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Libertarian Candidates Polling 6% Higher than Previous Election Cycles

(Washington, D.C.) As a result of a high level of voter discontent, Libertarian candidates are benefiting from the dissatisfaction voters are feeling for both major parties. Two recent Zogby surveys show Libertarian Party candidates currently faring significantly better than they have in previous election returns for the same offices.

A Wall Street Journal/Zogby International survey of Georgia's gubernatorial race indicates that that Republican Sunny Perdue is currently polling at 47.4%, Democrat Mark Taylor at 36.4% while Libertarian Garrett Michael

Hayes is polling at 8.1%. According to Richard Winger of Ballot Access News, the best showing in the past for a Georgia Libertarian gubernatorial candidate was in 1998, when the party polled 3.43%.

A different Wall Street Journal/Zogby International survey shows LP gubernatorial candidate Dawn Winkler polling at 7.8% in Colorado, with the Republican Bob Beauprez at 34.1% and the Democrat Bill Ritter at 44.4%. In 2002, the Libertarian candidate received 1% of the vote.

In Arizona, Libertarian congressional candidate Warren Severin polled at 6% in a Public Opinion Strategies survey for the 5th Congressional District. The previous LP candidate in Arizona CD-5 earned 1% of the vote.

Similar polling results are beginning to surface around the country. Last month, SurveyUSA showed Greg Creswell polling at 6% here in Michigan's gubernatorial race. Democrat Jennifer Granholm polled at 42% and Republican Dick DeVos polled at 50%. A different SurveyUSA poll showed U.S.

Senate candidate Leonard Schwartz polling at 8% or 9%, depending on who was opposing him on the survey.

"America is no longer willing to waste its vote on the lesser of two evils. Both major parties have reneged on their promises to the voters and neither party reflects the values of most voters," said Shane Cory, executive director of the Libertarian Party. "As a result, we are anticipating that a record amount of Americans will decide to vote on principle this year, as opposed to voting for the lesser of two evils."



Greg Creswell during the "Meet the Candidate" event at the Macomb Community College in Warren. Creswell is polling as high as 6%

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A Quick Way to Get Access to a Diebold Voting Machine

If your voting place this November uses Diebold voting machines, you might want to get another set of locks for them.

Computer science students at Princeton found that getting access to a Diebold voting machine is not that difficult: The access panel door on a Diebold AccuVote-TS voting machine - the door that protects the memory card that stores the votes, and is the main barrier to the injection of a virus - can be opened with a standard key that is widely available on the Internet.

They conducted a live demonstration and were successful with a key that one of the participating students had from a

previous job.

The Princeton scientists found out more about the particular key they used. A little research revealed that the exact same key is used widely in office furniture, electronic equipment, jukeboxes, and hotel minibars. It's a standard part, and like most standard parts it's easily purchased on the Internet. We bought several keys from an office furniture key shop - they open the voting machine too. We ordered another key on eBay from a jukebox supply shop. The keys can be purchased from many online merchants.

-from the www.LP.org blog

The FSP Turns Five

by Andrew Wrenbeck

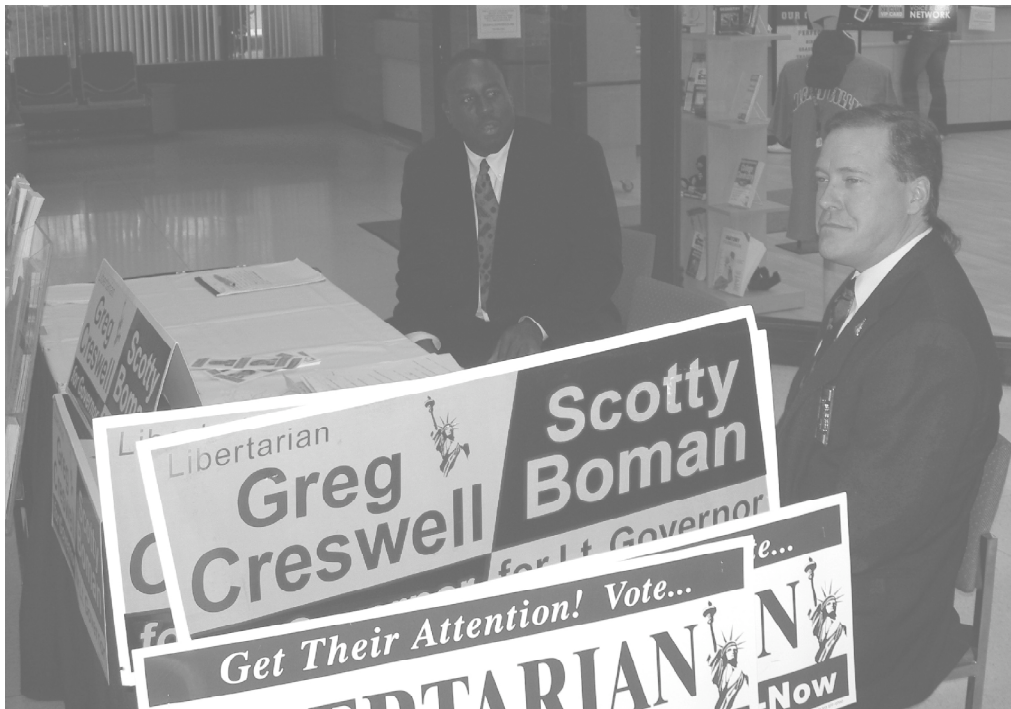
Little did Dr. Jason Sorens know what a profound impact his essay, "Announcement: The Free State Project", published by The Libertarian Enterprise in 2001, would have on so many people. Since that time, thousands have pledged to join him in a daring venture: to gather 20,000 libertarian activists in one small state and work there to greatly reduce the size and scope of government.

Even more amazing, over a hundred people have already moved to New Hampshire since it was selected as the "Free State" in 2003. The impact this group of individuals has already had on the state's political landscape is impressive. They've

passed pro-liberty legislation, defeated anti-liberty legislation, been elected to office, staged acts of civil disobedience, defied the federal government by promoting anti-RealID legislation, cut town budgets by hundreds of thousands of dollars, and laid the groundwork for a steadily growing grassroots network of liberty activists. Political observers are confident that several of these early movers will be elected to the state House of Representatives this year.

The FSP launched a new initiative at the beginning of 2006. Sponsored by Ian Bernard, host of the popular libertarian talk radio show Free Talk Live and regular contributor to libertarian blog Hammer of Truth: get 1000 people to promise to move to New

Hampshire by the end of 2008.



From the September 13 "Meet the Candidate" event at the Macomb Community College in Warren. Candidates Greg Creswell with DISTRICT 12 Congressional candidate (Hazel Park Councilman Andy LeCureaux)

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 6, 2006
MINUTES

The Executive Committee (LEC) of the Libertarian Party of Michigan (LPM) held a regular meeting August 6, 2006, at the Party office on Holmes Road in Lansing, Michigan. Chair Scotty Boman presided, calling the meeting to order at 1:20 pm. In the absence of the Secretary, the Chair appointed Arthur Gulick to take minutes.

Present were: Chair Boman, Vice Chair James Hudler, Treasurer Will Tyler White, Political Director Leonard Schwartz, Communications Director Tom Bagwell and Membership Director Jim Allison. Development Director David Raaflaub arrived at 3:20 pm. Visitors at the meeting were LPM members Bob Broda, Elizabeth Bagwell and Gulick.

The meeting agenda was approved. White's motion to defer reading of the minutes to executive session was approved.

Treasurer White presented his report. White presented a proposed budget for the present year. Potential budget shortfalls were discussed, including problems arising from the national LP's discontinuation of Unified Membership Program payments. There was a long discussion of the newsletter, a major LPM expense. The discussion covered production costs, format, mailing costs and timeliness. The presented budget was approved with changes.

The Chair instructed the Treasurer to transfer \$5,000.00 from an LPM Certificate of deposit into checking when the CD matures. The Chair and the Treasurer will investigate how to update the list of signers on LPM bank accounts.

Schwartz moved to buy 300 1-color generic Libertarian yard signs at a cost not to exceed \$600.00. The motion was approved. The signs can be used to take advantage of the LP of Western Michigan's recent offer to distribute "Vote Libertarian" yard signs. Being generic, any signs that are left over would be suitable for use in future years also. Schwartz pointed out that such generic advertisements must be funded 21% with Federal campaign funds; that the LPM has enough Federally-designated money to do this; and that the preferred procedure would be to pay the vendor bill with a single check from the LPM checking account and to transfer the Federally-designated funds internally in LPM accounts.

The Vice Chair reported on affiliate activity in Jackson and Hillsdale Counties.

Hudler and Bagwell reported on the Penn and Teller promotional DVD, which they have viewed. The matter was further discussed later in the meeting. The newsletter was again discussed briefly in the absence of the Newsletter Director. Confining newsletter distribution to current members was discussed. Political Director Schwartz reported that LPM brochures are available for use.

Communications Director Bagwell reported on Ballot Base (www.ballotbase.org), database software available from the National LP to facilitate solicitation of voters utilizing local

volunteers.

Development Director Raaflaub reported on the progress of his ballot initiative drive to cut taxes, encouraging LPM support for this effort. The proposal would appear on the November 2008 ballot.

The Chair called for an affiliate to host Liberty Fest. Bagwell, Chair of LP of Washtenaw County, agreed to seek the approval of his affiliate for this purpose.

White moved to spend \$600.00 of LPM Federal funds on an LPM-individualized Penn and Teller promotional DVD master. The motion was approved. This master, individualized for our state party, can be duplicated locally to provide DVDs for distribution to members and contributors as motivators in state and affiliate membership drives and fund-raisers.

Membership Director Allison reported membership figures.

Schwartz moved that the LPM send a mailing to encourage membership renewals and contributions, to be sent to individuals on our mailing list going back to 2000. The motion was approved.

Membership Director Allison presented a bill for new member mailings already sent. The Chair, with LEC consent, agreed the LPM will pay Allison \$33.54 for past mailings and \$0.43 for each future mailing.

Allison moved to establish a budget of \$200.00 for mailings to promote a speakers bureau in an effort to spread Libertarian Party awareness to high school and college students. The motion was approved.

White moved that the next meeting of the LEC be held September 24, 2006. The motion was approved.

White moved that the LPM office be moved from its present Holmes Road location to 2722 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing. The motion was approved. The current lease expires October 31, 2006. The new site is less expensive, more-or-less equally commodious, is closer to the state capitol, and is owned by Libertarian John Addis.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

LEC members present met in EXECUTIVE SESSION after the conclusion of the regular meeting.

Allison moved that the LPM acquire a domain name and purchase the annual SharePoint Professional Plan from the vendor Alentus. The motion was approved. The cost of the plan is \$30.95 per month with no set-up fee. These actions are consistent with recommendations from our contract programmer Shawn Haase. SharePoint is web software by Microsoft. Allison provided a website development update.

White moved that the LEC publish a letter to Mr. G. Dirasian. The motion was approved.

The Executive Session was adjourned.

Arthur Gulick, Acting Secretary
Minutes approved September 17, 2006

**Get "Creswell for Governor"
Materials from Your Local Contact**
by Greg Stempfle

Election Day is approaching and the Governor's race is a dead heat. Please help the LPM make the most impact this season and support our Gubernatorial and lieutenant Gubernatorial candidates. Libertarian Greg Creswell could very well hold the balance of power for the entire state. Campaign material has been distributed to affiliates across the state. Support you Libertarian Candidate for Governor Greg Creswell and Scotty Boman for lieutenant Governor by proudly displaying a yard sign or bumper sticker. Literature is available for distribution as well as signs and stickers. Please contact your local affiliate representative for campaign supplies.

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Bill Hall Polling Well
by Eric Larson

Bill Hall, the Libertarian Party candidate for Attorney General, is polling well at four percent (4%) in a recent *Survey USA* poll. His support with very limited media exposure lends further credence to a receptive voting public for Libertarian candidates and ideas.

New LEC Secretary Chosen
by Scott'y Boman

Arthur Gulick was chosen as secretary at the September 17th meeting of the LEC in Ann Arbor. Art Gulick is the perfect person for the job. Mr. Gulick has always been happy to record LPM minutes when needed. It is only proper that he holds the title that goes with the job.

We wish to thank Chris Watson for his service to the LEC. He was elected to the position of Secretary at the LPM convention in May. He resigned in good standing and will be missed. I am sure I speak for the whole LEC in wishing him success in his future endeavors.

**Libertarians Take on Media
Barrier**
by Scotty Boman

The Libertarian Party will be saturating the Michigan talk radio market with the Libertarian message. The LEC has allocated twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) for radio commercials. Furthermore, the Greg Creswell for governor campaign and the Bill Hall for attorney general campaign will be running advertisements in the same market. While we can't touch the level of broadcast media advertising being produced by the Granholm and Devos campaigns, we will be able to tell voters we exist, and how to learn more about us.

In addition, Libertarians have had opportunities to grace the airwaves free of charge. US Senate candidate Leonard Schwartz, and Gubernatorial candidate Greg Creswell have both appeared on Public TV in Grand Rapids. Creswell, and his running mate Scotty Boman have been guests on talk radio programs. This includes appearances on the *Norm Jones Show* (Traverse Bay area) and the *Tim Doctor Show* (Grand Rapids area). In order to make up for spending on radio advertising, the LPM will need to rely on more donations in the future. Many party members have already sent in generous contributions.

2006 Michigan Libertarian Candidates for Office

Voters will be able to make the Libertarian choice for a large number of offices in the 2006 General Election. For the first time since Dick Jacobs ran in 1986, they will be able to choose a Libertarian (Gregory Creswell) for Governor.

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Gregory Creswell
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Scott'y Boman

Attorney General:
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District 8 Dick Gach
District 9 Adam Goodman
District 10 Mark Byrne
District 11 John J Tatar
District 12 Andy LeCureaux
District 15 Gregory Stempfle

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District 9 James Allison
District 10 John C Bonnell
District 11 Lauren Zemens
District 12 Brian Kelly
District 14 R. J. Roberts
District 15 Nathan Allen
District 28 Jamie Lewis
District 29 Bill Gelineau
District 30 Marcia Ortquist
District 31 Reinhold Ploep
District 33 Devon K Smith
District 35 Thomas Hren

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District 25 Michael Brylewski
District 26 James Young
District 31 James Miller
District 32 Joseph L Zemens
District 72 Bill Wenzel
District 73 Steve Nickelson
District 74 Tracey D McLaughlin
District 75 Lauren Hillmer
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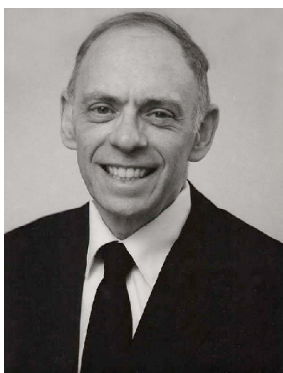
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Commissioner:
District 5 Nicole Michalak
District 19 Scott Allen
District 20 Keith Edwards

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