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Building a Libertarian Future: Your Monthly Step

Go to a council or board meeting. See what is happening.

Last month, I urged you to find a list of elected and appointed boards in your community. When you do that, you will have a schedule of meetings.

Your next step is to choose a committee you might find interesting, and start appearing as a spectator for the meeting. After all, if you are going to run for office, you should learn what you are in for. Also, you should learn what the board does, and how it goes about doing it.

You do not need to attend every meeting, though making most of them would be a good idea. At some point, you may well be noticed by any reporter covering the meeting, at least for boards likely to be covered by reporters. It is perfectly fair to drop the hint, should they ask you, that you are becoming more involved in politics, and may therefore be considering running for office, or helping a friend to run for office.

At the same time, you should also learn what your board really does. Under modern conditions, an internet search may be of some help.

Remember, you are not absolutely committed as to what you do next. You are looking over the terrain, looking before you leap.

Freedom Ballot Access Launches New Fund Drive

Freedom Ballot Access, the third-party-ballot-access 527 organization, has launched its Spring 2009 Fund Drive. The current support target is the Libertarian petition drive in West Virginia.

"We have a wonderful opportunity," said Freedom Ballot Access Chair George Phillies. "It's spring across America. West Virginia has just reformed its ballot access laws, so there's a new spring for third parties in West Virginia. What better time could there be for a Spring Fund Drive?"

Freedom Ballot Access has recruited ace petitioners including Paulie Cannoli and Jake Witmer to lead the march in West Virginia. "We've been able to get rates down to \$2 a signature," Phillies noted. The newly reformed West Virginia Libertarian Party will spearhead the effort, which includes recruiting candidates around the state running for more local offices.

Freedom Ballot Access emphasizes its low overhead and high support rates. "We don't rent office space," Phillies noted. "We don't have a huge central office staff whose salaries come first. We have petitioners and a book-keeper, all paid piecework rates. When we ask you for money, you can be sure we are going to spend it on real ballot access efforts." Freedom Ballot Access is available to work with libertarian and other third party groups across America on ballot access efforts.

"And, remember, because we don't advocate electing particular candidates, we report to the IRS, not the FEC. You can give us as much money as you want, and it's all legal." Donations payable "Freedom Ballot Access" may be made electronically at FreedomBallotAccess.org or by check, payable "Freedom Ballot Access", mailed to 48 Hancock Hill Drive, Worcester, MA 01609.

Libertarians Launch Press Outreach Service

St. Louis, May 6 - In an age of short news cycles and fierce competition for media attention, America's political parties have to move fast to "get the message out." Members of the Libertarian Party launched a collaborative effort on Wednesday to maximize their party's positive media exposure.

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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.

“Our goal is to produce timely, accurate press releases covering the Libertarian Party’s principles, positions and activities, then assist reporters by connecting them with knowledgeable interview subjects,” says Thomas L. Knapp, coordinator of the Center for Libertarian Press Information.

The group formed after a series of official party communiques which they believe inaccurately portrayed the Libertarian Party and fumbled important facts. “Instead of complaining, we decided to build a better mousetrap,” says Knapp, 42, of St. Louis, Missouri. “Libertarians tend toward self-reliance and personal responsibility. When we realized we couldn’t rely on our paid headquarters staff to get the job done, we sat down and put together a volunteer project to take care of business.” The Center is not controlled or endorsed by the Libertarian National Committee, the party’s governing body.

CLiPr.info’s operating plan includes a fast-moving review process designed to get releases out in hours rather than days without sacrificing accuracy of information or adherence to the party’s platform and statement of principles. “Our process gets a release into the field — on the wire services, on reporters’ desks, up on the web — in about four hours from proposal to proofreading and content review to finished product,” says Knapp.”

The Libertarian Party, founded in 1971, is America’s third largest political party. Hundreds of Libertarians serve in elected or appointed public office. The party’s presidential candidate, former US Representative Bob Barr of Georgia, received 523,686 votes in the 2008 election.

The Center for Libertarian Press Information’s web site is located at <http://www.clipr.info>.

Porter for National Chair?

Liberty for All has determined that there is significant support — not rejected by Porter — that may perhaps lead LNC Regional Alternate Jake Porter to declare his candidacy for LNC National Chair.

Recruiting Candidates

A 1998 letter from then-VT State Chair Chris Costanzo

The Chair of the Rhode Island LP (Mike Rollins) asked how we, having a smaller membership than his party, could get forty people to run for office since he can barely get any one. I sent Mike the following reply,

which might interest you.

Hi Mike:

I read your cry of anguish as to what it takes to get people to run for office. It's tough, and I almost quit in despair a few times, but maybe my comments as chair in Vermont might be useful.

One thing I learned early is **not** to ask people to run for office. People do not like to be asked to do work. So, instead, you ask people to lend their name to the ballot in the Party's name. Just ask them to file, or consent, or announce (or whatever your state procedures require) even if they don't intend to campaign actively. In fact, you file for them. They just sign.

You tell them (as pointed out in national's excellent Candidate Recruitment Manual) that a party that only puts a few names in the ring is a joke. But, a party that saturates the landscape with candidates presents a terrible threat to the establishment. Even if we have no chance of winning, even if our candidates conduct completely passive campaigns, they might get enough support from the growing backlash against statism that it can affect the outcome for the other candidates. And if enough of our candidates are on the ballot, we become a potential threat to everyone. We get lots of respect, the press can not ignore us, and candidates of other parties find themselves forced to address us. So, I just tell them, "if you would just be willing to enter your name you'll be doing a great service to the Party."

You also remind people that the whole purpose of a political party is to run candidates for office. Period. We are **not** a philosophical discussion club nor a social affinity group. We are a political party organized for the sole immediate purpose of seeking office. If people do not wish to seek office, then "hang it up folks!" And you must remind people through countless telephone calls, letters, newsletter pleas, and so forth.

I have found that once people agree to file their names and be on the ballot, many start getting into the spirit of things, start smelling blood, and actually start working at it. Once the party announces its candidates, a lot of oppor-

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tunities come to the candidates, without the candidates having to go out and seek votes. Journalists call, "Dear Candidate" letters come in, and so forth. We're not even in the election season, and already some Vermont Libertarians are knocking on doors and writing letters to the editor.

Still, not everyone will be active. Of our 40 Vermont candidates, maybe 10 will run really active campaigns. About 20-25 will respond to opportunities to give a talk, to explain positions on the telephone, to give an interview if requested. And the remaining 5-10 will do nothing. But the mere presence of 40 people on the ballot means that we have the potential to be a real spoiler for other parties.

I should add that in Vermont we have it easier than many other states. Our big job was caucusing and getting organized last year in response to stringent Vermont requirements. Boy, did I humble myself to get people to do that! But once that was done we, as a minor party, can put people on the ballot just by having our State Committee name them (and getting the nominee to consent). No primaries, no humping the streets for petition signatures. So under the circumstances, it was a lot easier than in other states.

Also, these past 18 months has seen a slew of very controversial statist legislation come out of the Vermont legislature, and it has polarized the electorate. Consequently, in Vermont, the VT LP smells blood, and our members are getting more interested in the political process. Despite the favorable environment in Vermont, getting people to run is still a big job. It requires a lot of personal massaging by the Party Chair. For the past year I've been building this up, begging, cajoling, threatening (to resign), etc. In 1996 we ran only 6 candidates. But since then we have been in constant dialogue with almost all our 105-110 members (we were 84 at the end of 1997, but are growing very very fast.)

And above all, do not squander your meagre resources and limited energy "working with other groups to make your state a freer place." You'll just be working to help someone else who will turn out to be a statist. Do not, at this moment, waste your time making your state a better place. Expend no energy whatsoever---except to make your party stronger. Or else, you'll dissipate everything you've got. Do not even squander energy to help out national (e.g. recruit people to go to conferences, attend seminars, etc.) You have no time or money for that. Any time or money you have should go directly to Rhode Island LP matters. National exists to help you, not vice versa. Gotta be hard nosed.

And do read and re-read national's "Candidate Recruitment Manual". It is really excellent. Good Luck. Keep in touch!

Regards,
Chris Costanzo
Committees - Cooperating to Do Work

Committees — Uniting to Do Good Work

The following is from the Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association. Former Chair Pit Warren made some excellent points about how real groups do real work. I've trimmed the names of PVLA workers from the list.

Committees are how activists cooperate voluntarily on projects that interest them without having to gather the whole group together. We have a lot of different activities and I can just call them committees for clarity (or confusion). So, if you see your name on a committee, don't panic. You are not being drafted into more chores. This is merely recognition of past service. I will try to define what I see already exists.

Committees are inescapable. If we are organized (and I believe we are) then we have committees. I thought about this some today. I believe that the committees are actually structured but undefined. I hope to clarify this now. Remember, this is merely my interpretation of the situation. Your mileage may vary.

INTERNET COMMITTEE: Anything having to do with websites and e-mail. Also includes reposting of newsletters and finding and sharing cool liberty stuff from the net.

MAILING COMMITTEE: Manage databases. Stuff envelopes. Distribute literature, etc.

OPH COMMITTEE: Booths and tables. Outreach efforts.

MEDIA COMMITTEE: Newspaper, videos, public access, flyers, and other such promotions.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Arranging speakers for PVLA meetings. And conversely, arranging for members to speak at other events.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Manage PVLA funds.

I'm sure some folks have made contributions which are not credited here. I didn't hope to cover every activity. So, forgive me if I left someone out.

I believe that these are some of the ones we have, but there are others that we need. The most important one would be a government committee. We need people who work to change the system. Calling/writing/e-mailing legislators. Going to City Hall. Keeping tabs on Big Brother here in our area. After all, we are a political entity.

We could have a t-shirt committee or any other project like that. I believe that having a committee (chairman) to report at the meeting would add some more business to the business meetings. Also, more work might get done. Comments?

Maine Libertarians are Organizing

The Maine Libertarian Party seems to be completely inactive, say multiple reports. Fortunately, libertarian activist James Oaksun is working on a solution, one that will hopefully give a more effective libertarian political party for Maine. This will not be a state party—there seems to be no way to use the current party by-laws to restart the party when it dies, and the next useable state convention is not until 2010. We'll have more details as soon as they develop.

There is an effort to elect a new Regional Alternate Representative for the LNC Region of which Maine is a part (ME, RI, NH, VT, CT, NY, and NJ). The only candidate is Carl Vassar, who as of this writing had affirmative votes from CT and VT, and who needs positive votes of two more state chairs in his region.

Where Your Money Went

Libertarian National Committee March 2009

The "April" (filed 4/20/9) LNC filing, reporting on March 2009 spending, has appeared. They began the year with 3178. Cash on hand. For the month of March, they raised 107185, for a total income for the year so far of 290,671. For the month of March, they spent \$105,100, leaving them with \$27,830 cash on hand and \$34,501 in debts. The projected income for the year is a shade under 1.2 million. Note, however, that February-March is the LNC annual report fund drive, scheduled to bring in close to \$100,000, but seemingly (to judge from reported fundraising letters) a bit short of that.

We also receive from the LNC FEC report a detailed listing of disbursements. First in importance is money spent on real politics, namely \$2500 for OK Ballot Access Lobbying to Oklahomans for Ballot Access Reform and 1495.87 for Party Prospect Mailing Lists to O'Neill Marketing Company.

Some of you may not be familiar with O'Neill Marketing. To judge from their long list of customers and glowing endorsements, they are apparently quite effective. To judge from their long list of politically-oriented customers, people like Accuracy in Media, Republican Governors Association, Republican National Committee, US Border Control, United States Deputy Sheriff's Associa-

tion, Nat'l Rep. Congressional Committee, Lincoln Inst. Research & Education, Federation of American Immigration Reform, and the Christian Action Network, they are a happy hunting grounds for political groups from the far right to the far far right. (To their credit, they apparently also do well by animal rescue groups.)

In other words, once again our National Committee is working to fill our party with right-wing Libertarians.

Now the other categories. Dollar numbers after the categories are rough totals of the more detailed numbers below.

Salaries \$24,969
Printing and Mailing: \$21,551
Taxes and benefits: \$13,567
Consultants: \$12,064
Web and Phone: \$11,602
Office Rent & etc.: \$10,141
Politics (see above): \$3996
Office Supplies: \$2408
Credit card etc costs \$1286
Travel and lodging: \$1109

In more detail, spending included \$24,969 for staff salaries, \$8854 to the Federal government for Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment, and withholding, \$1307.22 for Employee Health Insurance to MAMSI, \$1229 to Virginia for withholding, \$961.92 in LP 401k Contributions and Match to American National Insurance, 446.55 to the District of Columbia, 414.95 in Employee Metrochek Expense to METRO - Washington Metro Area Transit, 243.14 for a Payroll Processing Fee to QuickBooks Payroll Service, and 112 for Employee Health Insurance to Carefirst CapitalCare.

Consultants: Then other specific people were paid for their services: \$3500 of Writing for Non Candidate Mailing to Wesley Millett, 3365.31 for Legal Services to Warner, Norcross & Judd, \$2500 to Paula Edwards for FEC Filings, 1500 for Writing for Non Candidate Mailing to Michael P. Hickey & Associates, \$500 to Christy Carmody for Non Candidate Party Editing and Graphics, 400 of Tele Fundraising Consultant to J. S. A., Inc. and \$299 to Bruce Cohen for Telemarketing Services.

Of course you have to put the office staff into an office, and that cost \$10141.34 in Office Rent, Tax, Maint & Utilities to BentleyForbes Watergate LLC. There were also office expenses:

Office expenses included \$521 in postage, 498.88 for a

copier lease, \$150 for Office Supplies, 129.61 in Copier Maint and Supplies to Commonwealth Digital Office Solutions and 1109.94 for Membership Cards to the ID Superstore

There were the electrical goodies, including \$5621.2 for Website Management to Terra Eclipse, Inc., \$3000 for Web and Email Hosting Service to Lyris Tech - Sparklist, \$649 for Website Hosting Service to Rackspace US Inc., \$574 for Email Server Hosting Expense to The-Planet.com not to mention for telecomm-related lines \$1155.22 in Phone and Data Services for PAETEC - US LEC Corp., \$366.45 for Computer Software to Apple Computer, \$ 190.28 in Phone and Data Services to AT&T - Mobility, and 46.79 for Phone and Data Services to Telecompute Corporation.

Staff-related expenses also included \$304 to Bill Redpath for Travel Expenses, 304.54 for Staff Travel-Lodging to Choice Hotels Group, Inc., 280.57 of Staff Travel-Lodging to the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, 229.2 of Staff Travel-Air to USAirways

There were printing and mailing expenses: 9215.77 in Non Candidate Party Mailing Service to DirectMail.com, 6775.38 to Advanced Mailing Services for non-candidate mailing, 2594.56 for LP News Postage and Sorting to Ideal Mailing, Inc., 1602.11 in Non Candidate Party Mailing Service to B & B Duplicators, 590 for Non Candidate Party Printing Service to MacBain Printing Co. Inc., 285.21 in Non Candidate Party Printing Services to National Electronic Type, Inc., 280 in Non Candidate Party Printing Services to Arcade Press, and 210 in Non Candidate Party Printing Services to B. A. C. & Assc., Inc.

Finally there were bank charges, including 221.83 of Credit Card Processing Fee to Ticketmaster, 129.74 for Bank Service Charges and 7041.73 for MC Payment to PNC Master Card, and 935.9 of Credit Card Processing Fee to PayPal Merchant Services.

Bob Barr 2008 Still Owes

Says a recent FEC filing:

Campaigner Pro 2675.00 Software
American Express 27,222.28 Campaign Expenses
All Points Packaging 11,149.42 Online Order Fulfillment
Press Well Services, Inc. 578.06 Printing
McKenna Long & Aldridge 38,414.69 Legal Fees
Terra Eclipse 35,566.87 IT
Dr. Robert B. Stuber 4000.00 Fundraising Consulting
Mr. Steve Sinton 4000.00 Political Consulting
Lisa Franzman 802.77 Rent

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Russ Verney 15,000.00 Political Consulting
Wayne Allen Root 3297.81 Campaign Expenses
James Bovard 47,000.00 Authoring Fee
Doug Bandow 6466.05 Political Consulting

Lee Wrights Expelled from LNC At Least for a While

The Libertarian National Committee claimed to have expelled Lee Wrights from its membership. Then, it appears, they may have reappointed him. The matter is before the Judicial Committee. More next issue.

Lee Wrights was elected to the LNC in 2008 as an At-Large Member. Last month, LNC Secretary Bob Sullentrup unilaterally revoked Wright's membership, claiming that Wrights had ceased to be an LNC member because his dues had expired.

The actual letter from Party Secretary Sullentrup read:
From: Bob Sullentrup [mailto: rwsully@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2009 6:04 PM
To: Lee Wrights At Large
Cc: rwsully@att.net
Subject: Notice of Vacancy
April 14, 2009

Dear Lee,
One of the duties of LNC Secretary is to keep the LNC's official membership roll. Article 8, Section 4 of our By-laws mandates a necessary condition of serving on the LNC is to be a Sustaining Member. I regret I must inform you that your Sustaining Membership lapsed on April 7, 2009, making you ineligible to serve on the LNC. Accordingly, on April 8th the National Committee seat you previously held became vacant.

I have always respected your courage to hold fast to your personal convictions. It is my understanding you made clear at our most recent LNC meeting, when you announced during one of the breaks, that you will never again give a dime to this Party. However, our Bylaws are quite clear in this regard. One must be a Sustaining Member to be eligible to serve on this body.

I've confirmed with Robert Kraus that you were mailed two renewal notices (one in February and one in March), so I imagine you made this decision after considerable thought and reflection.

If you should choose to become a Sustaining Member of the LP again, you would then become eligible to be appointed by the National Committee to fill the vacant seat which will presumably be filled at the July LNC meeting.

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Thank you for your past service and dedication to Liberty.

*Bob Sullentrup
National Secretary*

Sullentrup also wrote the State Chair's list:

*Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2009 6:14 PM
To: LNC-Discuss@hq.lp.org
Cc: statechairs@hq.lp.org
Subject: [Lnc-discuss] FW: Notice of Vacancy*

Dear LNC Members,

We have vacancy on the LNC. Lee Wrights effectively resigned by not maintaining his Sustaining Membership in the LP, which Article 8, Section 4 of our Bylaws require as a necessary condition of LNC service. Lee became a Sustaining Member on April 7, 2008 and expired last week.

If Lee reestablishes his Sustaining Membership before the July meeting, we would have the option of selecting him to fill the vacancy.

Attached below is the notice I sent to Lee earlier this evening.

Meanwhile, I am copying the state chairs on this message should any Sustaining Member wish to apply for the seat. Please direct applicants to me at rwsully@att.net .

*Bob Sullentrup, Secretary
Libertarian National Committee*

On one hand, statements from Sullentrup and, later, National Chair Redpath make clear that neither of them attempted to ask Wrights if Wrights had actually paid his dues or, for that matter, if the LNC staff's claim to have sent renewal notices to Wrights was verifiable.

The latter proved to be somewhat interesting when Lee Wrights' ex-wife (their marriage recently ended) surfaced on Independent Political Report. She saves Lee's mail to his former address for him, the address used by the LNC for his renewals. She went through the large stack of mail and informed interested readers that very definitely the alleged renewal notices *had not been transmitted* to Lee's home address.

Also, the LNC usually sends electronic renewal notices to members with email addresses. Wrights' valid address

was on the LNC web pages. The renewal notices were, we are told, instead sent to an obsolete email address that Wrights has not used in years.

On the other hand, it is inobvious that the National Secretary has the authority that Sullentrup is claiming to have. The LNC Bylaws clearly state

"5. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any member-at-large by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee. The suspended member-at-large may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the National Committee's suspension of the member-at-large or order reinstatement of the member-at-large within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the National Committee's suspension of the member-at-large. At such times as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.

A National Committee member who fails to attend two consecutive regular meetings of the National Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his or her seat. The appointing body shall be free to reappoint the member who vacated the seat."

This Bylaw thus describes how National Committee members may be removed from office, and the National Secretary's action is neither of them.

Wright's appealed to the LNC Judicial Committee, claiming that the Bylaws on removal had clearly been violated.

*From: R. Lee Wrights <rleewrights@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Apr 17, 2009 at 7:14 PM
Subject: JC Appeal*

To all who have become concerned,

As of this evening, I have filed an appeal with the Judicial Committee of the national LP outlining and challenging what I believe to be a violation of our by-laws involving the Secretary and the Chair.

It is unfortunate, and I really hated to do it, but I feel I have been left with no other alternative.

Lee Wrights, At-large

The text of the Wrights' appeal reads:

*From: "R. Lee Wrights" <rleewrights@gmail.com>
To: "Ruth Bennett" <BennettRuth@comcast.net>*

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2009 6:41:49 PM GMT -08:00
US/Canada Pacific
Subject: Appeal to the Judicial Committee

Judicial Appeal

Jurisdictional Claim. Article 8, Section 5 and Article 9, Section 2c of the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party, give the Judicial Committee the power to hear appeals on the suspension of National Committee members-at-large. I was elected to an At-Large position at our 2008 Denver convention and was recently suspended without the prerequisite vote of the LNC. I am formally appealing this action.

Basis of Appeal. On April 14 of this year, I was notified by the Secretary Bob Sullentrup (Exhibit 1 sent in follow-up e-mail) that 1) my membership dues lapsed as of April 7; and 2) I was taken off the LNC as of April 8 because I was no longer a sustaining member as required by Article 8, Section 4 of the bylaws.

My suspension was not the result of a for cause vote by the LNC, as required by Article 8, Section 5 of the bylaws. Instead, it apparently was made by the Secretary and affirmed by Chair Bill Redpath.

Libel and Slander. The advertising process for my replacement began within minutes of notifying me of my suspension (Exhibit 2 sent in follow-up e-mail) and included the Secretary's notice to me (Exhibit 1). In that notice, the Secretary mentions a statement presumably made by me at the last LNC meeting that I would never again give a dime to this Party. He concluded, based on that statement, that I deliberately withheld my dues. I never made such a statement.

Financial Endangerment of the Libertarian Party. The Secretary's notice, along with the fabricated statement was sent out to the State Chair's list asking for nominations for my vacated seat. Consequently, as illustrated below, some individuals believed that I had been rebelling and decided to join me by repudiating their membership as well (www.independentpoliticalreport.com/2009/04/applicants-sought-for-lnc-vacancy/comment-page-1/#comment-54731):

Email criticism of the LNC action rapidly mounted. We quote from a longer email sent by prominent libertarian Rachel Hawkridge lpwa.com1@gmail.com:
Dear gentle, yet ferocious, freedom fighters :o) -

Once again, some of our National Committee is trying to

expel a lifelong freedom fighter, dedicated activist, and Libertarian National Committee member. First, it was Angela Keaton - TWO valuable meetings were consumed with abusing her. Now the target is Lee Wrights.

Within one hour, Lee was notified, and then his seat was offered up to the StateChairs list. ... By the time I got to the eMail that announced a vacancy (1 hour later), Lee's name and picture had already been removed from the website.

It seems to point to a systematic purge. And sets a precedent - if some of the Committee don't like you, no matter that you were elected by a majority at National Convention, that you have poured heart, soul, Time, Treasure and Sacred Honor into the movement, the party, the people - you can be picked off, expelled by someone who feels that they have the authority to decide.

We need to build a network of people who are ready to help fix the LP. To return it to its roots, founding principles, to the vision of David Nolan . . . to a place where free people can work together to achieve more freedom. Where acts of aggression are not welcome.

You, or your favorite activist, could be elected to LNC, dedicate vast amounts of Time, Treasure and Sacred Honor to Liberty, and then have staff either lose your contact information, or lose your dues check, or forget to change your renewal date, and open your eMail one day to find you've been expelled.

Whether you like Lee Wrights or not - and those of you on the original distribution of this eMail all value him and/or Angela - I am looking for contact information (names, eMail addresses (preferred), or phone numbers) for people who are sick of the controversy. Please take some time to put together a list of contacts, and send it to me, AND then send this letter to them.

We need to build a network of people who are ready to help fix the LP. To return it to its roots, founding principles, to the vision of David Nolan . . . to a place where free people can work together to achieve more freedom. Where acts of aggression are not welcome.

This is a tipping point, I believe - the freedom movement is gaining speed again. We lost ground during the Campaign for Liberty/Ron Paul controversy, and lost a valuable opportunity. Let's not miss this one!

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Mail form to Liberty for America c/o George Phillies, 48 Hancock Hill Drive,
Worcester MA 01609 or email to phillies@4liberty.net

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Political Action Committee Has Arrived!

The Liberty for America PAC is now open to do the things that LfA does not, namely supporting candidates.

Volunteer!

Because Volunteerism is the backbone of political action
I Want to Volunteer to Help the
Libertarian Political Movement

I am prepared to (circle all that apply) :

Help organize state
or regional groups

Help organize affinity groups

Make public statements;
internet, newspapers, talk
radio

Provide art/graphics support

Provide web support or advice

Help with fundraising

Become a political
activist volunteer

Provide writing/editing support

Run for office

I have special skills or suggestions, namely:

To Send Money:

Liberty for America
c/o George Phillies
48 Hancock Hill Drive
Worcester MA 01609

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