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LPM Nominates Slate of Candidates

Bill Hall Re-Elected as Chair

More than 65 Libertarians and guests gathered for the 2008 State Convention in Romulus on Saturday, June 7. The LPM nominated 85 candidates for public office in the November general election, filling all statewide and federal candidate races, dozens of State Representative slots and many races for County and Township offices. The full slate of statewide and Congressional seats is a huge feat for a third party and may be the first time it has ever occurred in Michigan.

LPM Chair Bill Hall, Vice Chair Erin Stahl, Secretary Emily Salvette and Treasurer Nicole Michalak were reelected. Ten candidates sought the five At-Large LEC positions, and the following were elected: Bob Jackson, Greg Stempfle, Jim Allison, Dan Grow and Greg Creswell. Bill Gelineau, Will

More than 65 Libertarians and guests White and Tom Bagwell were elected athered for the 2008 State Convention to the Judicial Committee.

There were a large number of new delegates to the convention. Many of them learned about the Libertarian Party because of the Ron Paul and Bob Barr Presidential campaigns.

Bill Gelineau and his committee put on a well-run convention, that provided plenty of amenities to the delegates, and made money. The banquet was attended by about 50 diners, and featured Reason Foundation scholar Shikha Dalmia. She delivered a provocative and informative speech supporting open immigration. The banquet fundraiser was the most successful in recent memory, exceeding \$2.000.

Full Convention minutes can be found on pages 4-5 of this newsletter.

Bob Barr to Visit Michigan August 7

Libertarian Presidential nominee and former Georgia Congressman Bob Barr will campaigning in Michigan on August 7. Several media appearances have been scheduled as well as a "meet and greet" sponsored by the Small Government Alliance, a libertarian state PAC. The invitation only function will be held at the Franklin Hills



Libertarian Party Presidential Candidate Bob Barr

Country Club in Oakland County. No doubt Mr. Barr will be making additional appearances in the state between August 6-8. The exact schedule for the visit is still being hammered out. When finalized, his schedule will be made available through our new online newsletter announcement service and on our website.

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Your Campaign Checklist

by Bill Hall

If you, like me, are carrying the Libertarian banner as a candidate in the November general election, now is the time when we should be devoting ourselves to our campaign's organizational basics. If you aren't running for office yourself, then you should be pitching in to help one of our candidates get his or her campaign off the ground. Here are a few ideas for things you should be doing, now:

- 1. Create a Campaign Timeline. Working backward from Election Day, schedule the campaign events you would like to stage. No matter how active (or not) your campaign, that way you can follow your "script", and make sure events come off when they should.
- 2. **Identify 3 or 4 Issues to Stress in Your Campaign.** Write them down. Articulate some persuasive reasons for why they are important, and how your Libertarian approach to these issues is the right approach. Network with other Libertarian candidates for the same level office, in order to gather ideas for issues and how to approach them.
- 3. **Put Up a Website.** Nowadays, you aren't considered a "real" candidate, unless you have a website. The LPM will provide a template website to you for free. All you really need to contribute is a digital photo (though we can take that for you, too). A short biography written in an email or MicrosoftWord document would be nice too. Email both to me and I will provide it to those who have volunteered to do the work. We will teach you how to change and add content, if you wish.
- 4. Create a "Slim Jim" to Hand Out. Even if you don't campaign door-to-door, it's nice to have a brief, 9" x 4" brochure that has your name, picture and slogan on one side, and a bullet-point list of your issues, and your contact information on the other. The LPM is providing a template for this too, available upon request. This makes it easy for you to personalize it, and print it on your own.
- 5. Prepare a Short "Stump" Speech. If you plan to attend a candidate forum or seek out other speaking opportunities, now is the time to write and perfect a 3 minute speech introducing yourself and your principle issues. I've found the best practice is to film yourself giving the speech in a studio. That way, you can upload it to Google video and link it to your website. Erwin Haas has extensive experience filming and editing such speeches (and Q & A sessions) at the Grand Rapids Community Media Center, and is already scheduling dates for free filmings.
- 6. Assemble an Email List of Supporters. That way you can blast email them to remind them of upcoming events, and to get out the vote. Provide your list to your local affiliate LP and the LPM, so they receive local and state emailings too.
- 7. Anticipate Questions, and Rehearse Answers. Whether you're answering interview questions, voters' questions or responding to questionnaires, you can anticipate many of the questions you will be asked. Why are you running? Are you qualified to serve? Remember that the media likes short sound bites and pithy quotes, and be prepared with them.

To learn more about the tasks I've identified above that the LPM will help you with, contact Eric Larson at ellarson0@gmail.com or me at whall@wnj.com

Libertarian Party of Michigan Candidates for Office

Michigan Supreme Court State Board of Education State Board of Education WSU Board of Governors WSU Board of Governors MSU Trustee MSU Trustee U-M Board of Regents U-M Board of Regents

Congress #1 Congress #2 Congress #3 Congress #4

US Senate

Congress #5 Congress #6 Congress #7

Congress #8 Congress #9

Congress #10 Congress #11

Congress #12 Congress #13 Congress #14

Congress #15 State House #3

State House #8 State House #22

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State House #102

Scotty Boman Robert Roddis

Bill Hall

Jeff Steinport Daniel Keizer

Nicole Michalak

Joseph Rosenquist

David Brown Eric Larson

Kerry Morgan

Dan Grow

Dan Johnson **Erwin Haas**

Allitta Hren Leonard Schwartz

Greg Merle

Ken Proctor Will Tyler White

Adam Goodman Neil Kiernan Stephenson

John Tatar John Vico

Greg Creswell Rick Secula

Greg Stempfle Tim Beck

Thomas Jones Dennis Schlemmer

James Allison James Young

Johnny Skosnik

James Miller

Joseph Zemens

Jerry Plas

Larry Ross Dan Flamand

Rodger Young

John Boyle

David Raaflaub Todd Richardson

Vince Dragonetti

William Wenzel **Larry Orcutt**

Tracey McLaughlin

Mark Simonait Matthew Friar

Mike Orcutt Bill Wenzel

Joseph Gillotte

Terry Ashcraft Darryl Schmitz

Devon Smith Nathaniel Hren

Tom Hren

State House #104 State House #105 State House #106 Ann Arbor City Mayor

Augusta Township Trustee Canton Township Trustee Cass County Sheriff

Commerce Township Trustee Gaines Township Supervisor

Kent County Treasurer

Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees

Macomb County Comm. #21 Macomb County Comm. #23 Macomb County Comm. #24

Oakland County Comm. #15

Oakland County Comm. #18 Richland Township Treasurer

Washtenaw County Comm. #3 Wayne County Comm. #1

Ypsilanti Township Parks Comm.

Kent County Clerk Kent County Comm. #5 Kent County Sheriff

Macomb County Comm. #25

Macomb County Comm. #6 Midland County Clerk Monroe County Sheriff

Oakland County Comm. #16

Riga Township Supervisor Sylvan Township Trustee

Ypsilanti Township Parks Comm.

Dan McDougall Greg Dean Scott Alexander Eric Plourde Krista Goodwin Charles Page Bill Parker Nathan Allen Jamie Lewis Bill Gelineau Marcy Larson John Stedman Steve Nickelson

Jason Gatties

John Bonnell Erin Stahl Keith Edwards Lauren Zemens Mike Brylewski Carolyn Langlois Justin Yearv Carol Grant Richard Gach Bruce Hoepner Justin Headworth James Kimmelman James Hudler **Howard Merritt** Tom Clark Tom Bagwell Larry Johnson



Twenty six activists from Michigan made the trip to Denver over Memorial Day weekend for the Libertarian Party National Convention. Delegates adopted a new platform and chose our Presidential and VP Nominees.

State Convention Minutes

The 2008 Libertarian Party of Michigan nominating convention was held on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at the Best Western-International Gateway hotel, 9191 Wickham Rd., Romulus, Michigan. The convention was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by State Chair Bill Hall. Secretary Emily Salvette reported from the credentials committee that 33 delegates were registered as of 9 a.m. The convention agenda was approved without objection. Hall announced the hospitality suite in room 2001, sponsored by Wayne County LP, would be open and available for paperwork after lunch.

OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Report - Bill Hall

Political Highlights

- 2007 Election victories of Owen, LeCureaux, Eisenbacher and Byrne
- · Primary voter list lawsuit victory
- Ron Paul Revolution
- · Libertarian outreach/media impact
- National convention, where we had 26 delegates

Organizational Highlights

- Maintained member services
- Put financial house in order
- Transitioned website
- Broadened membership by including national sustaining members
- Region 3 convention
- Vigorous candidate recruitment
- More candidate support, especially the March candidate conference

Political Vision for the Future

- The LP is the only real choice for opposing the old parties
- Holder of political balance of power
- · Competitive for local offices
- Greater media profile

Organizational Vision for the Future

- Expanded candidate support
- Expanded volunteer support
- · Added e-mail announcement capability
- Larry Ross said he had Ron Paul's MI e-mail list available.
 Hall asked people to send such e-mail addresses to Jim Allison for inclusion on our announce list.
- Focus on fundraising
- Maintain member services

Vice Chair Report – Erin Stahl

Erin talked about our new administrative services package from HQ/Regus. The package features calls answered by a receptionist during business hours, call and mail forwarding, and the use of 16 hours of office space in its Troy office building or at other sites around the state.

Treasurer's Report - Nicole Michalak

Nicole displayed the current financials to the group on a large screen. Highlights from the year include a \$150/month cost savings due to closing the Lansing office and working through HQ/Regus, a new purchase order system instituted,

and that the LEC gets the budget every month to aid in accurate financial planning. She pointed out that we need to do fundraising. Larry Ross graciously offered to help raise money for the LPM at a fundraiser he's having next Saturday in Orchard Lake. After a complaint from Will White, Nicole agreed to print hard copies of the report and make it available to the membership.

The Chair introduced Austin Petersen, Volunteer Coordinator from Libertarian Party national headquarters, who will be the luncheon speaker, and Bob Jackson, former LP presidential candidate and the new Region 3 Alternate to the Libertarian National Committee. He also welcomed people who were attending their first Libertarian state convention.

Newsletter – Greg Stempfle

Greg noted that the newsletter is the largest item in our \$35,000 budget; he asked people to sign up to receive a .pdf file of the newsletter on line as this would be a cost savings to the party. He is scanning all past issues of the *Michigan Libertarian* so we have a complete electronic archive of our newsletters.

PLATFORM DELIBERATIONS

Greg Stempfle, chair of the platform committee, presided over the platform debate. The platform committee also included Larry Johnson, Jim Dondero and Jim Allison.

The committee moved three recommended changes to the platform.

#1) Because it conflicts with a later statement in the platform, strike the second sentence in Section IV (Public Safety), plank 2, so the revised plank becomes: State prison facilities should be used only for the incarceration of individuals who have proven themselves a threat to others.

Passed

#2) Replace the masculine pronoun "himself" with "oneself" in Section I (State Government) plank 2, and replace "gun" with "firearm or other means of self defense" for broader coverage. Several people were concerned that the plank left room to misconstrue the right to bear arms as a collective right rather than an individual one. After discussion, Scott Boman moved to amend the motion by changing the first sentence to "Individuals have the right to defend themselves and others." Passed. Will White objected to the use of the word "means." He moved to amend the proposed final sentence to "firearms or other weapons." Failed. Tom Bagwell moved to replace "citizen" with "person" since the right to defend oneself applies to anyone whether they are a US citizen or not. Passed. After amendments, the final wording of the plank became:

Individuals have the right to defend themselves and others. Article 1, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution states: "Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state." We oppose any law that dilutes the right of a law-abiding person to own a firearm or other means of self defense.

Passed

#3) To emphasize the role of individual rights and responsibilities in a free society, change the first sentence of the Preamble to Libertarians seek a society based on personal liberty and responsibility—some unknown person (?) moved to amend by adding another "personal" before "responsibility." Failed. After a parliamentary clarification that platform changes require the approval of 2/3rds of those voting, the chair ruled the main motion passed.

CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS

The secretary reported from the credentials committee that 53 delegates were registered as of 10:30 a.m.

Chair Hall presented a list of presidential electors he had compiled (see attached). Jason Seagraves volunteered to serve in the 5th Congressional district to fill an opening. Bill will submit this list to the secretary of state on Monday, June 9.

Candidate coordinator Eric Larson presided over the election of candidates for public office.

Nominations for US Senate were opened. Leonard Schwartz nominated himself. Jason Seagraves nominated Scott Boman. After speeches, the convention balloted. Results (49 ballots cast): Boman-37, Schwartz-12, NOTA-0

Larson read the list of candidates for Congress (see attached candidate list) approved by the Congressional district caucuses, which was discussed and completed without objection. [Mike Murray later withdrew as 7th District nominee and the 7th District Caucus chose Ken Proctor as his replacement.]

Other state-wide office nominations ensued and were nominated by acclamation:

Michigan Supreme Court - Robert Roddis

State Board of Education – Bill Hall and Jeff Steinport

MSU Board of Trustees - David Brown and Joseph Rosenquist Wayne State University Governors - Daniel Keizer and Nicole Michalak

Three people were nominated for University of Michigan Board of Regents: Kerry Morgan, Eric Larson, and David Raaflaub. After speeches from the candidates, the convention balloted. Results (43 ballots cast): Morgan - 36, Larson -40, Raaflaub - 6, NOTA - 0.

The convention then broke into affiliate caucuses to nominate those offices within an affiliate (see attached candidate list). After caucusing, the convention recessed for lunch with speaker Austin Petersen, who talked about volunteer recruitment. After lunch, raffle prizes were distributed and announcements made.

Upon reconvening the convention, without objection the chair dispensed with the report from the national convention and asked affiliate caucuses to report their results. The total number of Libertarian candidates in the November 4, 2008 general election will be 87.

AFFILIATE REPORTS

Vice Chair Erin Stahl asked each affiliate leader to come up and give a report. She also handed out affiliate binders to them.

Reporting were:

West Michigan - Bill Gelineau Wayne County - Greg Stempfle Oakland County - Bruce Hoepner Southwest Michigan - Daniel Grow Mark Owen talked about the dormant Owosso affiliate and discussed his service on Owosso City Council.

Macomb - Jim Allison

Washtenaw - Tom Bagwell

Capital Area - Will White

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

The secretary reported from the credentials committee that 56 delegates were registered as of 2:45 p.m. Nominations were opened for the Libertarian Executive Committee.

State Chair

Bill Gelineau nominated Bill Hall and Scott Boman nominated Will White. After speeches the convention balloted. Results (49 ballots cast) Hall-40, White-8, NOTA - 1

State Vice Chair

Nathan Allen nominated Erin Stahl and Scott Boman nominated Will White. After speeches the convention balloted. Results (48 ballots cast): Stahl – 42, White – 6, NOTA-0

David Raaflaub nominated Emily Salvette. Bill Gelineau moved to elect by acclamation. Passed.

Treasurer

Jim Allison nominated Nicole Michalak. Bill Gelineau moved to elect by acclamation. Passed.

Nominations were opened for five (5) At-Large Directors.

Jason Gatties nominated Daniel Grow

Bill Gelineau nominated Jim Dondero

Mark Owen nominated Will White

Nicole Michalak nominated Jim Allison

Eric Larson nominated Devon Smith

Emily Salvette nominated Bob Jackson

Erin Stahl nominated Greg Stempfle

Greg Stempfle nominated Neil Stephenson

Will White nominated Tom Bagwell

Scott Boman nominated Gregory Creswell

Nominations were closed and the nominators spoke on behalf of their candidates. Greg Stempfle moved to allow the candidates themselves to speak for one minute. Failed.

Results (with 48 ballots cast, 25 votes required to win; first five names were elected):

Stempfle - 37

Jackson - 36

Allison - 29 Creswell - 29

Grow - 29

White - 24

Dondero - 20

Stephenson – 15

Bagwell - 9

Smith – 4

NOTA-0

Nominations were opened for three (3) Judicial Committee members. Leonard Schwartz nominated Will White, Scott Boman nominated Tom Bagwell, and Greg Stempfle nominated Bill Gelineau. David Raaflaub moved to elect by acclamation. Passed.

The convention was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Emily Salvette, Secretary

Libertarian Party of Michigan

LPM Opens "Virtual" Office

by Erin Stahl

The Libertarian Party of Michigan has a fabulous new office in the prestigious city of Troy in Oakland County, in Metro Detroit.

There was an Open House Reception held Friday, July 11, 2008 to see our new facilities in the 14-story Columbia Center building. The reception was held for two hours before the second meeting of the newly elected Libertarian Executive Committee (LEC). Tours were given of the professional and impressive facilities; meeting rooms, receptionist area, business center, and the business lounge. All of which are shared with 50 other companies.



The LEC meets on July 11 to discuss party busniess at the new headquarters in Troy.

At the new facility, during business hours a receptionist answers our 888-FREE-NOW number with the professional greeting, "Libertarian Party of Michigan, this is [Beth] how may I help you?" This greeting is possible with technology that pops up our account on the receptionist's computer, to personalize the greeting for each client. The person calling is then either put to our voicemail or directed to either the cell phone of our Chair Bill Hall or Vice Chair Erin Stahl. Just recently we had the Editor from the Marshall Chronicle call trying to contact Libertarian candidate Ken Proctor. Because of our new office and receptionist, we were able to resolve the issue within minutes and have Mr. Proctor be in the newspaper along with the Republican and Democrats.

Not only are we able to handle phone inquiries in an expedited fashion, but we are now able to appear as if we have a full staff—something the LPM has always wanted to do. And because we share our facilities and overhead costs with 50 other companies, for only \$175.00 per month, we are able to save money and have more services than we had at our Lansing office

You may have heard that our new office is a "Virtual Office". All that means is that we have not rented out

specific office space within the Columbia Center building. Our contract includes 16 hours a month of office use, where we schedule one of the available furnished offices when we need it. In other words, not only do we share facilities, receptionist, and the business center, we also share a certain block of offices with other clients who have also chosen the "Virtual Office" package. Of course if we ever decide to rent out an office on a permanent basis that option is always available to us, at a price of course.

Usually every year there is discussion by the Libertarian Executive Committee (LEC) about the renewal of the LPM office lease. When the idea of having a "virtual office" was brought up for discussion by Treasurer Nicole Michalak and At-Large Director Jim Allison, the LEC was skeptical but intrigued by the idea. The LEC had no idea what a "virtual office" was but there were so many benefits to us as a party, including financial, that we continued to look at it as an option. Vice Chair Erin Stahl researched and compared about five Virtual Office companies and recommended www.Regus.com to the LEC. The decision to move out of our Lansing office was made in October 2007 and the Troy location was chosen in March 2008.

After our first meeting at our new office in Troy, we know that it was the right direction to take and relocate. We know that the Capital Area Libertarians will represent us and be our presence in Lansing. We thank them and Will White for faithfully maintaining our Lansing office over the years and we thank John Addiss who gave us a tremendous deal year after year on our rent payment in Lansing.

You can join us in Troy for the next LEC meeting, which will be a conference call. Sunday, August 10, 2008 4:00pm-6:00pm



The new LPM office is on the 14th floor of the Columbia Center II in Troy

Candidate Events and News

Upcoming Events

August 7, 2008

Bob Barr "meet and greet"
Franklin Hills Country Club
more events to be announced*

August 10, 2008

LEC Meeting (teleconference call) 4:00-6:00 101 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 1400, Troy, MI

November 4, 2008 General Election

LPM Online is Changing

The last edition of the weekly LPM Online newsletter was sent out in early July after 10 years in operation. We are starting a new monthly newsletter that we hope will be informative and timely, but not repetitive. We will also begin to e-mail special announcements and alerts on an as-needed basis, so watch your in box for important notices from the LPM.

Please send articles and calendar items for the monthly online newsletter to LPM Secretary Emily Salvette at salvette@umich.edu by the 25th of each month. The newsletter will be posted on the 1st of every month.

We are currently assembling a mailing list for this newsletter from the names currently subscribed to LPM Online. If you or your activists want to make sure you're on that mailing list, please send an excel spreadsheet with the email addresses you would like added, or for individual requests, an email with the word "subscribe" in the subject line, to VoteBillHall@aol.com

Ann Arbor



Scotty Boman and Cal Matle operate an outreach booth at the Ann Arbor Art Fair

Boman Hits Campaign Trail

by Dana Hadrill

Scott Boman will challenge Democratic incumbent Carl Levin and Republican Jack Hoogendyk for United States Senate on the Michigan general ballot this November after he received the nomination of the state Libertarian Party at its June 7 convention.

Learning from tactics innovated during the "Ron Paul rEVOLution," the Boman campaign utilizes grassroots enthusiasm and the Internet, in addition to traditional methods, to mobilize voters this November. Boman credits his ability "to recruit significant support primarily from non-Libertarians" to his involvement with grassroots activism.

During Congressman Ron Paul's presidential campaign, Boman delivered campaign literature door-to-door with fellow Metro Detroit Campaign for Liberty (M.D.C.L.) volunteers. He was a featured speaker at their June 29 Freedom Conference and Family Picnic held in Ferndale's Martin Park.

The M.D.C.L. is one of many similar groups across the country organized completely online though Meetup.com, a site that facilitates networking based on common interests. The Internet pays. Boman08.com features a counter to display donation totals reminiscent of an application on RonPaul2008.com that tracked the success of organized, mass donations called "money bombs."

"It's the best Web site of any of the Michigan candidates for U.S. Senate. I am the only Libertarian candidate in Michigan to raise his first \$2,500 exclusively by using the Internet," he attests. The campaign also utilizes direct mail funding to raise \$10,000 by July 31. Boman plans to "hit the airwaves" with ads that espouse a "non-interventionist foreign policy, an end to the Federal Reserve System and the income tax, and restoration of the Constitution."

Locally, Boman campaigned at the June 28 Shields Lions Club Parade with the Tri-City L.P. near Saginaw. Afterward, Michael Weinheimer interviewed Boman on his Vortex of Freedom radio show. He recently canvassed at the Ann Arbor Art Fair on July 19 while volunteering at the Libertarian Booth, which the L.P. of Washtenaw County sponsored.

The campaign went nation-wide July 12 at the Revolution March in Washington, D.C., at which Ron Paul was the keynote speaker. Boman distributed pamphlets and connected with fellow marchers at the rally who came to hear speeches by: Iraq War veteran Adam Kokesh; Constitution Party presidential candidate Chuck Baldwin; and, Michael Scheuer, who served as former Chief of the C.I.A. Counterterrorist Center.

Boman will aggressively confront his opponent on civil liberties and foreign policy as the general election nears. Levin's support for the Real I.D. Act (H.R. 418), Defense of Marriage Act (H.R. 3396), PATRIOT Act of 2001 (H.R. 3162) and the War on Drugs will be heavily targeted.

"Many Democrats, for whom the war and privacy are hotbutton issues, may chose me over Levin if they knew more about his voting record," says Boman, "Chipping away at his base may at least influence him to take our civil liberty concerns more seriously."



As seen along border roads with our neighbors to the southwest.



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