomb County. All members and non-members are welcome to attend. Optional dinner starts at Location: The Cutting Board Restaurant, 28655 Schoenherr Road, Warren, MI 48093 (just south
Contact: Jim Allison
Phone: (248) 548-2500 ext 2003

October 12, 2005 - 7:30 PM

Monthly meeting of the Libertarians of Macomb County. All members and non-members are welcome to attend.

dinner starts at Location: The Cutting Board Restaurant, 28655 Schoenherr Road, Warren, MI 48093 (just south
Contact: Jim Allison
Phone: (248) 548-2500 ext 2003

November 09, 2005 - 7:30 PM

Monthly meeting of the Libertarians of Macomb County. All members and non-members are welcome to attend. Optional dinner starts at Location: The Cutting Board Restaurant, 28655 Schoenherr Road, Warren, MI 48093 (just south
Contact: Jim Allison
Phone: (248) 548-2500 ext 2003

December 14, 2005 - 7:30 PM

Monthly meeting of the Libertarians of Macomb County. All members and non-members are welcome to attend. Optional dinner starts at Location: The Cutting Board Restaurant, 28655 Schoenherr Road, Warren, MI 48093 (just south
Contact: Jim Allison
Phone: (248) 548-2500 ext 2003

For more events, see the online calendar at:
<http://www.lpmich.org/lpmonline/events.php>

Webmaster Wanted

The Libertarian Party Of Michigan is looking to upgrade the official party website and it's capabilities. Do you have what it takes?

The LPM web site contains many tools and scripts and much of the recent history of our party. It is currently comprised of over 1,400 files. The appropriate webmaster must be capable of organizing these files, maintaining the organization already in place, expanding upon it, and understand how this preservation benefits the party. This contractor position will be approximately six hours per week for a prescribed term.

The ideal webmaster has the following skills: HTML, PHP (or a willingness to learn a few basic commands), JavaScript, MySQL, Capable of using CPanel (or willing to learn), Some knowledge of working with SSL, credit card processing and merchant accounts, Experience working with Apache web servers, basic authentication, URL rewriting and possibly other Apache features.

Applications will be accepted until July 30, 2005. Please include compensation requirements.

Respond electronically to: chair@lpmich.org

Respond via snail mail to:

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Attn: Webmaster Position

Liberty Fest 2005

Sat. November 19 6pm-10pm

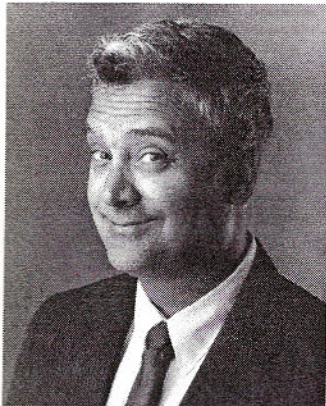
By James Allison

The Libertarians of Macomb County are proud to host this year's Liberty Fest celebration at Sajo's Restaurant in Clinton Township. Liberty Fest is the LPM's annual banquet celebrating our top activists of the year. Libertarian comedian Tim Slagle has been scheduled as the entertainment of the evening, and attendees will enjoy their choice of one of five delicious dinners:

- **Pecan Chicken:** Boneless breast of chicken, lightly coated with toasted pecans pan-fried in olive oil, served on honey Dijon sauce, with rice and seasonal vegetables.

- **Tournedos Portabello:** Two filet medallions charbroiled to your taste, served over a bed of garlic mashed potatoes, topped with a mouth watering portabello and field mushroom sauce, garnished with crispy onions and seasonal vegetables.

- **Salmon Bruschetta:** Fresh Atlantic salmon char-grilled topped with pesto,



TIM SLAGLE

ammoghio, shaved red onions and asiago cheese, served with rice and seasonal vegetables.

- **Veal Siciliano:** Breaded and pan-fried, served with angel hair pasta and ammoghio.

- **Lobster Fettuccine:** Sautéed lobster and fresh mushrooms, tossed with fettuccine in a garlic cream sauce, garnished with asiago and scallions.

Sajo's accommodates vegetarians; please let us know ahead of time if you will be requesting one.

The cost of this event is just \$55 per person. Checks should be made out to the Libertarians of Macomb County, 28960 Jane, St. Clair Shores MI 48081-1032. For more information on Liberty Fest, contact:

Nicole Michalak at (586) 703-422.

Brass Roots from Page 1

organized by the Coon campaign and held on the East lawn of state capitol building.

with a favorable recommendation are very good.

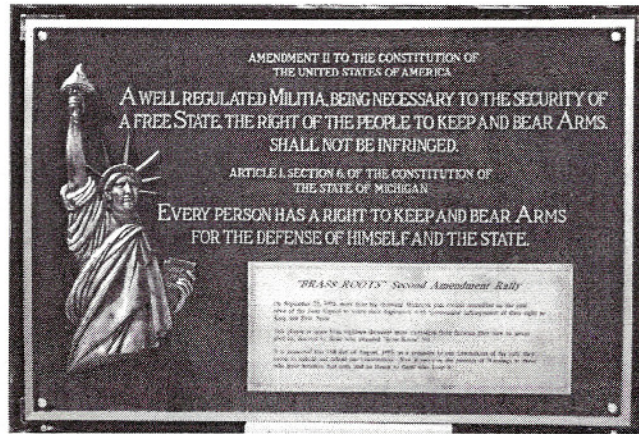
HB-4962 must then go the Senate.

But that body is nearly as enthusiastic about gun rights issues as the House.

Enactment into law will, of course, still require the Gov. Granholm's signature.

But, though a liberal on many issues, the Democratic governor has previously supported gun rights causes (including signing the Dove Hunting bill, repeal of which has since been forced onto the 2006 ballot by anti-hunters).

The monument and its installation will be



Brass Roots plaque that would be installed at the Lansing capitol following enactment of HB-4962

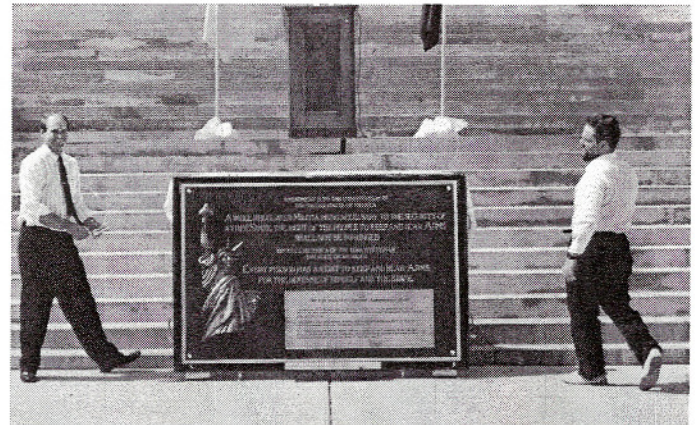
completely cost-free to Michigan taxpayers. However, the Brass Roots organization will have to raise some money for a pedestal to support and display the 600-pound plaque.

Estimates by capitol police and major media put rally attendance at approximately 10,000, making the demonstration – that came on the heels of the Waco debacle, the Brady Bill and the "Assault Weapons" ban – the largest at the Michigan capitol since the one held by George Wallace in his 1968 bid for the Democratic presidential nomination. This also was, and still is, the largest Libertarian candidate campaign event in party history. By a huge margin.

The finished plaque was presented at the 2nd Brass Roots rally, also on the East lawn of the capitol, on August 19, 1995. Although accepted on behalf of the legislature by then state representative David Jaye, installation on the capitol grounds was never authorized. So the commemoration of the people's constitutional right to keep and bear arms has spent the last decade as a traveling monument to government intransigence.

Much remains to be done before any dedication ceremonies can be planned. However, none of the remaining steps in the process appears at this time to be a significant obstacle.

Rep. Drolet has requested that the bill be assigned to the House Government Operations committee – of which his is, himself, the chair. Assuming the speaker complies, prospects for getting it on the committee agenda for a hearing and reported to the full House



Jon Coon and Mike DeVour present the plaque at the 2nd Brass Roots rally, August 19, 1995.

this is finally happening," said an elated Mike Hoban, a founding member of Brass Roots and long-time custodian and traveling companion of the vagabond monument. "I can't begin to express how grateful we are to Rep. Drolet for introducing this bill," Hoban said. "And though Brass Roots is primarily known for opposing anti-gun politicians we in the gun community never forget our friends, either."

For his part, the always modest Rep. Drolet merely noted how pleased he was to be of assistance.

In fact this is the second time that the Macomb County Republican has aggressively championed a cause of particular importance to Libertarians. He was also the author and prime mover of what became Public Act 399 of 2002.

This crucial change to Michigan election law finally eliminated the rule that tied minor party ballot status entirely to the amount of votes garnered by its "Top-of-Ticket" candidate (usually president or governor). Because of the dreaded "wasted vote" syndrome this standard had repeatedly cost the LP its ballot status – and tens of thousands of dollars in petitioning costs – over its entire, three decade existence. PA 399 permitted any candidate's vote total to meet the minimum threshold.

"I am absolutely thrilled," said Jon Coon, the man who both organized the original rally and founded the Brass Roots organization (and went on that November to garner nearly 5% of the vote as the LPM candidate for US Senate).



Part of the crowd at the September 25, 1994 Brass Roots rally.

"We will finally get a memorial to our constitutional right to keep and bear arms installed where it will do the most good," he said. "A place where our legislators can be reminded of that right... every day," Coon concluded with a grin.

Although the legislature is rapidly approaching summer recess, organizers are still hoping to get HB-4962 signed into law in time to have the dedication ceremony this August 19 – the 10th anniversary of the original presentation. But if that doesn't happen, it's safe to assume that Libertarians and other gun rights advocates will be ready to "lock and load" for a lobbying push on the opening day of the fall session.

A Letter To The Editor Challenge From Macomb County

By James Allison

On June 12th, the Libertarians of Macomb County challenged the rest of the state to a letters to the editor contest. The Macomb affiliate will try to score more points in this challenge than all other Michigan affiliates combined. Every letter printed in the newspapers is worth between one and two points, depending on the content. The scoring of letters is as follows:

- A letter that presents a libertarian solution to a problem is worth one point.
- A letter that mentions "libertarian" is worth one and a half points.
- A letter that mentions "Libertarian Party" is worth two points.

The contest will run from now until March 31st 2006. All letters must be submitted to Jerry Bloom with either an URL link or a newspaper clipping to qualify for scoring. If Macomb County manages to earn more points than the rest of the state, the Libertarian Party of Michigan will give them a prize of \$100. Let the challenge begin!

Libertarian Party of Michigan Affiliate Contacts

Affiliate Name	Contact Name	Website/E-mail	Phone/Website
Capital Area Libertarian Party	Bob Broda	www.calparty.org	517-321-7647
Libertarian Party of Kalamazoo/St. Joseph County	Matt Umlor	www.kalamazoolp.org	269-324-2282
Libertarian Party of Livingston County	David Buck	Not Available	810-220-5741
Libertarians of Macomb County	Keith Edwards	www.macomblp.com	586-777-7468
Midwest Michigan Libertarian Party	Brian Kluesner	www.pecktec.com/lpmwm/	616-723-7087
Libertarian Party of Oakland County	Leonard Schwartz	www.lpocmi.org	248-546-3569
Libertarian Party of South Central Michigan	James Parker	jamesp@hillsdale.epcorp.com	517-439-0643
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Libertarian Party of Southwest Michigan	Jason Gatties	www.lpswmich.org	269-465-6725
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Convention Minutes

Libertarian Party of Michigan Annual Convention April 13, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Chair Mike Donahue.

The credentials report was given by Emily Salvette. There are 35 registered delegates, making for a quorum count of 18 and a count of 24 needed for a 2/3 majority. Motion by Salvette to accept the report, second by Bill Gelineau. Motion passed on voice vote.

Chair Donahue announced that Fred Collins will serve as the parliamentarian.

Bylaws discussion ensued with consideration of amendments.

1. Moved by Gelineau, second by Collins, to amend Article II (Purpose) thusly: After nominating, add: "and working to elect". After activities, delete the word "and", add "and affiliating with the National Libertarian Party". Motion Passed on voice vote.

2. Moved by Gelineau, second by Jamie Lewis, to amend Article VIII (Membership dues requirement) thusly: Delete "and whose dues are current". Motion Failed on voice vote.

3. Moved by Barbara Goushaw, second by Bob Broda, to amend Article III, Section 7 (Removal of officers) thusly: Change "A member" to "members", "misses" to "miss", "shall" to "may". After "miss three consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee", add "or fails to perform their fiduciary duties". After "regular meetings of the Executive Committee", add, "or a majority vote at convention following a motion for a vote of no confidence." Motion Passed on voice vote.

4. Moved by Larry Johnson, second by Emily Salvette, to amend Article III, Section 1 (Officers) to change the length of LEC officers' terms to two years. Motion Failed on voice vote.

5. Moved by Goushaw, second by Johnson, to amend Article VI, Section 1 (Date of annual convention). Moved by Greg Dirasian, second by Johnson to table this proposed change while wording is perfected. Motion to table Passed on voice vote.

Credentials committee reported that there are 42 registered delegates making a count of 22 needed for a quorum and 28 for 2/3 majority.

6. Moved by Dirasian, second by Johnson, to amend Article III, (Officers) to change the five at large directors to functional directors. Chair Donahue called for all those supporting the proposal to stand. Motion Failed with 21 delegates voting for the amendment.

7. Moved by Gelineau, second by Goushaw, to amend Article VI, Section 3, to have delegates for conventions selected by local affiliates. Chairman Donahue called for all those supporting the motion to stand. Motion to amend delegate selection Failed

Moved by Greg Stempfle, second by Johnson, to return to number 5 above (Date of annual convention). Motion Passed on voice vote. Chair Donahue called for all those supporting the amendment to change the manner in which the date for the annual convention is selected to stand. Motion Failed with 26 delegates voting for the amendment.

Conclusion of bylaws discussions.

Moved by Fred Collins, second by Jerry Bloom, to skip the platform discussion. Motion Failed on voice vote.

Platform Discussion:

1. Moved by Scott Boman, second by James Hudler, to amend Article V, Section 1, of the platform (Vice Laws) by adding the words "as well as all drugs, vitamins, and similar substances." Chairman Donahue called for all those supporting the amendment to stand. Motion Failed with 23 delegates voting for the amendment

2. Moved by Dirasian, second by Lewis, to amend platform Article VI, section 8 (Opposing taxes on the Internet) by adding the words "products or services sold or purchased via" after the word "on". Motion Passed on voice vote.

3. Moved by Scott Boman, second by J.P. Denoyer, to amend Article V, Section 1 (Vice Laws). Donahue called for all those supporting the motion to stand. Motion to amend Article V Failed

Platform discussion ended at 11:15 a.m. Break from 11:17-11:30 a.m.

Vice Chairman Jim Miller provided information on the Michigan Civil Rights Inactive and the new brochure he has produced promoting the LP of Michigan.

Brian Kelly spoke on his candidacy for the office of mayor of Pontiac.

Break for lunch at 11:45 a.m., returning at 1:17 a.m..

Credentials committee reported that 43 delegates have registered, making a count of 22 a quorum and 29 needed for a 2/3 majority.

Emily Salvette, the Region 3 Alternate to the LNC, provided an update on events at National.

Doug Campbell of Ferndale spoke on the recent instant runoff voting initiative that passed there.

Officers' Reports:

Chairman Mike Donahue spoke on the UMP program which the LPM is still involved in, candidates, Badnarik radio ads, the recent LPM incorporation, the new brochure, membership increase, new radio ads, and also said that the LPM's finances are okay.

Secretary Tom Quinn asked for approval of the minutes from the 2004 convention. Moved by Will White, second by Jim Miller to accept the minutes. Motion Passed on voice vote.

Treasurer Will White presented the treasurer's report. Current balance is \$35,364.35. An audit of the Treasurer's Report was presented by William Hall, Jerry Bloom and Benjamin Bachrach. White moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion Passed.

Bill Gelineau spoke on management of the Lansing office and provided an update on the database situation.

Moved by Gelineau, second by Johnson to suspend the rules and return to discussion of the bylaws for a maximum of 15 minutes. Motion Passed on voice vote.

Moved by Gelineau, second by Goushaw, to amend Article III, (Officers) to change the five at large directors to functional directors as outlined in the report from the bylaws committee. (Item number 6 from above.) Chairman Donahue called for all those supporting the amendment to stand. Motion Passed with 30 delegates voting for the amendment.

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to reconsider item 7 above, changing the manner of selecting delegates.

Chairman Donahue called for all those supporting the amendment to have local affiliates select delegates for the annual convention to stand. Motion Failed with 14 delegates voting for the amendment.

Return to the orders of the day.

Moved by Scotty Bowman to suspend the rules and reopen platform discussion. Motion died for lack of a second.

Election of LEC officers.

Moved by Gelineau, second by White, to elect Nathan Allen as Chairman. Moved, seconded, and passed to close nominations. Call for acclamation; no objection heard. Nathan Allen was elected on a vote of acclamation as Chairman.

Moved by Boman, second by Goushaw, to elect Scott Boman as Vice Chair. Moved, seconded, and passed to close nominations. Call for acclamation; no objection heard. Scott Boman was elected on a vote of acclamation as Vice Chairman.

Moved by Dick Jozwiak, second by Bloom, to elect James Hudler as Secretary. Moved, seconded, and passed to close

nominations. Call for acclamation; no objection heard.

James Hudler was elected on a vote of acclamation as Secretary.

Moved by Gelineau, second by Goushaw, to elect Will White as Treasurer. Moved, seconded, and passed to close nominations. Call for acclamation; no objection heard. Will White was elected on a vote of acclamation as Treasurer.

Moved by Bloom, second by Goushaw, to elect Greg Dirasian as Membership Director. Moved, seconded, and passed to close nominations. Call for acclamation; no objection heard.

Greg Dirasian was elected on a vote of acclamation as Membership Director.

No nominations were received for the office of Development Director.

Moved by Goushaw, second by White, to elect Dan Sheill as Newsletter Director. Moved, seconded, and passed to close nominations. Call for acclamation; no objection heard. Dan Sheill was elected on a vote of acclamation as the Newsletter Director. Sheill was not in attendance and his acceptance of the position is therefore unknown.

Moved by Dirasian, second by Bloom, to elect Leonard Schwartz as Political Director.

Moved, seconded, and passed to close nominations. Call for acclamation; no objection heard. Leonard Schwartz was elected on a vote of acclamation as the Political Director. Schwartz was not in attendance but indicated to Dirasian over the telephone that he would accept.

Moved by Bowman, second by White, to elect Tim O'Brien as Communications Director. Moved, seconded, and passed to close nominations. Call for acclamation; no objection heard. Tim O'Brien was elected on a vote of acclamation as the Communications Director. O'Brien was not in attendance and his acceptance of the position is therefore unknown.

Judicial Committee:

Motions were made to appoint Jerry Bloom, Bill Hall, and Mike Corliss to the Judicial Committee. All names received seconds and were elected on votes of acclamation.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:17 pm

Minutes prepared by LEC Secretary Tom Quinn. Approved, with corrections, by LEC June 12, 2005.

David Nagy Throws His Hat In The Ring For City Council

In Garden City

By Andrew Wrenbeck

In a last minute decision, after a Memorial Day parade, David Nagy decided to seek nomination for the Garden City Council.

He then went out, in the warm days we have had lately and collected 98 signatures to qualify for the minimum 75 needed to be on the ballot.

Garden City has a population of approximately 30,000 people, There are seven Council positions, including the Mayor. Four seats are open this year, including the mayor position.

Nine petitioned candidates were required to be filed to hold a August 2nd, 2005 Primary, otherwise all would be on the Nov 8th Election Ballot. The good news is that David was one of only eight so there will be no primary.

A semi-retired self-employed accountant, Nagy, is treasurer of the Wayne County Libertarian Party and served nine years as the state party treasurer.

This is his first time running for city council, but he was previously a Libertarian candidate for state House and Congress. "I looked at the position and what people were talking about in the city," said Nagy, married with five adult children. "With my accounting background, I thought maybe I could help residents figure out what is going on. I'm not accusing anyone of any shenanigans, for sure. I have expertise with audits and budgets."

You can contact David at lpmdnagy@juno.com if you wish to assist him in trying to secure a victory in this race.

This is a good opportunity for a local Libertarian victory, as David is the only candidate with a background in budgeting, accounting, and such a vast knowledge of the issues facing Garden City.

Functional Directors A New Paradigm

By Greg Dirasian

In years past, the Libertarian Party of Michigan's Executive Committee (LEC) has taken on various structures. For a while it consisted of officers and affiliate representatives, then it consisted of officers and 3 directors elected at-large, then it became officers and 5 directors elected at-large, and now officers and 5 functional directors.

A former chair tells stories of how things functioned when the LEC consisted of officers and affiliate representatives. He said what was essentially going on was that affiliate representatives came to LEC meetings and complained that the officers weren't doing anything.

That's often been a complaint. And an understandable one. The LPM is a volunteer organization. If we don't have paid staff, then the only thing we can do is ask for volunteers and hope to inspire them to contribute their time.

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For a while, the LPM had an Executive Director (paid staff) and was accomplishing many things. But in 2001, there was a small but extremely vocal group that didn't want to pay our Executive Director. After the LEC cut back on the things that they would pay for, our Executive Director found the situation to be unsustainable and left.

I was an at-large director on the LEC at the time and I was extremely distressed by this blow to our organization.

I proposed that we begin a search for a new executive director, but the same people opposed my proposal and countered with a resolution that the LPM never hire an executive director (which thankfully failed).

These same people argued that the organization would be more effective with volunteers only.

I was confused. There was so much work that wasn't getting performed after our executive director left. It was at that time that I began toying with the idea of at-large directors who were each responsible for some function of the organization. I proposed this idea at the next LEC meeting – and it was defeated.

One at-large director even claimed that it was a bad idea because she couldn't do any of the things described in the functional area identified (even though it was pointed out that she wasn't required to do the work, but was responsible for seeing that it was done – possibly by recruiting volunteers).

Now I was really confused. We had LEC members who were opposed to the LPM paying somebody to do work, advocated having volunteers do the work, yet refused to do any work themselves or to find volunteers to do the work or even accept responsibility to find volunteers to do some portion of the work.

I asked myself, "Why do these people want to be on our LEC if they don't want to accept responsibility for running the organization?" At that point, I began proposing that we switch from "at-large directors" to "functional directors."

Over the years we have had various at-large directors. Some were very motivated and hardworking, others were not. The hardworking directors often found themselves frustrated by colleagues who were not as motivated or an organizational structure that was extremely frustrating.

The switch to functional directors has distributed authority – and will hopefully remove some of the frustrations for our most motivated volunteers.

The hope is to create an LEC with lower turnover and to give the membership a better way to determine whether or not somebody deserves their vote for LEC at the next convention.

At this convention, during debate on bylaws proposals, the functional director proposal initially failed – receiving exactly half of the available votes (two-thirds was required). By time we took a break for lunch and people started talking to each other, it became clear that there was a shortage of people willing to serve on the LEC. Some of the LPM's most ardent volunteers were approached about running, but declined because the functional director proposal did not pass.

So an agreement was reached.

After lunch, there was a motion to suspend the rules and reopen bylaws debate. There was a motion to reconsider the functional director proposal and this time, it passed with the required two-thirds vote of the delegates. Although we still didn't fill all the positions, more positions were filled than would have been otherwise.

It's going to take time to get the LPM running smoothly under this new paradigm. We still need a Development Director and a Communications Director (for details on the responsibilities of these positions, see: <http://www.lpmich.org/organization/bylaws.php>), but the functional directors we have are already working hard and taking more initiative now that they have the authority to do so.

The LEC invites all members who are serious about taking responsibility and working hard for freedom to contact the chair (chair@lpmich.org) about volunteer opportunities. We either have to pay people to do work, or we need to volunteer ourselves to get the work done. The future of freedom is everybody's responsibility.

LPM Committee June Meeting Minutes

These minutes have not yet been approved by the committee. It is possible that there will be additions or corrections at the next committee meeting. If so, they will be published here.

A regular meeting of the Libertarian Party of Michigan Executive Committee (LEC) was held 1:00 pm, Sunday, June 12, 2005 in the Conference Room at the Party's Headquarters, 913 W. Holmes Road, Lansing, Michigan, with the Chair presiding and the Secretary present.

This meeting was the first regular meeting for the new LEC members. Present were Chair Nathan Allen, Vice Chair Scott Boman, Secretary James Hudler (arriving 1:20 pm), Treasurer Will Tyler White (taking minutes until the Secretary arrived) and Political Director Leonard Schwartz. Membership Director Greg Dirasian was absent.

Present at the meeting also were several Libertarian Party of Michigan (LPM) members who are not members of LEC: Jim Allison, Chair of LP of Macomb County; Rae and Dick Jozwiak of Tri-Cities Libertarian Party; Arthur Gulick; and Gil Meyers.

Minutes of the previous Libertarian Party of Michigan meeting, namely the State Convention, were read and were approved with corrections.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Political Director Schwartz presented a prototype flyer for party use covering the LPM's opposition to race preferences apropos the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative state ballot proposal. Schwartz moved that the LPM cause 10,000 copies of such a flyer to be printed.

White moved that Schwartz's motion be amended to limit the LPM's expenditure to \$1,000. The amendment was adopted after discussion.

Boman moved that Schwartz's motion be amended to postpone the approval vote, which would be taken by email, in order to allow review of the prototype after further development and addition of graphics. Boman's additional amendment was adopted by 4-0 vote after discussion. Thus, the motion to have the LPM produce 10,000 race preference flyers at a cost of up to \$1,000 is pending; email voting is permitted.

Political Director Schwartz reported that a fundraiser will be held June 25 to benefit LPM candidates for municipal office in Berkeley (Fred Collins, running for mayor); in Pontiac (Brian Kelly, running for mayor); and in Hazel Park.

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agenda from top to bottom, that was not a copy of the state or national platform. It was my own platform and it only included items on which Republicans and Democrats could vote. yes." I did not want to scare away potential voters with a part of the platform that I would not gain the power to enact, nor the votes needed by other board members to be passed.

I wrote my agenda based on my research of the mistakes the incumbent had made in his three terms, and Libertarian minded solutions to those problems.

The big break I received was when I went to a board meeting at Canton Township Hall, which is an overpriced massive castle that screams, "This Township is run by an overspending overlord." I spoke about how the Canton residents in Van Buren schools were being ignored by the district and actually considered lesser residents who did not belong there. At the same time they had sued the district to get out, but the schools fought hard and won. The reason I spoke was because one of the all-Republican board had introduced a proposal to the board officially calling for an end to this treatment. I had never met this man his name is Todd Caccamo. Afterwards we talked, I told him he was not a Republican he was a Libertarian. He chuckled and we moved on.

Meanwhile, the man "loaned" me his access to the press, and many votes. We have discovered that he fits as well with the LP as the GOP, and he may be an asset available in the future.

Having an ally in public office is a big plus. It need not be in the same genre as the office you seek. He is a Canton board member; I live in Van Buren and was running for the school board. His endorsement gave me more than just his core group of voters; it gave me credibility in a conservative area. Because generally people do not know what Libertarians stand for, they need such a security blanket. The people I ran into really did not know about the party. Even Trustee Caccamo really did not know at the onset. However, a substantial percentage of these residents in Canton have now voted for one. This is a start!

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He also predicted that by 2008, the Democratic Party will divide into progressive and conventional wings.

The progressive Democrats will cause a third party to be formed, and in turn allow Republicans to remain in power, Bast said.

He said by 2012, the Republican party also will split, losing moderates who will become conservative Libertarians.

These splits, Bast said, will create a four-way race.

"By 2016, I predict the Libertarians will win, because only the Libertarian party will be addressing the underlying issues that unify the interest groups," Bast said.

The strategies for success that Bast outlined include; targeting certain groups, sending new messages to people about the party and handling the media differently.

"We need to get people back to wanting to be involved in the government," Bast said. "People just don't want to vote anymore because they don't like any party — we need to change that so people get involved."

Hazel Park City Councilman Andy LeCureaux said he agreed with Bast's assertion that Libertarians need to fight back against the two-party system.

"I am really excited about his position on our party's advancement," LeCureaux said. "I would like to see the Libertarian Party move up and win in 2016, and I would like to be the one who moves through the system in the next 12 years to become a candidate for that presidency."

St. Clair Shores City Councilwoman Erin Stahl said she was pleased with the outcome and message of Bast's speech.

"He gave us a good outlook for the future of our party," Stahl said. "He gave a really reasonable prediction of what will happen."

Melissa McGuire is a reporter for Central Michigan Life, this article appeared in the April 25, 2005 edition

Washtenaw Needs Volunteers

For Upcoming Festivals
By James Hudler

The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County needs volunteers to staff its Libertarian Party outreach booths at the Ann Arbor Art Fair and at the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival

The Ann Arbor Art Fair takes place from Wednesday, July 20 through Saturday, July 23 in downtown Ann Arbor. The Ypsilanti Heritage Festival is held on Friday, August 19 through Sunday, August 21.

Please help spread the libertarian message!

Contact Larry Johnson (734-320-7237) or James Hudler (734-475-9792).

Proposal R To Cost Taxpayers 60M

Wayne County's park proposal for higher taxes

From the Wayne County Affiliate

At a time when the economy is slow, The Wayne County board can't slow down the spending. They are requesting nearly \$60,000,000.00 from voters for park improvements. This is actually being billed as a "renewal." Marketed to the public as OK because they have already been paying this tax for years.

The Taxpayers Of Wayne County Ballot Committee (TOWC) has been formed and is attempting to organize voters to fight this proposal (Proposal R). They have begun to set up an online home for the cause and will continue to assemble a group of people to defend the taxpayers. They can be contacted at TOWC@MAC.COM

This tax is a waste of Wayne County residents' income and hurts the local economy, so is the act of holding a special election to pass the tax

- This millage will not help fund Metro Parks or State Parks
- Waste begins even before the millage is approved. With an estimated cost of \$400,000.00 just to hold the election
- The owner of a \$250,000.00 home will be soaked with over \$300.00 in new property taxes.
- The owner of a \$400,000.00 home will be soaked with over \$500.00 in new property taxes.

Wayne Co. can defeat this proposal with your help! Want to volunteer? Email TOWC@MAC.COM. Time is short, with election day coming on August 2.

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(Andy LeCureaux, reelection to City Council and Lloyd Sherman running for Library Board).

Boman moved that Andrew Wrenbeck, the LPM's newsletter editor, be appointed additionally to the LEC office of Newsletter Director. After discussion the motion was passed by 2/3 vote.

The Chair initiated a discussion of LPM organizational structure, finding that an organizational chart proposed by his predecessor Bill Gelineau was too extensive to be currently workable due to its extensive personnel requirements. The Chair is developing an affiliate-lead plan.

Telephone coverage for the LPM Headquarters was discussed. Boman moved that an email vote be authorized for change in the LPM telephone system pending investigation. Motion adopted. Jim Allison was detailed to investigate options.

Purchase of a copy of the State of Michigan's Qualified Voter List in electronic format was discussed.

LibertyFest plans were presented by Jim Allison of LP of Macomb County, the hosting affiliate. LibertyFest is to be held at Sajo's Restaurant in Clinton Township on November 19, 2005. Individual ticket price is \$55. Tim Slagle is scheduled to appear. Allison expects LibertyFest costs will be around \$3,000, with a break-even point at 62 attendees. The contact person for LibertyFest is Nicole Michalak (586-703-4244).

Schwartz moved that the LPM do a mailing to solicit attendance at LibertyFest. White moved to amend Schwartz's motion, proposing to limit the LPM's expenditure to \$500, which amendment was adopted after discussion. The motion as amended was adopted.

Jim Allison described the Letter to the Editor (LTE) contest held within the LP of Macomb County, where members compete to get libertarian messages published in newspapers. On behalf of Macomb LP members, Allison challenged other LPM members state-wide in a contest to surpass Macomb. Further contest details are given in the Addendum below. Moved, by Boman, that the LPM accept the challenge and provide the LP of Macomb County a \$100 prize if it won its challenge. Motion adopted.

Rae Jozwiak presented a brief oral report and a longer written report on the LPM's recent State Convention. The Convention's revenue exceeded expenses by \$87.99.

Hudler suggested the LP of Washtenaw may be willing to host the 2006 state Convention in Chelsea. Jozwiak pointed out that the National Convention is scheduled in July and Schwartz suggested that the LPM Convention be scheduled after the mid-May filing deadline for major party candidates.

A possible mailing to lapsed LPM members was discussed. Action was deferred in the absence of Membership Director Greg Dirasian.

Possible hiring of a paid webmaster was discussed. Boman moved that the LPM solicit bids for the position, with selection of an individual deferred to a subsequent meeting. Motion adopted.

The LPM's continued participation in the National LP's Unified Membership Program (UMP) was discussed. Changes in National's policy seem likely to occur soon.

Jim Allison reported that Erin Stahl is trying to arrange a class by Michael Badnarik to be held in southeast lower Michigan, with a tentative date during Constitution Week in September 2005. It was reported that southwest Michigan is also trying to arrange a Badnarik class.

Schwartz moved that the LPM officially thank Greg Dirasian for his work on the NIDUS and Raiser's Edge membership databases and on the LPM website. Adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm.

Addendum: Letter to Editor Contest Rules

Macomb County LP members are challenging all the other LPM members to get libertarian Letters to the Editor into their local newspapers. Contest period runs from the time of the July number of the Michigan Libertarian until the 2006 LPM state Convention. If Macomb County wins, they get \$100.00 from the LPM. If they lose, the LPM keeps the \$100.00.

Contest rules provide that a published letter with libertarian ideas earns the writer one point, a letter with the word "libertarian" wins a point and a half, and a letter with the words "Libertarian Party" wins two points. LP of Macomb County gets credit for published letters that are sent by its members. The LPM-at-large gets credit for published letters sent by any of Michigan's other LP members. Individual members are responsible for sending a copy of their letter to Jerry Bloom, the appointed judge, in order to get credit.

**Minutes submitted June 18, 2005 by
James L. Hudler, Secretary**

Nag Your Affiliate Chair

by Greg Dirasian

We get 4,000 to 5,000 unique hits per month at the LPM web site. Recently, we began displaying the calendar of upcoming events on the home page of the LPM web site. If your affiliate wants maximum exposure for their meeting announcements, they need to put them in the LPM calendar.

If your affiliate doesn't have their meeting announcements entered in the LPM calendar, nag your affiliate chair until the events are entered. And while you're at it, nag your affiliate chair to enter news articles about your local activities in LPM Online.

When people visit our web site and check us out, they want to know that we are active and doing things – and we know our affiliates are busy promoting liberty, so they should take some time to promote themselves as well.

Remember:

*If he who has a thing to sell
Goes and whispers in a well,
He won't be so apt to make the dollars
As he who climbs a tree and hollers!*

So nag your affiliate chair. If we want to attract people, we need to let them know that we are active and doing things.

Macomb County Literature Drop

By James Allison

On April 30th and May 7th, the Libertarians of Macomb County participated in a literature drop in two areas, reaching about 1200 houses. We dropped off literature and a flyer announcing our meetings and website at every house in the targeted areas.

The first targeted area was the precinct in St Clair Shores that had the highest libertarian voting percentage in the 2004 election. The second target was a neighborhood close to our meeting place. I'd like to thank Scott Allen, Dan Flamand, Nicole Michalak, and Steve Samoranski for distributing the literature with me, and another special thanks to Dan Flamand for designing a very attractive flyer.

James Allison is the Chairman of The Libertarians of Macomb County

World's Smallest Political Quiz

For years, politics has been represented as a choice between left (or liberal) and right (or conservative). Growing numbers of thinkers agree that this is far too narrow a view - and excludes millions of people. The political map on the quiz gives

a much more accurate representation of the true, diverse political world. The quiz measures tendencies, not absolutes. Your score shows who most agrees with you in politics, and where you agree and disagree with other political philosophies

Scoring: For each statement, circle "A" if you agree, "M" for maybe (or don't know), or "D" if you disagree

How do you stand on

PERSONAL ISSUES?

- Government should not censor speech, press, media or Internet
- Military service should be voluntary. There should be no draft
- There should be no laws regarding sex between consenting adults
- Repeal laws prohibiting adult possession and use of drugs
- There should be no national ID card

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SCORING: 20 for every A, 10 for every M and 0 for every D: _____

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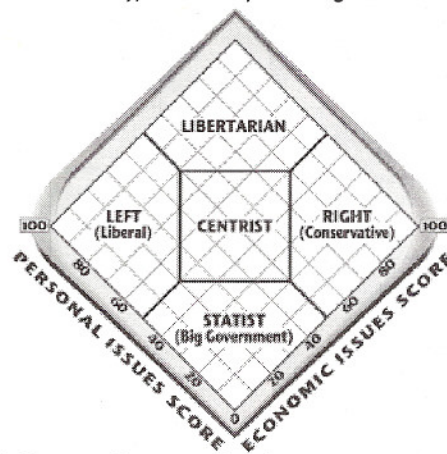
ECONOMIC ISSUES?

- End "corporate welfare." No government handouts for big business
- End government borders on international free trade
- Let people control their own retirements: privatize Social Security
- Replace government welfare with private charity
- Cut taxes and government spending by 50% or more

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Now find your place on the chart

Mark your PERSONAL score on the lower-left scale; your ECONOMIC score on the lower-right. Then follow the grid lines until they meet at your political position. The chart shows the political group that you agree with most

If you scored Libertarian, we invite you to join the Libertarian Party

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____, MI Zip: _____
email address: _____
Phone: _____
Occupation: _____
Employer: _____

The cost is \$25.00 to join Michigan and National.

() Occasionally we make our list available to other groups that wish to offer products or services to our members. Check here to be EXCLUDED from additional mailings

I certify that I do not advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving social or political goals

Signature: _____
(signature required for NATIONAL membership)

() Please charge my credit card (Visa or M/C only:)

Card Number: _____
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Signature _____

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