

MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

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September-October, 1999

Defender of Liberty Awards

By Teresa Pollok

The 4th annual Defender of Liberty Awards Banquet (the Liberty Fest) is being hosted this year by Diane Barnes and Libertarians of Macomb County and will be held Saturday, November 6, at Heintzman's Heidelberg Restaurant in Clinton Township. Invitations with details on cost, time and location map were mailed a week ago.

Who is eligible to win a prestigious "Libby?" Defender of Liberty Awards will be presented to a maximum of four select individuals, Libertarian or otherwise, who have made notable personal efforts in the defense of liberty. Nominees must live and/or work in the state of Michigan.

Three categories have been established:

1. Spokesperson for Liberty is a member of the community whose patriotism and conviction have inspired contributions to the cause of liberty.
2. Promoter of Liberty is a Libertarian whose efforts have done the most to promote the LP and Libertarian principles.
3. Producer of Liberty is a dedicated, behind-the-scenes Libertarian whose quiet labors over the years exemplifies the backbone of the LPM.

A fourth award may be made in one category.

How does someone win a prestigious "Libby?" Any LP member may nominate a worthy individual by submitting a brief essay (200 words or less)

describing how the nominee is deserving of the award and has worked to advance the cause of liberty. Nominations must include the author's name, address and telephone number. Send entries to the LPM, 21835 Cherry Hill, Dearborn MI 48124 by October 10. A panel of three distinguished judges will choose the winners.

The person's affiliate should sponsor the winner's attendance to the banquet (In other words, buy his/her dinner!) so they may receive the award.

For additional information contact Diane Barnes at dbarnes98@aol.com or 810-774-1625.

Please make this year's awards ceremony as exciting and successful as the previous years' were. Don't wait! Submit your nominations now!!

Karen Scarborough, R. I. P.

Longtime Libertarian Party of Michigan activist Karen Scarborough died of a heart attack on August 10, 1999. Karen had served the LPM as Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and was our first Affiliates Director, all in the early and mid 1990's. She did all this despite physical ailments included kidney transplants, diabetes and vision impairment.

Karen and her husband Scott had relocated to Washington, DC and Phoenix.

A memorial service was held on August 21 at St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Waterford.

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The LPM Is Buzzzzzing for Candidates!

By Stacy Van Oast, State Chair

Wow! There is certainly a lot of exciting stuff going on in the Libertarian Party of Michigan. Membership is at an all time high of 1,500. Rosemary Racchi is running an active campaign for Roseville City Council as is Diane Barnes for Eastpointe School Board. Ben Steele is running a conference for affiliates on September 18. Kathy Fisher and Oakland LP are hosting a Libertarianism 101 seminar on Sept. 23. Nancy O'Brien, Greg Dirasian and Hugh Fader have our media database updated and we are prepared to send out press releases regularly. Washtenaw LP is gathering medical marijuana petition signatures. New affiliates are starting in Traverse City area and Allegan and St. Clair Counties. Macomb's Liberty Fest is set.

All these functions serve our main purpose: to get more and better candidates. In order to get our ideas considered seriously and to build up public momentum to support those ideas, we have to make some political noise. We have to threaten the political establishment. We have to run and elect Libertarian candidates.

Everything we do as the Libertarian Party must focus on getting more and better candidates. Like bees that forget to make honey, a political party that doesn't focus on nominating and supporting candidates will eventually die.

Every project we undertake, every task we perform, we must ask ourselves, "Is this helping to recruit more candidates? Is this going to make our candidates better? Is this going to help get our candidates elected?" Anyone who hears our radio ads, any one that joins the party, anyone that reads an op/ed article by Tim O'Brien or letter to the editor, looking for an alternative to the status quo has only one way to express the desire for less government and more freedom: by voting Libertarian.

I am thrilled to report that everything the LPM is doing is helping to achieve our goal of running more and better candidates. We have lots more candidate-specific plans in store! Having more members, raising more money, training more leaders, advertising our

Position – ALL of these things help us achieve that goal. By achieving that goal we ensure the continuation of the Party. We ensure the hope of obtaining more freedom in our time.

The hive is busy, our organization is humming. Let's not forget we're making the best honey in the world!

Help Wanted

Former Campaign Chair Doug MacDonald compiled a list of "things that should be done to support our candidates" before he resigned in June.

Attention All Worker Bees!

Enthusiastic, Organizer-type bees:
Affiliate Campaign Coordinators – recruit GOOD candidates to fill your area's slate. Help candidates fill out paperwork. Follow-up and assist candidates with media surveys. Seek out and schedule speaking engagements for them. Coordinate and purchase lawn sign in bulk for all candidates. Help Nancy O'Brien at Nominating Convention with paperwork, caucus stuff. Assistants require database knowledge, ability to make phone calls, possibly visit affiliates to help with paperwork and assist her at Convention.

Computer-knowledgeable-type bees:
Maintain and distribute an accurate current Candidate List of all Libertarian candidates, statewide. Enter election results to National's database after the election.

Artistic, Creative-type bees with computers:
Prepare Candidate Slate Brochure, a listing of all candidates in an attractive brochure for candidates and affiliates to distribute. Design generic candidate brochure and make it available for all candidates to plug in their photo and biography.

Libertarian bees, any area of expertise:
Candidates needed! Won't YOU consider playing a visible part in changing the world???

All applicants for any positions, please contact Stacy Van Oast at stacyvo@eesc.com or (810) 784-8783.

Recruiter's Corner

By Gary Bora

As anyone who has actively tried to persuade a family member, friend or co-worker to join the LP knows, getting someone to take that first big step and climb aboard is no easy task. In the two years since I joined the LP in 1997 I've had the good fortune to actually sit across the kitchen table (or equivalent) with 13 people and show them where to sign on the dotted line. Does this make me an expert? I don't think so. But I do have a wide range of strategies that I employ when talking with people, and over the next several issues of this newsletter I will share them with you. A complete list reads as follows:

1. Don't try to get blood from a rock!
2. Fear. It's real, people have it, and it's logical.
3. Passion. I'm told I have it.
4. Courage. You can't sway people with silence.
5. Identity. We're the good guys.
6. Patriotism. It still exists.
7. Guilt. It works on the right audience.
8. The Children. Young taxpaying parents are excellent targets.
9. Mental Health. Misery loves company.
10. One person can make a difference.
11. Study and Know what you are talking about.
12. Name you son Thomas Jefferson.

I will delve into each of these tactics in greater detail in subsequent issues. Today I just want to concentrate on what I feel is the single most important factor in membership recruitment: "Don't try to get blood from a rock."

What does that imply? Simply put, stick to recruiting people who are already libertarian leaning. It took me a while to realize the sad truth that not everyone is capable of understanding the concepts of individual liberty, or, if they are, willing to leave the perceived security blanket of government "care." Leave these people alone. If someone is indifferent, hostile or confused after a couple of conversations, save your energy for someone else. You'll be surprised by how much better you'll feel when you're not banging your head against the same impenetrable rock day after day.

Seriously, this is how I view things (to paraphrase Ayn Rand.) There are three types of people when it comes to understanding Libertarians and the libertarian philosophy: 1) Those of us that are already here. 2) Those that are capable of reason but haven't been properly exposed to libertarianism. 3) Those incapable of understanding even if spoon-fed our ideas. Logic dictates that our efforts, for now, be directed towards those individuals that fall into the second class. And I'm sure that each of you know more than a few people who fall into that category.

Next time: Fear + Passion + Courage.

Note: Gary Bora IS our top recruiter.

Jim McAbee Wins Appointment

Veteran LPM activist Jim McAbee of Macomb County has been appointed to the Romeo Planning Commission, joining the growing list of libertarian office holders. Jim formerly served on the Romeo Library Commission and has run for several offices including City Council.

Jim's wife Anna underwent surgery for cancer in May and is resting at home. Our best wishes go to Anna and Jim.

State Convention to Offer Child Care

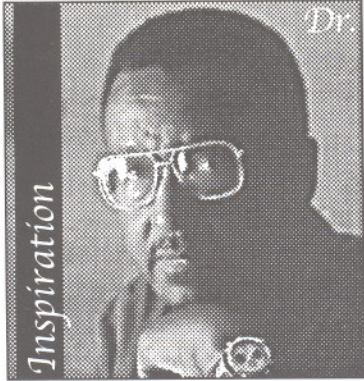
By Ann Rowe

I am pleased to announce that I've accepted the responsibility of organizing the provision of child care for the LPM 2000 State Convention to be held May 19-21 at the Clarion Hotel in Ann Arbor. Please look for the cost and registration details in the next newsletter. In the meantime, if you'd like to make suggestions, or sign on to help, please let me know. You can reach me at 6765 Hitchingham Rd., Ypsilanti MI 48197, MalagaAnn@aol.com or 734-481-0667.

"I tend to believe that only moral criteria, coupled with mental objectivity, can serve as a sort of compass."

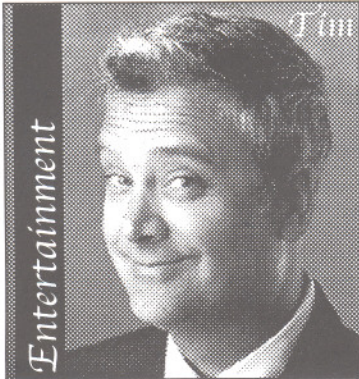
Andre Sakharov, physicist and writer in Memoirs

Inspiration



Dr. Walter E. Williams is a syndicated columnist and frequent guest host of The Rush Limbaugh Show. His 1982 book, *The State Against Blacks*, was made into a television documentary entitled "Good Intentions." His most recent book is *Do the Right Thing: The People's Economist Speaks*.

Entertainment



Tim Slagle "fights a never-ending battle for truth, liberty, and the American way," finding himself compared to Lenny Bruce and George Carlin along the way. According to the *Twin City Reader*, Slagle is a "droll, flag-burnin', politically incorrect satirist. Slagle's delivery is plenty polished; his arguments are more rational than most you'll hear on C-SPAN; and the punch lines are potent and abundant."

For Out-of-Town Guests

For the convenience of its out-of-town guests, Heartland has reserved a block of sleeping rooms at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel for the evening of Wednesday, October 6. Room rates are \$165 single and double. To make hotel reservations, call the Palmer House Hilton Hotel directly at 312/726-7500, and indicate that you are with the Heartland Benefit.

Tables

Gold Tables, located closest to the speaker's platform, are available for \$5,000 each. Guests receive special nametags and the tables are specially decorated. Gold Table sponsors are thanked from the podium and identified in the evening's program.

Silver Tables, located close to the speaker's platform but behind the Gold Tables, are available for \$2,500. The tables have silver cloth highlights and special centerpieces, and guests receive nametags decorated with silver ribbons. Sponsors are thanked from the podium and identified in the evening's program.

There will be no head table at the event, allowing us to seat speakers and special guests at Gold and Silver Tables.

To reserve your Gold or Silver Table, call Heartland President Joseph L. Bast at 312/377-4000.

Tickets

Members: \$70 before August 21; \$80 after August 21
Nonmembers: \$80 before August 21; \$90 after August 21
Reserved table (10) \$1,250

Order by phone by calling 312/377-4000.

Use your Visa, Master Card, or American Express Card.

The Heartland Institute's

15th Anniversary Benefit

October 6, 1999

Please help us celebrate 15 years of speaking out for freedom on Wednesday, October 6, at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel in downtown Chicago. Renowned economist Dr. Walter Williams will keynote the 15th Anniversary Benefit Dinner, and libertarian comedian Tim Slagle will close the program.

Waco: It's Baaaaack!

By Keith Edwards

It's a principle of law enforcement. If a criminal sticks to his modus operandi for too long, he will get caught. It looks like the BATF and FBI have forgotten it.

In the 1992 Ruby Ridge matter, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and firearms entrapped and framed Randy Weaver who fled to avoid malicious prosecution, then they told the federal marshals that he was dangerous. The marshals then over-reacted and started a fire fight, getting both 14 year old Sammy Weaver and a marshal killed, and then told the FBI that the Weavers started it. The FBI then shot at three members of the Weaver household, killing Vicki Weaver. All three agencies tried to cover up the evidence and failed.

A year later, the BATF invented a weapons and child abuse scare (the latter not even a federal crime) at the Branch Davidian complex in Waco, tried to shoot their way in and got four of their agents killed in the process. Again, they lied to the FBI which began a lengthy siege ending in the April 19 attack with guns, gas, tanks and incendiaries, killing over 80 people. Again, they covered up the mess with lies and destroyed evidence.

This time, however, the event was caught on TV and there are infra red videos that cast doubt on the federales claims of innocence. The evidence is so strong that even that master of cover-up, Attorney General Janet Reno, has had to call for a special prosecutor.

The M.O. is clear. Frame someone or some group to justify your existence, demonize them and attack violently, then destroy the evidence and cover it up. The middle management of each organization lies to their superiors and underlings, possibly including the Attorney General, who though an unsavory character herself, probably was given a distorted picture of Waco. It matters not which of the two overage parties is in control of the administration. It was the Republicans at Ruby Ridge and the Democrats at Waco. Neither party has moved to correct these abuses.

Now one would think that at the very least, some members of the BATF or FBI would have resigned rather than be connected with such an evil organization, and maybe some have. But those who remain despite the obvious cover-ups, must be presumed to support their superiors. "I was only following orders!" Sound familiar? And what are we too think of those who have since joined the two gestapo agencies?

We must conclude that everyone who is a member of either group, and maybe the federal marshals as well, is a supporter of entrapment, frame-ups deceit, murder, arson, perjury and obstruction of justice. This of course goes all the way to the top, including the Attorney General who scurried out of town to make a speech as the Waco attack began, and her boss who is widely believed to have committed most of those acts personally at one time or another.

To owe allegiance to a government that does these things is simple masochism. To not condemn these people is to deny that there is such a things as ethics. To not abolish the BATF and FBI is to ensure the continuation of such atrocities.

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"I am not discouraged, because every wrong attempt discarded is another step forward."

Thomas Edison, inventor

"There is no security on this earth. There is only opportunity."

General Douglas Mac Arthur

"Our doubts are traitors and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt."

William Shakespeare, playwright

"There can be no compromise on moral principles. In any compromise between food and poison, it is only death that can win. In any compromise between good and evil, it is only evil that can profit."

Ayn Rand in "Atlas Shrugged"



Affiliate Report

LP OF WASHTENAW CO. HAS FULL SLATE

Ann Arbor Libertarians meeting in caucus Thursday August 27, 1999 nominated candidates to run for City Council in all five of the city's wards this fall. "The Libertarian Party is pleased to offer all of the voters in Ann Arbor an alternative to the status quo in the fall City Council election," said **James Montgomery**, caucus chairman. The candidates are:

- Charles Goodman**, age 23 - First Ward
- Kurt Verhoff**, age 31 - Second Ward
- Gabriel Quinnan** - Third Ward
- Steve Saletta**, age 19 - Fourth Ward
- Gary Kaluzny** - Fifth Ward

Contact: **James Montgomery** 734-665-7415 for more information.

DIANE BARNES WILL RUN FOR SCHOOL BOARD

by Diane Barnes.

At the last minute, (signatures have to be in by Sep. 7!) I have decided to throw my hat in the ring for the school board here in Eastpointe. If any of you have seen the Detroit News or Macomb Daily the last few weeks you have certainly read the many articles about our district. There were hundreds of thousands (some estimate millions!) of dollars in cost overruns associated with our Bond. Not only that, personal favors were done by contractors who were hired to do the work for the Bond projects, ie. homes built, swimming pools etc. (Hmmm, sound anything like Your School Board, City Council, or local govt.....)

As many of you know, I have been looking critically at my district and the legislation that effects our curriculum. This misspending of money has motivated me to actually run for this office. I'll need some help from any of you who have skills in campaigning ie. computer work for brochures, especially. And, most of all I need to raise a little cash. I invite you to call me if you have any suggestions (dare I ask Libertarians for suggestions?) ideas, MONEY, manual labor, or....? email me: dbarnes98@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Diane Barnes

phone: 810-774-1625

(membership directory is wrong. Please note.)

St. Clair County Affiliate to Form

- by Eric Wojciechowski

On Wednesday, September 15, 1999, at the Main Street Restaurant located at 502 Huron Avenue, Port Huron, (ph: 810\984-1570) a meeting will be held to discuss the beginnings of a St. Clair County Affiliate to the Michigan LP. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM, business will start at 7:00 PM.

This is your chance to help further the cause of Liberty. This is your chance to be a founding member of an organization designed to promote freedom from obtrusive government right in your own neighborhood. If you believe that our government needs a serious overhaul and a major reduction in power, then you must attend this meeting. If you are unsatisfied with other political parties, and you want to do something about it, we have an offer.

Since this will be our first meeting, we have yet to elect officers, set up special committees or draw up the by-laws. This meeting will be an informal "getting to know you". We want to know what you want out of it. We want to know what you want to put into it and where your specialties lie. You may choose to be one of the officers or get involved in writing monthly newsletters. Or you may have other ideas on how to promote Liberty and want to share them with like-minded people. The bottom line is that we need you to make a difference. Don't miss this opportunity !!

Richard Friend, the 1998 Libertarian candidate for Michigan's 10th District, U.S. Congress will be making a special guest appearance. Richard is also seeking the nomination for the year 2000 election. Hope to see you there !! For more info: contact **Eric Wojciechowski** at (810) 598-8618 or e-mail: ewojo@worldnet.att.net

L.E.C. Meeting Scheduled

On October 10, 1999 at 1:00 PM the Libertarian Party of Michigan Executive Committee will be meeting. All members of the LPM are welcome, but if you are not an LEC member or one of its appointees, please let them know you are coming so they can accomodate extra persons, thank you. Location: Home of Barb Goushaw and Bruce Hoepner, 19514 W. Nine Mile Rd., Southfield (248-355-5058). Contact: Stacy Van Oast Phone: (810) 784-8783 Email: stacyvo@eesc.com

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Affiliates and the State Database

-by Emily Salvette, LPM Database Liaison

Recently, **Ben Bachrach**, who manages the state LPM database, asked if I would help him fulfill information requests from affiliate groups. I'm now working for Ben as his "database receptionist." The LPM receives inquiries and membership information via phone, internet, and US mail every day. Ben updates the master database almost daily. Passing this up-to-date information on to the affiliate groups is crucial if we are to gain and retain LPM members. So, I have been talking with affiliate membership directors for the past months asking what kind of information they're getting, what seems to be working well, what isn't, and what kind of information the affiliates want to receive. From this survey, Ben and I, along with State Membership Chair **Mark Heil**, have come up with a new plan for getting information from the state to our local affiliates.

To better serve the affiliates, Ben and I have worked out a system to send each affiliate membership chair a weekly update with any information that comes in about anyone in their county (or counties). They receive this information via e-mail.

Affiliates should use this information to take immediate action. For example, calling to invite a new inquiry to their next meeting, sending a special welcome letter to a new member, making changes to local calling list, etc.

Any affiliate, whether we are keeping its local list or not, can request information from the LPM database. All orders for information should be sent to me, **Emily Salvette**, at salvette@aol.com or by mail, 2016 Devonshire Rd, Ann Arbor MI 48104.

Orders should include request answers to these four questions:

- 1) Which people you are looking for?
- 2) What information you want about each person?
- 3) How should we send this information to you?
- 4) And, how soon do you need this information?

With these questions answered, I send the information request on to Ben and he fills the order (with a bill enclosed, if we're mailing printed matter). We do check to make sure the person requesting the data is a current member of the LPM. That is a decade-old policy set by the Libertarian Executive Committee. Obviously, we all want the data we send out to be as accurate as possible. Affiliates can help us keep the master database up-to-date.

Please:

- Notify us when someone joins or renews through your local group
- Send us address updates/corrections that you receive through your mailings.
- Send us removal information (believe me, we're happy to take someone off the list!)

If you have changes or corrections to the list, please e-mail **Ben Bachrach** at Ben45@aol.com. (Please try to include the Michigan ID number of the person whose information must be changed)

We hope this new plan will prove to be easier and more efficient for everyone involved in LPM membership activities. We would be happy to hear your feedback. Please e-mail me at salvette@aol.com with questions or comments.

OAKLAND CO. HAS NEW MEETING SPOT

The LP of Oakland County has found a new meeting location: The Red Hot and Blue Restaurant on 29285 Southfield Rd. in Southfield MI 48076, (248) 557-0955 The meeting day has not changed: 4th Wed (monthly) For more info phone **John Ward** at: work: (248) 628-5800; home: (248) 299-5668

SHOTGUN RAFFLE ANNOUNCEMENT

Ready, Aim, Fire! The LPLC is raffling a shotgun worth approximately \$300. The drawing will be held Monday, October 11, 1999. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. To order tickets or for more information, email **Teresa Pollok** at tpollok@livingonline.com or call 810/229-0737.

Leadership Directory Correction

by Ben Steele III, LPSC Chair

The old list of officers for the Libertarian Party of Shiawassee County was printed in the 1999/2000 Leadership Directory. Our current officers are as follows:

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The Libertarian Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM on August 22, 1999, upon determination that there was no quorum for a Libertarian Advisory Council Meeting. LEC members present were Stacy Van Oast, Teresa Pollok, Dave Nagy, Mark Heil, Bruce Hoepner, Dan LaFavers and Nancy O'Brien. Absent: Keith Edwards. Executive Director Tim O'Brien and Convention Chair Emily Salvette were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the Michigan Libertarian.

Chair Stacy Van Oast reported that several other states had inquired about matches. We have a new phone number, 313-438-1888. She asked for help in e-mail with the "State Chair" question of the month from National.

Executive Director Tim O'Brien reported that the mailing list swap is on course and the list was sent to National's mailing house. \$4,500 was raised from the fundraising letter for the radio ads. A "Libertarianism 101" class, planned by Kathy Fisher of Oakland Co. LP will feature Tim O'Brien September 23 at Southfield Civic Center. Fliers will be sent to recent inquirers.

Vice Chair Teresa Pollok reported that Allegan Co. is holding its first meeting August 24. Traverse area re-organizing is in the planning stage. Livingston participated in a parade, distributing "Big Government" fly swatters. Macomb is hosting Liberty Fest November 6. Affiliate Conference is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18 at La Seniorita Restaurant in Lansing, 10:00 to 6:00.

Newsletter deadline is Sept. 10.

Treasurer Dave Nagy reported on the spending plan from Ben Bachrach including: \$200 to Oakland Co. LP for the Libertarianism 101 flyer mailing, \$9,000 for radio ads, \$7,500 for direct mail and \$7,000 for non-traditional membership retention efforts. There will be a "brainstorming" session to discuss these proposals.

Dan LaFavers proposed a pledge program.

Emily Salvette reported on the State Convention to be

Held May 19-21, 2000. Formal business will be addressed in a one-day marathon to make it convenient for everyone to attend without hotel expense if they wish. Friday will be platform and bylaws committee meetings and the party. Saturday will feature business and speakers, and the Banquet. Child care will be available. Sunday will have the breakfast and candidate training. There will be 3 flyers in the newsletter, letter to members in January and the invitation brochure in April.

Mark Heil gave the membership and website reports. He discussed the possibility of putting our ads on the website and matchbook info as well.

Bruce Hoepner reported on membership outreach promotions and changing the membership form to a reply card size. There is a need to cultivate membership directors in the affiliates.

Nancy O'Brien reported on the media project. Data for press release and Op-Ed contacts is nearly complete, may use NIDUS, interactive web based media database.

Old Business: The Leadership Directory is mailed. Success '99 financial issues have been resolved with National LP.

New Business: Liberty Fest. Libertarians of Macomb County proposes that the LPM pays the cost of printing and mailing 2,00 invitations and that the LPM and LMC split the cost of a followup post card if necessary. The LMC will keep proceeds from the door and the LPM will keep proceeds from the fundraiser. The LMC may sell materials and keep the proceeds. Motion by Heil and Hoepner. Passed by voice vote, no opposition.

LEC vacancy tabled until next meeting.

Nancy O'Brien and Nagy moved that any affiliate or member planning an event must provide the LEC with a proposal including a planning timeline. Passed by voice vote, no opposition.

Dave Nagy has a computer program available for doing bulk mailings.

Bruce Hoepner and Nancy O'Brien moved to adjourn at 12:25 PM, Passed. Mark Heil, Acting Sec.

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