



# MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

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## NEWS LETTER OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN

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**January-February, 2000**

### **Leadership Conference Set for Frankenmuth**

By Jim Fitzpatrick

Affiliate officer, activist, new member, candidate, leader, or just plain interested. Does any one of these descriptions fit you? If so, we hope to see you at one of this year's most important LPM events, the February Leadership Conference.

This conference will be held at the Bavarian Inn MOTOR LODGE (not to be confused with the restaurant) in beautiful Frankenmuth, Michigan, on Sunday, February 27, from 10 am to 5 pm. The hotel offers three pools, indoor putt-putt golf, family fun centers, game rooms and quaint shops for any who wish to make a weekend of this unique town.

We hope all of you will come to this event. Many interesting and exciting events are happening this year. Presidential campaign, state and local campaigns, media relations, state projects, state convention, and effective affiliate activities will be covered at this conference. Most importantly, CANDIDATES should attend. Paperwork *will not* be done at the state convention, but will be covered at this conference.

As always, attendance is welcome and free. A Frankenmuth style chicken dinner with all the trimmings will be served buffet style at lunch for \$15, including all you can eat, and drink, tax and tip. For lunch, contact me at [jfitzpatrick@webtv.net](mailto:jfitzpatrick@webtv.net) or 517-781-7767 so the caterer knows how many to expect.

The Bavarian Motor Lodge is easy to find. Take I-75 to exit 136, head right into Frankenmuth and cross the covered bridge over the river and you're there at Covered Bridge Lane (517-652-2651.)

### **Candidate Paperwork and the Law**

By Nancy O'Brien

Did you know that the State of Michigan recognizes you as a candidate when you do any one of the following?

1. Get Nominated at convention
2. File an Affidavit of Identity with the State
3. Collect any money for your campaign
4. Spend any money (including your own) on your campaign
5. Authorize anyone else to collect or spend any money for your campaign.

Did you know that if you become a "candidate" by state definition before the convention and haven't filed your state-required paperwork within 20 days of that date, you will be fined \$10 per day for every day beyond that up to \$300? (Note: If you become a candidate at convention, the paperwork must be filed within 24 hours of convention.)

If you are someone who has been running for office as a Libertarian for years and didn't know this, you are not alone. Of course, what the state doesn't know won't hurt you. And, since we haven't been much of a threat to the existing power structure in the past, our opponents haven't bothered to check up on us. But as we grow in strength and numbers, the Republicans and Democrats will be looking for any opportunity to obstruct our progress. Let's not give them the chance.

In addition, we have a very good relationship with the State Elections Commission. According to our contacts there, we are always cooperative and polite, and have the most well prepared paperwork and the cleanest petitions of anyone. We are striving to maintain both the reputation and the friendly relations.

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## Affiliate Award Deadline

By Ben Steele III

It's time again for the LPM's Outstanding Affiliate of the Year contest. The deadline for this year's entries is February 27. The affiliate which showed the most creativity, enthusiasm, resourcefulness and good, old-fashioned hard work during the past year will win a banner with the name of the affiliate on it at the Annual Convention in May. Tell us how you spent 1999 working for liberty!

Here is a list of things the judges will be looking for:

**Membership:** Growth, participation of members, outreach for new members, renewal program/success, database maintenance, inquiry packets, follow-up programs, (inquiries, new members, new meeting attendees.)

**Political Activity:** campaigns/candidates, individual members' participation in community, affiliate participation in community/government.

**Newsletter:** Published regularly, quality (appearance, style), Content (pertinent, interesting, exciting – does it make members proud to belong and non-members want to join?)

**Finance:** Budget/plan, fundraising program/events, what is money being spent on.

**Meeting:** Held regularly, productive, social incentive, defined purpose and is it achieved.

**Media:** Media plan, press releases, affiliate coverage, letters to editor (with L-word.)

**Leadership:** Organization, professionalism, strategy/goals, success, assistance to new or neighboring affiliates.

The form that your entry takes is entirely up to you! Send entries to: LPM Outstanding Affiliate Contest, 21835 Cherry Hill Road, Dearborn, MI 48124-1149.

For more information call or e-mail Ben Steele III at 517-288-5616 or [bsteele1@tir.com](mailto:bsteele1@tir.com)

## Bylaws and Platform Committees to Form

By Stacy Van Oast

*All* affiliates that are organized and officially recognized by the LPM on or before April 19, 2000 are being encouraged to appoint one member each to the Platform Committee. The *five* largest affiliates as of February 19, shall appoint one member each to the Bylaws Committee for the 2000 LPM Convention.

The Libertarian Party of Michigan Platform and Bylaws are the governing documents of our organization and at the annual convention are debated and revised as the delegates deem necessary.

The LPM bylaws govern the organization of the Party. They establish officers of the Libertarian Executive Committee, and Judicial Committee, provide job descriptions of the officers, determine convention rules and dates, and generally establish the operating rules of the Libertarian Party of Michigan.

The LPM Platform states the official position of the Party on a variety of issues: transportation, education, health care and the state government are examples.

Anyone that has been a member of the Libertarian Party of Michigan for one year or longer is eligible to serve on the committees. Alternates may be named to fill in on committees in case of emergency. Committee members and alternates must be submitted by Affiliate Chairs to the appropriate Bylaws or Platform Committee Chairs by April 19, 2000 (30 days before Convention.)

As of December 14, 1999, LPM membership in the top affiliates was:

1. Oakland	371
2. Wayne	303
3. Macomb	173
4. West Michigan	139
5. Mid-Michigan	87
6. Washtenaw	84
Genesee-Lapeer	57
7. Livingston	49
8. Tri-City	37

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## Recruiter's Corner II

By Gary Bora

Fear + Passion = Courage

The most common question I hear when it comes to recruiting is, "How do you do it? After many superficial responses, I decided to figure this one out for myself. Nerd-like creature that I am, I eventually boiled it down to a simple, if not elegant, equation: Fear + Passion = Courage. Before you start laughing at the sophomoric nature of this self-revelation, let me explain each component and the relevance it plays in my recruiting success.

**Fear.** As Libertarians we all know fear in one form or another (and I'm not talking about spiders or heights.) For some, it may be that the state legislature is going to make vaccines mandatory so your informed decision not to vaccinate your children will make you an outlaw or result in the state seizing your kids. For others, it may be the prospect of waking up in a country that has fallen into the clutches of socialized medicine, knowing that your parents or children most likely will not get the proper help you'd be willing to pay for if the free market were still in place. For still others, it may be something as frightening as martial law or governmental genocide rearing its ugly head again, only this time in your corner of the globe. Whatever the single concern or combination thereof, I think it's safe to come to the conclusion that something is terribly wrong with the current state of affairs in this country.

I also submit that a healthy dose of fear is totally logical. To those of you who feel alienated because you feel your fears may be unsubstantiated, I say, relax. The real "wackos" out there are the ones who think that things are not only hunky-dory, but that a little more of the same would be a good thing. You might be surprised by the responses you get when you explain to people that they are not only justified in their fears, but that we offer them a safe haven to express their rational take on things.

**Passion.** I have an insatiable lust for life. Whether it's bowling, hiking, devouring libertarian material, my job, or any other interest that's captured my fancy, I only have one speed, and that's all the way. My number one

priority/passion in life is my family, and I'll be darned if some collection of bureaucrats is going to minimize one moment of happiness that we are capable of experiencing. They say that there's nothing more dangerous than a mother bear defending her cubs. Well, this "mother" is no exception. When it comes to promoting the Libertarian Party, I always take a positive position, letting the uninitiated know what drives me and what we have to offer. I always identify us as "The Good Guys" (literally) and while this may sound trite, I think it makes those people who are already upset with the status quo want to learn more about us.

**Courage.** By courage I mean only one thing – the courage to act. I think it's a safe bet that nothing of substance has ever been accomplished by inaction. Spreading the libertarian message is no exception. When I joined the Libertarian Party in 1997 I didn't do so on a whim. After years of developing an understanding of the ways of the world and bitching about it all the way, my darling wife Anne told me to put up or shut up. She'd heard enough. I took her challenge to heart and on my 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday, I ceremoniously deposited my application in the mailbox and made a solemn commitment to myself to do anything and everything in my power to make the world (or my corner of it) a free place where my children can grow up.

One of the first things I noticed after I made this commitment was the inability of my formerly timid brain to close my mouth when an opportunity to mention the Libertarian Party came up. I would guess that the reason I've recruited as many people as I have is my newfound ability to strike up conversations with total strangers in supermarkets, bowling alleys, parties, etc., whenever I hear someone bitching about the government. I'm convinced that the best opening line to say to anyone who has anything negative to say about any area of improper government action is: "You sound like a libertarian." People have such a natural tendency to want to know why someone would say such a thing. (I say this every chance I get!)

If you know what you're talking about, the sky is the limit after that.

Next time: Identity: Define or Be Defined.



## Are You One Out Of Ten?

By Stacy Van Oast

Libertarians are different. Unlike the Democrats and Republicans we have a philosophy of freedom and we stick to our principles. If you're like me, you joined this different political party because you wanted things to be different. You wanted to make a difference.

Campaigns are how political parties make a difference. The benefits of political campaigns for public office are numerous. Libertarian campaigns are great ways of:

- Spreading the Libertarian message of freedom and responsibility;
- Setting the debate and getting the public and the pols to discuss libertarian solutions to the issues;
- Attracting more good people to become involved in the Libertarian Party as candidates, affiliates, activists, contributors and voters;
- Generating more media attention and more favorable coverage;
- Getting more people to vote Libertarian;
- Electing Libertarians to public office

The Libertarian Party ran 100 candidates in the 1996 general election. Just as the National LP has set a goal of 2,000 candidates in 2000, the LPM is raising our sights to 150 candidates this year, more than ever before. And, with over 1,600 members, we should be able to get 10% of them to run for office. That's where you come in.

There is nothing more exciting and rewarding than taking an active part in a Libertarian campaign – and there is no better way of making a difference than by running for office as a Libertarian candidate yourself.

At a minimum, as what we call an “educational” candidate, we ask that you answer the major voter surveys that you will receive. (This is one of the best ways of presenting our message to a lot of people.) After that, you can do as much as you choose – put up lawn signs, speak at debates, the sky is the limit!

We are committed to supporting our candidates as much as possible. We will help you get your

nomination paperwork completed correctly, provide basic training seminars, and encourage the public to vote Libertarian. We are committed to making a difference by running good campaigns. All we need are candidates. All we need is you.

To be a Libertarian candidate, follow these simple steps:

1. Contact your local affiliate or Stacy Van Oast to determine the best office for which you should run. (See Directory on page 2 of this newsletter for contact information.)
2. Inform your local affiliate and/or Stacy of the office you are going to run for and complete the nominating paperwork before May 20, 2000. (Affiliates and Nancy O'Brien have paperwork and will help you. You do not have to attend the Convention.) We'll make sure you get nominated by the appropriate LPM caucus. You just be sure to fill out the paperwork and get it in Nancy's hands by May 20. See the page 1 article by Nancy for further information.
3. Have your Libertarian books handy (Why Government Doesn't Work by Harry Browne, Libertarianism in One Lesson by David Bergman, Healing Our World by Mary Ruwart, etc.) and answer those candidate surveys when they arrive! Attend the LPM's candidate training seminars or the Convention. Put your best face forward on behalf of liberty and the Libertarian Party!

What makes us a political party is that we run candidates for public office. Giving our members and libertarian-leaning individuals around the state a Libertarian alternative is what makes us a political party. It's how we make a difference.

Please consider running for public office as a libertarian candidate. Be one of that special 10%. Think of the difference you can make!

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A problem is a chance for you to do your best.  
Duke Ellington, musician

He who has a “why” to live for can bear almost any “how.”  
Friedrich Nietzsche, philosopher





# Liberty Enlightened LPM CONVENTION

MAY 19 – 21 AT THE BEST WESTERN EXECUTIVE



## "Personal Responsibility is the Price of Liberty"

Michael Cloud

Saturday morning Keynote speaker, Michael Cloud, is a professional speaker, speech-writer, and phrase-maker who has been quoted by Playboy, Reader's Digest, Harper's, the Wall Street Journal, the Congressional Record, and Vital Speeches.

Cloud managed the 1988 LP vice-presidential campaign and organized both the 1992 and 1996 presidential campaigns. He has, himself, been a Libertarian candidate for U.S. Congress and the U.S. Senate and has consulted on nearly 100 Libertarian campaigns across the country including fundraising over \$4 million for Libertarian candidates and the Libertarian Party over the last 11 years.

He was also the nationally televised (C-SPAN) Keynote Speaker at the 1998 Libertarian National Convention in Washington, D.C.



## Candidate Training Seminar

Barb Goushaw

If you are running for office or actively working on a campaign, this 3-hour workshop on Sunday afternoon is a "don't miss." From fundraising to ad planning and placement, from formal speeches and debating to doorbelling, learn the nuts and bolts of organizing and running a successful campaign from our own Barb Goushaw, campaign manager for both Jon Coon and Fred Collins.

This seminar is offered free of charge, but is only open to LP candidates and their campaign staff members.

**SPECIAL NOTE FOR CANDIDATES:** be sure to bring along appropriate attire to take advantage of the services of a professional photographer who will be available on Sunday to take a (formal pose) campaign shot--suitable for use in brochures and all other campaign materials--for a very modest fee.

## Introduction to Libertarianism: Issue Seminars

Special, one-hour issue seminars will be presented throughout the day on Saturday simultaneous with business sessions. Free and open to the public, these will be of particular interest to newer members.

- **An Introduction to Libertarianism.** An LPM founder, past (three term) party chair, and current Michigan Libertarian newsletter editor, Keith Edwards, will provide this concise yet comprehensive introduction to libertarian political philosophy and the Libertarian Party.
- **Gun Control.** 1994 LPM U.S. Senate candidate, Jon Coon, who rallied 10,000 Libertarians and gun enthusiasts on the lawn of the Capitol building in Lansing and set a new high-water mark for Libertarian campaigns, will talk about the Lott study, "Shall Issue" legislation and the Libertarian fight to restore our gun rights in Michigan.
- **Environmental Protection.** Long-time LPM member and elected Superior Township Park Commissioner, Brett Cashman, will tackle one of the most complicated and vexing problems for Libertarian public policy.
- **Affirmative Action.** Dr. Anna Ebeling, Hillsdale College Professor of Business who earned her Ph.D. at Moscow State University (in Russia back when it was still the Soviet Union) will talk about the destructive effects of government attempts at social engineering from both academic knowledge and personal experience.
- **Education Reform.** 1996 and '98 LPM candidate for State Board of Education, candidate in the (non-partisan) '99 East Detroit School Board race, and all-around education expert, Diane Barnes, will talk about vouchers, tax credits, and all the latest developments in what is arguably the hottest topic in Michigan politics.

For additional information contact LPM Convention 2000 Chair, Emily Salvette, by email [Salvette@aol.com](mailto:Salvette@aol.com) or phone 734-668-2607

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# tening the New Millennium

# VENTION 2000

CUTIVE PLAZA (FORMERLY THE CLARION HOTEL) IN ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN



## "Urban Sprawl and the Michigan Landscape"

Dr. Samuel Staley

The Saturday luncheon will feature Dr. Samuel Staley, Director of the Urban Futures Program for the Reason Public Policy Institute, and adjunct scholar at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland.

In a Mackinac Center *Viewpoint*, Dr. Staley noted that urban sprawl has become the "new bogeyman in town." But he continues, "Benefits to sprawl? You bet. Despite vocal objections to it, sprawl reflects social progress more than decline." His speech will tell us how.

Dr. Staley is the author of two books and more than three dozen articles, studies, and reports on urban development issues and policy. His policy study and articles for the Mackinac Center on suburban development and farmland preservation in Michigan were frequently cited by Washtenaw County activists in their successful fight to defeat a \$32 million land preservation scheme on the November, 1998 ballot.

Joseph Overton, Senior Vice President of the Mackinac Center, and former LPM Chairman, will introduce Dr. Staley. Separate guest tickets are available for this event.



## "Private Sector Solutions to Social Problems"

Prof. Richard Ebeling

The Sunday Brunch speaker will be Richard Ebeling, the Ludwig von Mises Professor of Economics at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan, who also serves as vice president of academic affairs for The Future of Freedom Foundation.

Prof. Ebeling will definitively demonstrate the superiority of the marketplace as the most effective means to address social problems long claimed by advocates of activist government to be too large and too important to be left to private institutions.

Born in New York City in 1950, he received his BA in economics from California State University, Sacramento, and his MA in economics from Rutgers University. Professor Ebeling has been a lecturer in economics at the National University of Ireland at Cork and assistant professor of economics at the University of Dallas. He has been at Hillsdale College since 1988. He has written numerous articles and edited several books on classical liberalism as applied to issues of public policy.

James Hudler, Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County, and one of the founders of the LPM, will introduce Prof. Ebeling. Separate guest tickets are available for this event.

Mark the events you wish to attend and send this form with check or money order (payable to Libertarian Party of Michigan) to:

**Libertarian Party of Michigan, 21835 Cherry Hill Rd, Dearborn MI 48124-1149**

Select individual events or one special package (registration fee is included in special packages)

EVENTS	By 1/31	By 4/24	After 4/24	SPECIAL PACKAGES	By 1/31	By 4/24	After 4/24
[ ] Welcome party & trivia contest	\$10	\$15	\$20	[ ] Everything (no student party)	\$75	\$105	\$145
[ ] Saturday lunch	\$15	\$17	\$20	[ ] All meetings and speakers (no meals)	\$25	\$35	\$50
[ ] Student pool & pizza party	\$10	\$15	\$30	[ ] Student special - Includes all meetings, classes, speakers (no meals) and student pool party	\$25	\$35	\$60
[ ] Saturday Banquet	\$20	\$35	\$50				
[ ] Sunday Brunch	\$15	\$18	\$25				
[X] Registration packet	\$15	\$20	\$30				

### SPECIAL OPTIONS:

[ ] Saturday childcare reservation [ ] Candidate training seminar reservation [ ] Vegetarian meal(s)

If your LP memberships are not current and you would like to renew (LPM membership is necessary for participating and voting in the business sessions), please also fill out and sign the form below and include the additional annual dues.

[ ] Combined National and Michigan \$25

[ ] Combined National, Michigan and County \$35

I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## **LPM Membership Breaks Record Again! Delegation Rises**

The Libertarian Party of Michigan has broken the membership record it set just two months earlier. After setting a record of 1,506 as of September 30, the LPM shot up to 1,609 on November 30. The increase moved us back up to fifth place, passing Georgia, and leaves us just 32 behind fourth place Texas and 82 behind second place Florida! We are still well ahead of three larger states, Ohio, Illinois and New York.

The result of this membership rise and the good job we did getting out the Presidential vote in 1996 is that we qualify for 72 delegates to the 2000 National Convention in Anaheim, CA, ranking behind only California and Pennsylvania. We have 5% of the 1,451 delegates.

### **We Are a Success!**

By Teresa Pollok, Vice Chair

Have you ever heard of a political organization dismantling a program once it became successful? Hmm... me neither. Well, mark your historic date of events. That's what is happening with the LPM annual picnic. The LPM has become very successful at starting affiliate organizations. Not only are there more affiliates, they are also very active with their own events. Events such as individual picnics throughout the State of Michigan are making it unnecessary for the LPM to also host one. The LPM will continue to hold the LAC meeting in August as required in the Bylaws.

Thanks for allowing us to put action behind our principles. Bureaucratic programs can and should be scrapped once they become unnecessary. Keep holding those fun-filled picnics and don't forget to invite your neighbor affiliates to join the festivities..

We have three new affiliates: Libertarians of Allegan County, St. Clair County Libertarian Party and Traverse Bay Libertarian Party. The latter includes Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Kalkaska.

The affiliate level is the heart and soul of the LPM.

The affiliates work hard to recruit candidates and new members, and make the LP presence known in their communities. Without affiliates, there would be no LPM.

If you are interested in starting an affiliate in your area, email me at [tpollok@livingonline.com](mailto:tpollok@livingonline.com) or call 810-229-0737.

## **Old Democrat Joins the LPM**

By Dave Nagy

Former Clare County Democratic Party Chair Ghazey Aleck joined the Libertarian Party of Michigan on December 10<sup>th</sup>. He served in that post in 1990 and was elected Prosecutor of Clare County as a Democrat and served 1993-97. He has a law firm in Bay City and is a supporter of fathers' rights.

## **Volunteer Help Wanted**

Assistant Treasurer Volunteer wanted to help with accounting details, preferably in the Metro Detroit area, should have accounting/bookkeeping background and computer. If interested, please call my beeper 800-301-1917 and put in your phone number or email your response to [lpmdnagy@aol.com](mailto:lpmdnagy@aol.com)

David Nagy, LPM Treasurer

## **Michiganians Win LP Appointments**

LPM Executive Director Tim O'Brien has been selected by the Libertarian National Committee to serve on the Platform Committee at the National Convention in Anaheim. He was one of ten selected by the Committee. He will be joined by Keith Edwards who was picked as Second Alternate by the LNC, but was elected Michigan's regular platform member. This will be O'Brien's third straight appearance on the committee and Edwards' second straight. Among the ten Bylaws Committee appointments was Greg Dirasian, who joins our Region 3 LNC Representative, Ken Bisson of Indiana. Region 3 will hold 30% of the seats on the Platform Committee.



## Executive Committee Minutes December 5

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM at the home of Keith and Marnie Edwards.

All members of the committee were present as were Tim O'Brien, Ben Bachrach, Diane Barnes, Greg Dirasian, Marnie Edwards, Rosemary Racchi and Al Titran.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Chair Stacy Van Oast reported that 10 states have run the radio ads. A letter has been sent to affiliates stressing candidate recruiting as our top priority. She will meet with Pete Waldmeir of the Detroit News, having straightened out the LaRouche error. The Michigan Libertarian was cited by National for its regularity and quality. Fred Collins spoke at the West Michigan banquet and Diane Barnes spoke before contributors at the Fox and Hounds.

Executive Director Tim O'Brien reported that the response to the ACLU mailing was disappointing. The new Waco tape should be used as a recruiting tool. LPM will get 70-71 delegates to the National Convention based on the latest membership stats. The February fundraiser was discussed.

Vice Chair Teresa Pollok reported on the new affiliates. Tri-Cities to host Leadership Conference on Feb. 27.

Keith Edwards set the next newsletter deadline as Jan. 10.

Treasurer Dave Nagy and Ben Bachrach gave the treasurers report.

The Convention hotel name is changed from Clarion to Best Western. No change in convention prices.

Ben Bachrach gave the finance report. The focus is on setting up an office. Nancy O'Brien, Ben Bachrach, Fred Collins and Barbara Goushaw will serve on the office committee.

St. Clair County LP was approved as a new affiliate.

The Traverse Bay LP has only to submit by-laws. Teresa Pollok was voted authority to approve it as an affiliate upon the receipt of acceptable bylaws.

Adjournment.

Keith Edwards, Secretary

## Air Fare to National Convention

By Tim O'Brien

If you're planning to attend the national LP nominating convention in Anaheim next summer, book your flight now and you can get an almost unbelievable deal on a round trip air fare.

Anina Bachrach, professional travel agent and spouse of SuperVolunteer Ben, has made arrangements to get round trip, non-stop tickets on Spirit Airlines for \$220 per person. You can leave Detroit Metro for LAX on June 27, 28 or 29 at 7:00PM and arrive at 9:10 PM. (you gain three hours going west.) The "Red Eye" return flight leaves LAX at 11:00PM July 3 and arrives at Detroit Metro at 6:30 AM. (Remember you lose the three hours coming east.)

So, the time of the return flight won't make it the most enjoyable flying experience of your life. But what do you want for \$220? Besides, you also save a night's hotel accommodations by coming home the same day the convention ends and you won't have to rush to the airport for an earlier flight.

Just by way of comparison, consider that this is less than half of what we paid for round trip air fare to the Seattle convention thirteen years ago! And that was a pretty good deal – which gives you some idea of just how dramatic an impact deregulation has had on airline ticket prices, doesn't it?

Other dates are also available. Prices rise as the plane sells out so the \$220 price may be gone by the time you are reading this. However, Anina should have other good deals, so call her at Jet Set Travel (which is owned by LPM member Steve Hill) at 313-382-1800 and book your tickets now!



# Liberty Calendar

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## Bylaws and Platform Committees

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Both the Bylaws and Platform Committees will meet on Friday, May 19, 2000, the first day of the Convention to discuss and prioritize the proposals, determining the order in which amendments are brought to the convention floor on Saturday, May 20. Any proposed amendments should be submitted in writing and presented to the appropriate Committee Chair. Proposals will be considered and discussed by the Committee in the order in which they are received (Last minute proposals are welcome.) The Chair of the Platform Committee for the 2000 convention is Tim O'Brien. Submit amendments to him at 3319 Greenfield Rd. #345, Dearborn, MI 48120-1212 or by e-mail, [tobrien321@aol.com](mailto:tobrien321@aol.com).

Ben Bachrach has been appointed Chair of the Bylaws Committee. Submit proposed changes to him at 21835 Cherry Hill, Dearborn MI 48124-1149 or [ben45@aol.com](mailto:ben45@aol.com).

Please speak to your local affiliate chair if you are interested in serving on one of these committees. Let your voice be heard! This is your opportunity to play an active part in determining the future of our Party.

## Candidate Paperwork and the Law

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All necessary forms and instructions were sent to your affiliate at the beginning of this month. If you are already a "candidate" and have not filed your paperwork with the state, contact your affiliate chair immediately to get copies of the forms. If you plan to begin your campaign at Convention, your affiliate should be holding a meeting specifically to process paperwork sometime before then.

If you are one of the 186 people in the LPM who live in a county with no affiliate party and you would like to run for office, the state LP will act as your affiliate. Contact me directly at 313-562-5778 and I will send you the forms and answer any questions you have about completing them.

*Warning: All paperwork must be completed before the Convention and submitted to your affiliate. The Convention caucuses will be held on Saturday this year instead of Sunday. There will be no time to complete paperwork at the Convention.*

## Convention News

By Emily Salvette

### Added to the Schedule:

College libertarians lunch meeting Saturday is a chance for students to get acquainted and share information about campus organizing issues and strategies for success. It is free to college students: lunch will be provided by the LPM.

Issue Seminar "Education Reform" with Diane Barnes, Saturday afternoon.

Larry Hines, candidate for the LP's nomination for President, has accepted our invitation to participate in the Saturday night presidential forum along with Harry Browne.

### Clarifications:

The student pool party on Saturday is intended for high school and college-aged members and guests. It is scheduled opposite the cocktail hour/dinner portion of the banquet. (Students will be able to attend the presidential forum, which follows dinner.

The Libertarian Executive Committee reminds LPM members that there is no charge to vote in business sessions. Members may attend and vote, but must pay the registration packet fee to receive registration materials and participate in other events.

Our Convention hotel has changed its name from Clarion Hotel to Best Western Executive Plaza. All prices and services for our event are unchanged.

### Don't Forget:

If you or your organization would like a display table in Saturday's Marketplace, make reservations with Brett Cashman, [hjcash@aol.com](mailto:hjcash@aol.com) or 734-481-1354. Tables are \$20 each.

If you need childcare, contact Ann Rowe, [MalagaAnn@aol.com](mailto:MalagaAnn@aol.com) by April 24.

Bring friends – guest tickets are available for scheduled speaker events, and the classes on libertarianism are free, a great way to introduce your friends to the LP! Register early to save money!





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Applicants for membership must indicate concurrence with the following statement by signing below:

"I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

What does the above statement mean? We ask our members to disavow the initiation of force. This does not mean that you cannot defend yourself; you have the right to defend your life, liberty and property. This commitment provides us with a core value to judge our political and personal actions to determine if we stay true to our common goal: a society where all relationships are based on voluntary cooperation.

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