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Statement Concerning Floor Fees for LP National Conventions

We strongly oppose the imposition of a floor fee by the LNC for credentialing of national delegates. The By-laws and Convention Rules are quite clear in saying that delegates are chosen by the states and do not allow additional requirements to be added by the national party.

A floor fee will restrict the delegates' participation in party business, hindering their ability to carry out their responsibilities to the state parties.

Given that the anticipated revenue from the floor fee amounts to only one percent of the LNC's 2-year budget, it seems unreasonable that the LNC should be unable to earmark 1% of its annual budget to cover expenses for a required event.

If we allow the LNC to circumvent the By-laws and Convention Rules in this seemingly small regard, we may find it difficult to keep it from running roughshod over the By-laws in more controversial matters in the future.

The statement above has been endorsed by the following individuals:

George Phillies — candidate, LNC Chair
Carolyn Marbry — candidate, LNC Vice Chair
Rob Power — candidate, LNC Secretary
James Oaksun — candidate, LNC Treasurer
Mary Ruwart — candidate, At-Large
R. Lee Wrights — candidate, At-Large
Rachel Hawkridge — candidate, LNC Regional Representative
Michael Seebeck — candidate, LNC Regional Representative
Jake Porter — candidate, LNC Regional Representative
Scott Williamson — candidate, LNC Regional Representative
Charles Wilhoit — candidate, LNC Regional Alternate
Eva Kosinski — 2008 National Convention Team

How We Get There — Editorial

We start moving in the right direction by putting our Libertarian party on the New Path, the path to Libertarian Renewal.

Just imagine if every election campaign included a Libertarian candidate. Just imagine if we were the majority party. Just imagine if our sound social and financial policies restored true American greatness, the greatness of being the country that offers its people more freedom and more prosperity than anywhere else. Just imagine if our wise foreign and domestic policies made America once again that shining city on the sunlit hill, the country whose very existence signified peace, liberty, and opportunity.

That's wonderful to imagine. How do we get there?

Every journey begins with a first step. The journey may be long. Some of us may not live to reach our destination. But if we do not take the first steps on our journey, none of us will ever reach it.

The New Path, the path to Libertarian Renewal, is a commitment to take some of those first steps. The New Path starts by fixing our National Party, so that it plays an effective positive role in the greater Libertarian political movement.

The New Path will not take us to the America of our dreams. The New Path will set our party on the march in the right direction.

What is the New Path? The New Path promises thoughtful strategy, hard work, and persistence to start us on the road to a Libertarian majority. Not only doesn't the New Path promise miracles, the New Path promises that there are no miracles.

Where should we begin? Consider some early steps on the New Path. We need to start on all of them now.

Step Zero: Top down organization will not work in the twenty-first century. The National Committee can provide support. The National Committee can provide resource sharing. The National Committee can lead by example, by mobilizing like-minded libertarians to work on their choice of project. Top-down command-and-control did not work in Russia, and it will not work for our Libertarian Party, either.

Step Number One. Listen! The National Committee should listen carefully to the Libertarians in the trenches. Listening is the start of voluntary self-organization. Listen to our fellow Libertarians, the people from sea to sea who do the hard work for our party. Listen to their ideas. Listen to their hopes and fears, their thoughts and needs. Listen to their complaints, their reasons for joining or leaving our party.

Step Number Two. We need an effective, functional National Committee that spends its time doing real political work. Our National Committee has room for structural improvement. There's nothing wrong with bylaws or rules of order, but bylaws and rules of order are at most a means to the real end: We're here to win lots of elections.

Step Number Three: Mobilize the Libertarians. Our largest resource is the time and energy of our volunteers. Mobilize libertarians all across America to do active political work. Volunteer activism does not 'just happen'. It happens because it is supported by leadership.

Step Number Four: Sound financial management. The Libertarian National Committee dominates libertarian fundraising. It has an overwhelming moral responsibility to spend that money to do real politics. The new Libertarian Association of Massa-

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chusetts financial plan shows one effective way to reach this goal: Assign donations on arrival to concrete objectives, such as Outreach; don't let administrative costs soak up the entire budget.

Step Number Five: State and local group support: Our objective should be 54-'state' political activity, including the fifty states, D.C. Puerto Rico, Guam, and everywhere else our flag flies over American soil. Affiliate support includes includes volunteer and activism materials, like trifold you can actually use after downloading, 'how-to' advice, and personal contact.

Step Number Six: Working Groups. Our National Committee should develop working groups to do political work. Working groups should be composed largely of libertarian volunteers, with a few LNC members to provide inspiration, support, and such resources as the LNC can generate.

Step Number Seven: We need real libertarian affinity groups and think tanks. We need more groups like Outright Libertarians and AntiWar.com that support our sides on issues. Reach out to other pro-liberty groups like DOMA-repeal groups, Anti-war Veterans, the Campaign4Liberty, and the Tea Parties. The LNC can't become those affinity groups and think tanks, but it can support member-volunteers who make it happen.

Step Number Eight: Public Outreach. More and more the American people are hearing the word 'Libertarian'. We need to make sure: When Americans hear 'Libertarian', they will

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Liberty for America will be performing political acts, like supporting voter registration, lining up volunteers, and other activities that the Federal government calls "Federal Election Activity" and hence FEC-reportable. We must therefore funnel dues to our PAC, "Liberty for America". Dues will not be used to support candidates.

Required Federal Notices: Your Donations are not tax deductible. Federal law requires us to request the occupation and employer of donors of \$200 or more in a year. Federal law requires us to state 'your money may be used to support Federal candidates', but we promise that we won't do that with your dues.

immediately think of our sound policies, foreign and domestic, social and financial. We do that through outreach and advertising.

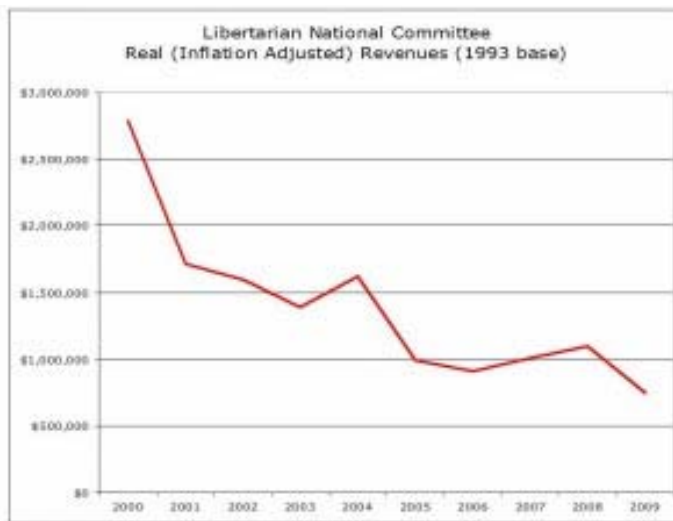
Step Number Nine: Young people. Most Americans only choose a political party once or twice in their entire life. When America's young people choose a political party, they should choose us. Their other alternative, after all, is national debt slavery to the warfare-welfare state. Young people need to know: We are the only road to a better America.

That's not a full list of steps, but it's a nice start for a new year just starting. We'd be delighted to listen to your ideas, too.

James Oaksun Declares for LNC Treasurer

To All Friends of Liberty:

Take a look at this chart. Take a good look.



Does this look like a picture of a vibrant, healthy, growing organization?

When I first started writing this statement, I wrote that the Libertarian Party was having a midlife crisis. But that's not right.

We're having an existential crisis. And the ship of liberty needs an immediate and radical change in direction.

I'm announcing my candidacy for LNC Treasurer. And I ask for your help and support as we work - together - to build a new and dynamic Libertarian Party of which we and an ever expanding cadre of newcomers can be proud.

I know some of you, have corresponded with many others... but some of you may be meeting me for the first time through this letter. So first, let me tell you a bit about who I am and how I have come to ask for your help and your support.

I'm 48, originally from Buffalo, New York, and have lived in southern Maine for the last 20 years. I'm a cum laude graduate of Dartmouth College, and earned an MBA in finance and accounting from Cornell University. I've also been granted Char-

tered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant designations from The American College.

I spent more than 20 years of my professional life in Corporate America, nearly all of that working at a large insurance company, principally in the financial and actuarial organizations. I have now started my own independent financial consulting business, Virtual Galt Corporation, named after one of the fictional heroes of our movement.

I received a couple very serious wake up calls a few years back, and I had to make some tough personal decisions. So I'm not afraid to suggest and implement difficult, even radical, moves if they are in someone's or the group's best interest. That's a skill the LNC needs and I will bring it with me every day.

Now I ask: What can our party become? I have some ideas, and I have the time, the resources and the energy to drive them ahead.

A great group of people approached me and asked if I would consider taking this on, and I agreed.

This is not a matter of personality or what it says on which page of Robert's. Maybe I haven't been around long enough to push people's noses out of joint. I hope I never do. I have nothing against anybody who is serving today or has served before me, regardless of the role. I thank them and am grateful for their service.

There are two things we need to do, and do quickly.

1. Zero Based Budget.

We need to decide immediately which objectives are most important, and determine the most cost effective way to achieve them. We're not doing that right now. We need change. We need to start with a clean sheet of paper - from Zero - and build back up.

We're currently doing too much of some things, not enough of other things, and spending too much money on things of questionable value. We can fix our finances, but only if we make significant changes.

The first thing I will do when I am elected, is set up shop in the Party's headquarters for a time, at my own expense. I'll meet with the staff and critical vendors, review all relevant contracts and documents, and stay until I fully understand what is happening at ground level, line item by line item.

Then I will report to the LNC. Some things will require more money. Some things will have to be dropped, or altered.

2. Vision 2016.

What do we want to be? How much will that cost? And by

when will it happen?

The LNC must decide in which directions to encourage our party. We don't need experts from afar. We have all the knowledge, ideas, people and experience we need.

I've picked 2016 as a target date. That's an election year.

A good interim goal would be to get our 2012 presidential candidate on all 50 state ballots. Here are some more of my ideas:

1. Candidate Support - Let's put together an electronic database for candidates, with libertarian talking points and other material. Right now we can't provide much financial help. But we ought to do something for the people "in the arena."

2. Media Placement - We need to get our message out through a co-ordinated and effective media placement campaign: LTEs, op-eds, blogs, talk radio, podcasting/video, even targeted television. We can do this at very little cost, but only if we have the will to drive the process.

3. Internet and email messaging and marketing - A few hours of consulting with nationally renowned experts will return the investment several fold.

4. Impact on fundraising - on a real (inflation adjusted) basis, fundraising declined by more than 70 percent this past decade. That's a disaster! We've got to get this fixed... and fast! I am ready to do my fair share as treasurer. We're never going to improve our fundraising unless we start communicating immediately a compelling vision of where we want our party to go, and how our contributors' and partner's resources will make that happen. No one wants to give money to pay excessive and improper overhead. Our contributors want - and deserve - results.

A Maine Story A few years back the LP-Maine basically went inactive. I noticed that acutely two years ago, as a delegate to Denver and afterwards. I offered to help, several times, and in several ways. No reply. Result? Among other things: No Barr/Root on the Maine ballot! What an embarrassment!

So about a year ago I founded Liberty For Maine. We've got a website. We have a blog with frequent and fresh content. We've been prominent at summer festivals in Maine. We've issued press releases, placed articles in the media, received coverage from national bloggers. And there's more to come.

And I can commit to you, our 2012 presidential candidate will be on the ballot here!

In Closing We have a tremendous opportunity. Independent-minded and disaffected voters are open to hearing an alternative.

Do we wish to offer that alternative? Or do we wish to mire ourselves in parliamentary arcana, purges, and side issues?

Do we want national media coverage of our alternative approaches, or to maintain radio silence?

Do we want to communicate a compelling, positive vision of freedom and non aggression for America? Or do we want to be a faint echo of the currently less successful of the two major parties?

By now you know my answers to these questions.

We can disagree without being disagreeable. And I know I don't have all the answers. But I learned long ago, that the best way to start a discussion is with a smile and an open hand.

I am ready to serve and I humbly ask for your help and support in St. Louis.

“Those who cannot dream of liberty will never want it. Those who can only dream of liberty will never seek it. They will fantasize and rhapsodize, but they will not act.”

Sincerely,
James Oaksun

P.S. You've heard a lot from me. But I want to hear from you, too. Here's my personal email: James@Liberty4Maine.org. I will answer all questions, and return all calls.

Scott Williamson Declares for Regional Representative

With tax revolts springing up through the grassroots, medical marijuana initiatives sweeping the country, and a renewed commitment to ending Real ID, the Libertarian Party has an exciting future ahead. As the liberty message catches on, our party has a unique opportunity to grow and elect candidates nationwide. To harness this political energy to advance the drive for liberty in our country, we need new energy on the Libertarian National Committee.

Last month, I contacted State Party leaders and grass roots activist. I said I was listening. What did you want to tell me? You told me ballot access, outreach, local campaigns, and activist training were at the top of your agenda. I've heard your message. I believe I can help set our party on the path that you asked for. I am excited to announce my candidacy for Regional Representative for the current region four.

Our National Committee's first responsibility is a fiduciary one. Committee members have a moral obligation to insure the party's money is spent wisely. It is not only how much money you spend, but what you are spending the money to do. As a Regional Representative I will seek to change where the LNC spends our money. More of our money should be spent on the work of politics. A key issue is transparency. Donors need to know where their money is spent.

You can lose an election and win a campaign. In many states we gain ballot access if a candidate wins a percentage of the

state wide vote. If we spent money in these states on statewide campaigns we could gain ballot access in that state. This could lead to spending less on ballot access in Presidential election years and free up more money for campaigns and for ballot access in those states where it is the hardest to gain ballot access.

As your regional representative I will continue listen to what you have to say. By keeping in regular contact with state and local leaders and sharing your good work with the party as a whole, I will facilitate communications between the states in our region, so you can adopt what is working from other states and avoid things that are not working.

The hard work of politics is done by those who volunteer their time and money. It is you the local activist who spreads the message of individual freedom and personal responsibility. It is you the local activist who digs deep into your own pockets to support candidates and issues. Our National committee should be helping you more. The National Committee should provide online, free, usable brochures, web page templates for our candidates, and training for people who want to run for office or campaign for an issue.

As we continue to reach out to those at tax revolts, antiwar rallies, gun festivals, and audit the Fed groups we will expand our party membership. We need to harness the talent and experience we already have in our party and offer training to those who wish to join us in our fight for freedom.

These are just a few ideas that will set us on the paths you advocated in your letters and phone calls last month. I am excited about the future of our party and have the energy to help lead the way. I look forward to continually hearing your ideas and working with you to bring about a libertarian society. Together we can change the country. I ask for your support and look forward to meeting you in Saint Louis, if not sooner.

The current Region 4 includes Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. Scott Williamson is currently the S.T.A.R Representative of Outright Libertarians USA, Chair of Outright Libertarians Nashville and the Secretary for the Libertarian Party of Nashville and Davidson County. He is often a guest on Queer Talk Radio and Out and About TV political round table where he promotes the libertarian philosophy to the GLBT community. Scott holds a degree in Political Science and resides in Nashville, TN with his partner Brian Rhinehart. Scott Williamson can be contacted at scott.williamson01@comcast.net

Wilhoit Declares for Region 4 Alternate

I, Charles Wilhoit, hereby announce my candidacy for the position of Fourth Region Alternate Representative of the Libertarian National Committee (LNC).

I am a Recruiter by nature as well as by reputation. I am proud to say that I recruited Scott Williamson as a candidate for LNC Regional Representative from Region Four. I promised Scott

that I would do everything possible to help him achieve his goal, both in being elected in St. Louis and in doing what he promised in his candidate announcement. <http://lpmndc.org/index.php?op..>

I decided to become a candidate to be a more active supporter for Scott. I choose to be in the Arena, not just the Cheering Section.

I share Scott's goal completely. I agree with everything he said in his candidacy announcement. We are independent of each other as candidates, yet we are a Team in spirit. If elected, we promise that one or both of us will attend every LNC meeting. I have no intention of being a mere "Stand By" Representative. I will be Scott Williamson's working partner.

Charles Wilhoit is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy and is a Captain, U. S. Navy (Retired). During his 29 years of active duty he commanded three ships, a Destroyer Squadron and one shore activity. Charles is past Chair of his county Libertarian Party, a past Chair of the Libertarian Party of Tennessee (LPTN) and currently serves as Chair of the LPTN Membership Committee. He was once a candidate for the Tennessee State Senate and for Governor of Tennessee.

To repeat Scott's own words: "I look forward to continually hearing your ideas and working with you to bring about a libertarian society. Together we can change the country. I ask for your support and look forward to meeting you in St. Louis, if not sooner." Charles Wilhoit can be reached at: likelytn@aol.com. USPS: P.O. Box 156, Townsend, TN 37882

Hawkridge Endorses Phillies

We desperately need a National Chair who focuses on supporting activism, recruiting candidates, and raising money. We desperately need a National Chair who focuses on administration, not someone who will continue factional conflicts.

We desperately need a National Chair who welcomes all into the party – Radicals, Reformers, Minarchists, Anarchists, Centrists, Pagans, Christians, sex workers in fabulous costumes and professional business people in three-piece suits -- but who insists that it is libertarians who will guide our party's direction.

I am endorsing and supporting the one man who will focus on these goals – and who is committed to supporting candidates. Candidate support should be our primary mission. No longer will our budget allot zero for candidate support.

My candidate sees the value and necessity of educational outreach, not to mention collaboration with outside groups when we agree on issues.

That's why I endorse and support Dr. George Phillies for National Chair. Please join me.

Root Makes Clear He Is Chair Candidate

A few weeks ago, CA Libertarian Party Judicial Committee Chair (and LNC Chair candidate) Mark Hinkle circulated to some number of libertarians a formal statement on behalf of the Judicial Committee of the Libertarian Party of California. The statement read:

"For Immediate Release:

On Tuesday, January 26, 2010, the Judicial Committee of the Libertarian Party of California issued a ruling that overturned the suspension of a member by a vote of 5-0. While Robert's Rules of Order prevents the Judicial Committee from revealing the details of the proceedings, the Judicial Committee finds that it may comment on certain inaccurate information circulating about this case. The suspension of the member by the Executive Committee was not for the commission of any crime, the Judicial Committee was not asked to render a decision that depended on the determination of whether or not the member had committed any crime, and the statements of the causes for suspension that were submitted to the Judicial Committee did not pertain to any such crime.

The Judicial Committee recognizes that the Executive Committee acted within the authority granted to it by the Party Bylaws to vote to suspend a member for a specific cause or causes. The member also acted within the Bylaws by appealing the suspension to the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee met the time lines delineated by the Bylaws and held an extensive hearing during which both parties had the opportunity to present their cases and call witnesses. Following the hearing, the Judicial Committee carefully reviewed the statement of the causes, and the evidence and arguments, which had been submitted to it. The Judicial Committee concluded that neither the Executive Committee nor the member presented their respective cases effectively. The Executive Committee not having met the burden of proof on the causes as stated, and the Judicial Committee not being empowered nor inclined to extend or substitute for the stated causes, the Judicial Committee accordingly rendered a decision to overturn the suspension and restore the individual's membership as provided for under Section 6 of Bylaw 5.

Privacy considerations which are described in Robert's Rules of Order, as well as past precedents from membership suspensions by the Executive Committee, prevent the members of the Judiciary Committee from making any more specific comments with regard to this case. Individual members of the Judicial Committee are of course always free (as is any member of the Party) to advocate for improvements in such things as declarations of Party membership requirements and the quality of administrative procedures, but such advocacy should not be assumed to reflect on the merits of this individual case.

The Judicial Committee has reviewed and affirmed its decision of Tuesday, January 26, 2010."

Mindful of other disputes, this magazine has confirmed that the above release had nothing to do with LPCA member Bruce Cohen.

In response to the above announcement, prominent California Libertarian activist Michael Seebeck wrote Wayne Root with the message:

Dear Wayne,

The LPCA Judicial Committee just reinstated a convicted felon pedophile to the membership after the state leadership kicked him out.

Do you want (Name editorially deleted) in the Party? Like you, Wayne, I'm a parent, and my answer is, hell, no, and I voted to kick him out.

Speak out on this Wayne, before the LP gets branded the NAM-BLA Party and your aspirations are sunk along with the LP, through no fault of your own.

Michael

leading to a Wayne Root response confirming that Root is running for National Chair:

This matter has been off my radar as I run multiple businesses, do hundreds of media interviews about Obama, Obamacare, and "state of the union", and run a family of 6. I try to stay out of LP affairs- especially on the state level. This was for California to handle. I just cannot get involved in every intra-party issue.

But now that these results are public, I may very well weigh in.

All I can say without knowing all the facts yet, is this is precisely why I'm going to run for National Chairman.

I'm sure you are well aware of how I felt about the opinions written in a book by a potential LP candidate for President in 2008. Those opinions on the topic of "age of consent" shocked and sickened me. I was the ONLY major LP figure that spoke out loudly.

This decisions sounds even worse.

I will look into it and do whatever I can to fight it, reverse it, and/or prevent it from ever happening again.

But the whole incident highlights the problems and disconnect from reality that have held this party back for 39 years... and why I'm running for National Chair- TO DRAMATICALLY CHANGE "business as usual."

Wayne

The Cost of Doing Business

By Scott Williamson

When I moved my family from Michigan to Nashville three years ago one of the decisions we had to make was where we were going to live. We could have chosen to live in the heart of the action and moved to a loft in down town Nashville. We chose to spend half as much and move to a neighborhood. Sure, when we go to see a ball game or attend a play we have to fight traffic and drive downtown. In the long run, by living away from downtown we free up thousands of dollars a year to spend on other things.

If you run a business or run a household you know that we make economic decisions daily. Often the issue is not how much you spend; it is how you are spending it. By spending money on one thing you now have less to spend on other things. This is a lesson Libertarians have been trying to teach government for years.

In order for the Libertarian Party to have moral authority to teach this lesson it is imperative that we make sure as a party we are wisely spending our own money. Federal Election Commission December report shows the LNC pay's \$10,928.89 a month for office space. To put this into some perspective, a sustaining member pays \$25.00 annually for their membership; it takes over 437 sustaining members a month to pay the rent on our Washington, D.C office. If you are a sustaining member, it took you and 5,245 others to pay the rent on our national office in 2009.

Just like that loft in Nashville, the Watergate office puts us right in the heart of the action. But, could this money have been spent more wisely? If the Ron Paul campaign taught us anything, it has taught us that donors care more about your web address then they do your office address. The Milken Institute publishes a "cost of doing business" index every year. Recent findings by the institute showed the average cost of office rentals in all fifty states and ranked the state of Virginia in the exact middle. The average monthly office rent in the State of Virginia is \$1.72 a square foot. The monthly cost of our Washington, D.C. office is \$4.00 per square foot. If you were to move the D.C. office into Virginia (which is within driving distance to Washington D.C.) the party could conceivably free up close to \$80,000 annually to spend on other things.

The FEC December report also shows the LNC spent a total of \$0 on candidates in 2009. Several states grant automatic ballot access for the party if a candidate for a state wide office obtains a certain percentage of the vote. We can lose an election and win a campaign. When our state candidates gain a certain percentage, the national party is often rewarded with ballot access for our presidential candidate. What if the party spends less on an office and more on our candidates, on ballot access and outreach? It is within the realm of believability that by financially supporting state wide candidates we could end up spending less on ballot access in some states. By having to spending less on ballot access in some states we could spend more on candi-

date's campaigns and ballot access in other states. You can imagine how this ripple effect could turn out.

I am not advocating moving the national office into Virginia. In the electronic age we live in, the national office could conceivably be located anywhere. South Dakota ranked the cheapest place to have an office at a monthly rate of \$1.15 a square foot. I am advocating a serious look into the expensive cost of running an office out of Washington, D.C. I am advocating that we as a party look at how we spend our money. Most importantly I am advocating we spend more on the real work of a political party, outreach and campaigns, and less on having an office in Washington D.C.

Root Suggests Benedict Replacement

To protect the person with no direct protections, the Editors specify that Mr. Benedict was not, directly or indirectly, the source of these messages:

Liberty for All is in receipt of a series of e-mail exchanges on the LNC list referring to LNC coverage of press appearances by Wayne Root. Root complains that the LP.org web site is not giving Root adequate coverage, centering on the line "I must tell you Wes...If this isn't news worthy...then we need a new Exec Director who can see that it is."










Subject: ROOT for Wes

Date: Thu, 04 Feb 2010 22:04:00 -0800

From: rootintl <rootintl@aol.com>

To: wes.benedict LP HQ <wes.benedict@lp.org>, aaron AA Starr <starrcpa@pacbell.net>

CC: robert.kraus@lp.org LPHQ <robert.kraus@lp.org>

<p>George Phillies for LNC Chair</p>  <p>http://bit.ly/gphillies</p>	<p>Carolyn Marbry for LNC Vice Chair</p>  <p>http://bit.ly/cmarbry</p>	<p>James Oaksun for LNC Treasurer</p>  <p>http://bit.ly/joaksun</p>	<p>Rob Power for LNC Secretary</p>  <p>http://bit.ly/rpower</p>	
<p>Scott Williamson for LNC Regional Representative (Tennessee)</p>  <p>bit.ly/swilliamson</p>	<p>Jake Porter for LNC Regional Representative (Iowa)</p>  <p>bit.ly/jdporter</p>	<p>Charles Wilhoit for LNC Regional Alternate (Tennessee)</p>  <p>bit.ly/cwilhoit</p>	<p>Jim Remmert for LNC At-Large Representative</p>  <p>bit.ly/jremmert</p>	<p>Joe Kennedy for LNC At-Large Representative</p>  <p>bit.ly/jkennedy</p>

Depending on timing these web pages may not be fully up yet.

Liberty for America

Wes,

Here is the list of my media appearances this week...16 in all (although I expect a few more on Friday & Saturday)...including 7 national radio shows...IN ONE WEEK! I must tell you Wes...If this isn't news worthy...then we need a new Exec Director who can see that it is. If you don't want to put this list up on LP web site...I'd like a straight answer why? And trust me when I tell you, I'm not taking this laying down. This is NEWS that all Libertarians should welcome hearing. We have a bright star in the mainstream media...who is branding the LP. Trust me...you and I are going to have MULTIPLE conversations about this starting next week.

Wayne

National Radio "Jim Blasingame's Small Business Advocate"

WXMLM Radio "The Lee Elci Show" New London, CT

WATR Radio "The Larry Rifkin Show" Waterbury, CT

WINA Radio "The Rob Schilling Show" Charlottesville, Virginia

National Radio "The Jerry Doyle Show" Talk Radio Network

National Radio "The Big Biz Show with Sully & Russ" CBS Radio/TV San Diego/Business Talk Radio

KIRO AM Radio "The Dori Monson Show" Seattle, WA.

Blog Talk Radio "The Andrea Shea King Show"

National Radio "The Thom Hartmann Show"

KION AM Radio "The Mark Carbonaro Show" Salinas, CA

National Radio "The Rusty Humphries Show"

WNJC AM Radio "The Brian Greenberg Show" Philadelphia, PA

KLZR AM Radio "The Chris Merrill show" Lawrence, Kansas

National Radio "The Allan Handelman Show"

1039 FM Radio "Gadger in the Morning" Phoenix, Arizona

National Radio "Mancow in the Morning with Mancow Muller"

Wes Benedict actually forwarded the message only to the LNC, as seen in the following message, asking the LNC for its advice.

From: Wes Benedict <wes.benedict@lp.org>

Date: Fri, Feb 5, 2010 at 10:27 AM

Subject: [Lnc-discuss] Root seeking coverage on LP.org blog

To: Discussion LNC <lnc-discuss@hq.lp.org>

I do want to give our candidates for public office and LNC positions as much coverage as is practical and also fair. I think we have lots of rules in this area. See the request below from Mr. Root. [ED: That is Message 1, Above] I prefer when I have links to a video, article and/or a recording. I welcome your suggestions.

Thanks,

Wes Benedict, Executive Director

Libertarian National Committee, Inc.

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LNC Members Disagree With Root

Lee Wrights:

From: R. Lee Wrights <rleewrights@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Feb 5, 2010 at 3:36 PM
Subject: Re: [Lnc-discuss] Root seeking coverage on LP.org blog
To: Wes Benedict <wes.benedict@lp.org>
Cc: Discussion LNC <lnc-discuss@hq.lp.org>
Seems like Mr. Root is making veiled threats himself. Not very Libertarian at all.

This coming from someone billing himself as a "Reagan Libertarian." Now, we all know that President Reagan was "never" a Libertarian. In my mind, "I am a Reagan Libertarian" is political-speak for, "I am still a Republican." Seeing how President Reagan lived and died as a Republican, I know of no other way to define the term.

I consider Mr. Root's representation of being a "Reagan Libertarian" as a misrepresentation of the Libertarian brand that many of us have spent years building up. Just my two-pennies' worth,
Lee Wrights, LNC At-Large

Rachel Hawkrige

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Wes -

Is this the first time that Mr. Root has threatened you?
Unlike my colleague Mr. Wrights, I don't think this is veiled.
Act In Liberty,
Rachel Hawkrige, Washington State Chair

Steve LaBianca

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It seems that if W.A.R. gets elected as LNC chair, that would be his first order of business - hiring "a new Exec Director who can see . . ."; what - that W.A.R. is the greatest promotion for the libertarian movement since Robert Nozick's "Anarchy, State, and Utopia?"

Since I avoid seeing W.A.R.'s image and voice at all costs, I don't know what BS he's spouting, but I really do wonder just how much he is "branding the LP", and how much he is "branding W.A.R.". I'm certain he's "branding" lots of conservative crap, adding in the LP here and there (as if the two are synonymous). I'm pretty sure W.A.R. has reduced his "Islamofascist" rhetoric, but I highly doubt he's actually changed his warmongering, foreign interventionist, upholding the drug war sentiments, though.

I guess the conservative talk show hosts are buying lots of used cars (lemons) these days, thinking they're buying liberty. Ugggh . . . the guy just gives me the creeps, especially that his ideas are getting out there under the guise of "libertarianism".
Steve LaBianca
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Mary Ruwart

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Since Mr. Root is running for LNC Chair, as well as the LP presidential nomination in 2012, posting his schedule will require us to post Ernie Hancock's multitude of appearances if we are to be fair. I don't know if Mr. Hinkle or Mr. Phillies has a schedule, but they also could object if we don't post what they have.

I visited both Mr. Root's Facebook page and website, <http://www.rootforamerica.com/>. I couldn't find a calendar of upcoming events on either site. Why should we post Mr. Root's schedule on the LP site, if he is not posting on his own?

Finally, if Mr. Root's discourteous behavior towards Mr. Benedict is an indication of how he intends to supervise staff, we are unlikely to have an ED for long. Mr. Benedict, you may recall, just increased our monthly pledges almost 19% between August and September and upped monthly donations during the same time over 30% (see second page of numbers in our Treasurer's report for December). Mr. Benedict deserves our respect and thanks; any LP member wanting to see the Party on firm financial footing should have the good sense to treat him accordingly.

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