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## A Monthly Step Toward Victory— Winning Your Election

We take a step out of sequence, because this month we have a real example. William Goggin of Walpole, MA was just elected as a Town Meeting Member. In doing so, he became one of those rare elected libertarian officials who took office by beating an incumbent. There were five open seats in Goggin's district. The defeated incumbent finished seventh. Goggin attributed his victory to old fashioned shoe leather—he got out and met hundreds of his constituents.

William Goggin won, and so can you.

## GoldAmericaGroup.com

## ... New Libertarian Blog Site

Rachel Hawkridge has launched a new libertarian blogging site, GoldAmericaGroup.com . The site includes features writers, articles forwarded from other web sites, discussion diaries, and comments. The focus is libertarian politics at the national, state, and local level. The participation of libertarians around the country

GoldAmericaGroup.com is constructed using the soapblox web construction facility, which is designed to give an attractive site with a minimum of development work. To participate, log in, join, and to be upgraded to Trusted User contact Rachel Hawkridge Lpwa.com1@gmail.com

# Dave Brady Enters, Withdraws from LNC Secretary Race

Conditions of employment at his new job would not allow LP Illinois Chair Dave Brady to serve as an LNC Officer, so he has withdrawn from his candidacy, as well as from the other Libertarian Party posts that he had held.

## Liberty for Maine Formed

Saco, Maine – Today, Liberty for Maine was formed. The new organization will advance the interests of freedom and liberty in Maine in an active, creative and assertive manner, offer support to similar efforts underway in many other states and nationally, and engage in other activities as appropriate.

James Oaksun, 47, a Saco businessman and a Maine delegate to the 2008 Libertarian National Convention, chairs the new group. According to Oaksun, the group has a full slate of officers, and its operating bylaws are available upon request. The group has also declared its support for the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party.

Mr. Oaksun said, "Many important efforts are in progress across Maine and across America right now, and there are many people here in Maine who are totally frustrated and discouraged because there has been no organization in Maine that has worked actively, publicly and consistently to chart a new

course toward freedom. Until now.

"Over the next 90 days," Oaksun continued, "our new group will focus on education, outreach and marketing, principally at the major summer festivals in Maine which attract thousands of visitors from across Maine and across America. We will start with the Southern Maine Pride events in June. With the recent passage of marriage equality here in Maine and the likelihood of a referendum campaign on the matter, the Maine LGBT community and its allies are energized like never before. It's a golden opportunity to align Maine libertarians in support of a vital and immediate human rights and freedom issue."

Oaksun said Liberty for Maine would work in concert with its principal corporate sponsor, Virtual Galt Corporation, in advancement of freedom.

For additional information, Oaksun can be reached at 603.397.3387, or via email at James@Liberty4Maine.org.

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- 1. Marriage Equality. Two matters are currently in the petition process for upcoming ballots in Maine:
- a. People's Veto of P.L. 2009, c. 82 "An Act To End Discrimination in Civil Marriage and Affirm Religious Freedom"

Question: Do you want to reject the new law that lets samesex couples marry and allows individuals and religious groups to refuse to perform these marriages?

b. An Act to Remove Protections Based on Sexual Orientation from the Maine Human Rights Act, Eliminate Funding of Civil Rights Teams in Public Schools, Prohibit Adoptions by Unmarried Couples, Add a Definition of Marriage, and Declare Civil Unions Unlawful

Liberty for Maine opposes both these petition efforts, encourages all lovers of liberty in Maine to refuse to sign these petitions, and, should the matters come before the voters, urges "no" votes on these matters.

The adoption of marriage equality in Maine was a watershed event and a significant expansion of liberty. But, as is often the case, there are those who wish to retreat into the shadows of bigotry, intolerance and ignorance. Liberty should not be feared; it should be embraced, nurtured and expanded wherever possible.

2. Marijuana Decriminalization/Medical Marijuana. Two matters are currently in the petition process for the 2010 statewide ballot:

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- a. An Act to Repeal the Prohibition on Cannabis, Hemp and Marijuana
- b. An Act Regarding Possession and Cultivation of Marijuana For Medical Purposes

Liberty for Maine supports both these petition efforts, encourages all lovers of liberty in Maine to sign these petitions, and, should the matters come before the voters, urges "yes" votes on these matters.

Repeal of "victimless crime" laws should be a priority, and here in Maine we have an opportunity to take some steps in the right direction. Liberty for Maine supports the efforts now underway to decriminalize marijuana possession and usage.

The 2004 Libertarian Party platform speaks eloquently to this issue as well:

- 3. National Health Care. A petition is currently being circulated to place the following matter on the 2010 state ballot:
- a. Resolve Calling upon the Congress and the President of the United States to Enact the United States National Health Insurance Act, H.R. 676

Liberty for Maine opposes this petition effort, encourages all lovers of liberty in Maine to refuse to sign this petition, and, should the matter come before the voters, urges a "no" vote on

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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.

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the matter.

The Federal government already spends more than 50 percent of health care dollars in America. Nearly everyone agrees the system is a mess. However, rather than see a link between government involvement and the mess we are in, there are those who say "let the government take it all over!" Lovers of liberty believe the answer is not another monstrous government program, but rather to encourage freedom and new market-based approaches to the issue.

## Greetings Libertarian comrades!

Do you crave liberty in your lifetime? Here is your chance to make a difference. I am trying to show by example how we can build our party from the bottom up. I am on the path of success and want to keep the ball rolling. Up to this point I have been able to accomplish everything myself, without help. I realize that to progress any farther, I now must ask for your help. In my hour of need, I call on you, my libertarian fellows.

I am Norm Westwell. I am the only elected libertarian in Southern California. I am currently serving taxpayers as President of the Ocean View School District in Huntington Beach California. http://tinyurl.com/5gsvkb

The OVSD is comprised of about 50,000 registered voters. We operate 11 elementary schools and 4 middle schools, K-8 and operate with an annual budget of approximately \$77 million. I am now in my 3rd year of governance. In 2008 I was re-elected unopposed.

I am now running an active winnable campaign for a seat on the Huntington Beach City Council in November, 2010. This will be my 5th run for this office. Admittedly the first 4 campaigns were only paper campaigns, but over this time I gained experience, campaign materials such as a huge stockpile of signs and most of all I have gained an enormous amount of name recognition and a record to stand on.

I already have printed seed materials, a Webmaster, a web site, a Director of Print Media, a Photographer, a Campaign Committee, and a Treasurer.

The election in 2010 will have 4 ballot positions, 1 incumbent, and 3 open seats due to term limits. It is anticipated that I will be the only non-incumbent holding a seat in public office. I project I can win this election with only \$50,000 due to my great name recognition, campaign signs already in hand, poor economy, and the huge amount of precinct walking and community activism I have done over the years and am currently doing

I have already raised 1/10 of what I need to get elected.

My election campaign web site is normwestwell4hbcc.com

Contact Ocean View School District President Norm Westwell 17171 Englewood Cr. Huntington Beach, CA 92647 www.normwestwell4hbcc.com

**Previous Election Results:** 

HBCC 2000 - http://tinyurl.com/g6etaf

HBCC 2002 - http://tinyurl.com/qur3mo

OVSD 2002 - http://tinyurl.com/pnt4xj

HBCC 2004 - http://tinyurl.com/rdhnc8

OVSD 2004 - http://tinyurl.com/r8u87k

AD67 2004 - http://tinyurl.com/oag5uf

HBCC 2006 - http://tinyurl.com/qv3u55

OVSD 2006 - http://tinyurl.com/r8fmnp First Elected

OVSD 2008 - Re-elected, unopposed

## Barr 2008 Reports LNC Gave Them \$10,000 — LNC FEC Filings Do Not Report the Donation

Liberty for America has discovered that the Bob Barr 2008 campaign filings with the Federal Election Commission report that on July 23, 2008 Barr 2008 received \$10,000 from the Libertarian National Committee. The Libertarian National Committee's filings covering the same month do not appear to reveal a corresponding disbursement. As noted in the next article, that \$10,000 would have come close to covering all identifiable Barr 2008 media advertising expenditures.

Indeed, the confidential LNC financial reports from the Party Treasurer to the National Committee, as received by this newspaper, claim that in 2008 the LNC spent a total of \$500 on candidate support. It is inobvious how LNC, Inc. could have given to the Barr 2008 campaign without it being candidate support. Members of the LNC with whom this newsletter has been in contact were entirely unaware of the alleged financial transaction. Indeed, we were advised the National Committee had instructed that LNC, Inc. was not to make a financial contribution to the Barr campaign. We hope to have responses from the Barr campaign and the LNC in the next issue. Our local experts on FEC filings place great confidence in the accuracy of the Barr campaign's filings.

# LNC Treasurer Claims LNC Financial Reports Are Secret

It may be your money, but the monthly financial reports to the Libertarian National Committee from the LNC Treasurer are now being marked by LNC Treasurer Aaron Starr as Confidential. The reports are not being held secret from the LNC. Starr wants the report kept secret from the LPUS membership. The current report, or at least more important parts of it, as supplied to this newsletter by reliable informants, appears below.

Lee Wrights, Defender of Our Membership, questioned first the Treasurer, who did not respond, and then the Chair (below) who also did not respond.

R. Lee Wrights to William Redpath, LNC Mr. Chair.

It is almost 24 hours later and I am still waiting for a response from our Treasurer. Perhaps you can enlighten us, since Mr. Starr seems unwilling to explain himself, as to why these financial reports are marked confidential. I have serves multiple terms on this board and these reports have \_never\_ been marked confidential before. Not until Mr. Starr took the position have these monthly reports been treated like State secrets.

So please, why are they being treated as secret documents now? Even the FEC reports we are required to file are "public information." Why are we supposedly prohibited from sharing our own reports with the members we all represent?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Lee Wrights, always was At-large

### Hinkle Defends LNC Financial Secrecy

LNC Regional Representative (for California) Mark Hinkle, who has recently announced that he will be a candidate for LNC National Chair, has spoken in support of Aaron Starr. In a message identified as posted to the LNC-Discuss list and supplied to this newsletter by a confidential source, Hinkle explained and defended Aaron Starr's position that LNC financials should be kept secret from the party's membership. In short, according to the report that we were supplied, if the membership found out how much the LNC was spending on fundraising, they would give the LNC less money. The answer certainly speaks to the governing philosophy of the asserted author, should he be elected National Chair.

Mark Hinkle <mark@garlic.com> to LNC Discussion <LNC-Discuss@hq.lp.org> Sun, Jun 28, 2009 at 9:17 PM

Dear Allies.

RE: why are LP financial statements confidential?

I thought Lee had a legitimate question regarding these financial statements being confidential. I wondered the same thing. Especially since a lot of the information, but not all, as I understand it, is given to the evil FEC for public access.

So, I called up the Treasurer, Aaron Starr, and asked.

Aaron told me that providing detailed fund raising expenses to the general membership creates concern over those fund raising expenses. In fact, it can also creates concern within the governing body of the organization, in this case the LNC. I've seen this before.

A little (OK, a lot of) background:

I've seen this first hand as LPC Chair (1997-2001). Early in my term as LPC Chair, I hired Michael Cloud to do fund raising for the LPC. Prior fund raising was normally done on a volunteer basis, which: 1. wasn't timely, 2. not terribly cost effective, 3. didn't provide the amount of money needed to hire staff, open

an office, grow the Party membership to 7,000+, and provide the operating revenue to keep the organization afloat.

There were many objections to hiring a paid fund raiser, especially Michael Cloud.

But, here's the bottom line: every letter he sent out, made money for the LPC. The previous LPC fund raising letter (sent out just before I become Chair) lost \$3,000+. All I had to do was review Michael Cloud's letter for content. Everything else was handled. And the money rolled in.

But, even with a flawless track record of raising money for the LPC by Michael Cloud, I heard objection after objection. How dare someone make money raising money for the Party!!! Can't we lower the costs of raising funds???

Let me ask each of you reading this a question with the following premise: you want to make a \$100 contribution to the Party.

How do you make that donation?

- 1. Call up LP HQ and give them a credit card #?
- 2. On the web?
- 3. Via direct mail?
- 4. Or wait for the LP to call you for a donation?

Mentally pick one.

Now, armed with the following facts, would you change your method of donation to the Party?

- 1. credit card donation via phone to HQ: the credit card company is going to take 3.5% for it's fee, leaving the Party with \$97.50.
- 2. via the web: our contract with Terra Eclipse gives them 10% as a fee for their work on the web site plus the 3.5% for the credit card company, leaving the Party with \$86.50.
- 3. via a direct mail sent piece, with mailing costs eating up 21%, leaving the Party with \$79.
- 4. via a tele-marketing company that take 50% of the donation, leaving the Party with \$50. And note I'm not including staff time for any of the above methods. An added expense.

NOTE: the numbers & percentages above are my estimates of the costs, not hard & fast numbers. But, I think, representative of real costs.

Did you change your mind on the method of donation?

If yes, then you should be concerned with our membership reacting the same way and the bottom line result would be LESS revenue to the LP. Less revenue is bad. More revenue is good, even if it costs a lot to get it.

The reason why we use multiple forms of fund raising is because it works. Some people throw away "junk mail" even if it comes from us. <the nerve!> Very few people, out of the clear blue sky, just phone us up and say take my money please. Some people only respond to phone calls. If they knew that 50% of their donation would go to the tele-marketing firm, how likely would they still give us money? If everyone who went to our web site to donate, knew that less than 90% of the money donated would actually be available for our use, how would that affect their willingness to give? Or, the amount?

And wouldn't it most likely have a negative affect on our revenue?

In my experience with LPC activists, it certainly did. And they are the "committed" ones.

Imagine how much more of an affect it would have on the general LP contributor/member.

So, armed with this information, do you let the LP world know how expensive fund raising is, knowing it'll result in lower revenues?

Or, keep quite, i.e. keep it confidential, and keep the revenue flowing?

That's how I see the choices: full disclosure and lower revenues or keep it confidential and keep the revenue coming in at current or hopefully increased levels.

If someone has an idea on how to fully disclose this information without the negative side affects, I'm all ears.

But, in my 35 years of experience with this organization, I can't overlook these fund raising facts: 1. it cost money to make money, 2. different people respond to different types of fund raising, 3. all fund raising expenses are not equal.

Keeping the financial data confidential has consequences, but so to does making it public.

After weighing the pro's and con's, I opt to side with keeping the information confidential and the revenues flowing.

Your thoughts?

Yours in liberty......Mark Hinkle, LNC Region 2 (CA) Rep.

## LNC April Financial Report Details

The ever-vigilant Liberty for America reportorial staff has secured from confidential sources what we believe to be the allegedly secret LNC monthly financial reports. It may be early July, but the reports are only complete through the end of April.

In brief, for the year to date through the end of April, one finds

for income (all numbers to nearest thousand)
Membership dues .. \$161,000
Donations ...\$117,000
Recurring Gifts...\$87,000
Raised by Board...\$6,000
Publications...\$4,000

And now the expenses Fundraising costs...\$61,000 Membership Fundraising...\$22,000

For a total of \$84,000 in fundraising costs. That fundraising led to \$278,000 in income, not counting board solicitations and recurring gifts, a yield of three or four to one. That's actually pretty good.

How was the rest of the money spent?

Compensation...\$112,000 Administrative...\$116,000 Lobbying...\$4000 Member Communications \$8000 Outreach...\$2000

And if you find those categories vague and unlikely to provide the LNC with much guidance about how its money is really being spent, well, those are the categories that the LNC chose to adopt.

Fortunately, there is a bit more information here:

Compensation
Salaries and wages \$96,000
Employee Benefits \$7,000
Taxes and other related costs \$10,000

For an organization that supposedly believes that the Social Security system is going to croak, the employer contribution to retirement benefits is remarkably limited.

There are also administrative costs for the first third of the year:

Rent and Utilities \$40,000
Accounting \$5,000
Bank charges \$800
Depreciation \$4,000
Equipment leases and maintenance \$4,000
Insurance \$6,000
Legal \$10,000
Office Supplies \$4,000
Postage and Shipping \$2,400
Print \$700
Software and IT \$31,000
Telephone \$5,000
Travel Meetings and Meals \$3000

for a total of \$116,000 in administrative expenses.

If you are hunting in there for political activities or political benefits from having the LNC spend all that money, you have rather thin hunting. In the last four-year campaign cycle, the LNC did spend over \$570,000 on ballot access, mostly for its Presidential candidate, whose rather interesting ideas on campaigning are found in the following article. Bizarre old-fashioned ideas like advertising formed a very small part of the Barr 2008 campaign effort. Member response is seen in income:

2005 1.37 million dollars 2006 1.29 million dollars 2007 1.61 million dollars 2008 1.64 million dollars

For 2009, the extrapolated year budget is 1.12 million dollars. However, if you assume that the January-April numbers are influenced by the annual report, and that the May income is more typical of the rest of the year (from FEC reports, that is under \$80,000) you find that the actual income for the year is going to be more like \$930,000, a total worse than has been seen since the early 1990s.

## Barr — Campaign or Not

Bob Barr may have promised a Presidential campaign, but the delivery was a bit different. Here is the record of his spending, based on our reanalysis of the Barr 2008 FEC campaign reports. Some minor expenditures have been left out.

The campaign spent \$1.4 million, more or less every penny that it raised. The issue is where Barr 2008 spent its money, including \$160,000 that the campaign owed at the end of the year, not to mention money owed American Express.

In short: One per cent of campaign spending went for advertising the candidate to the general public via Newsmax, Google, and newspaper ads.. Three more percent went to activities such as a campaign book that could have helped spread the word. Around \$100,000 went to the web site. A hundred grand went for renting real estate, with over thirty grand additional to rent and buy furniture and office equipment. Direct mail demanded a seventh of funds raised...about \$200K. A third of a million dollars -- a quarter of funds raised -- went to pay people, not counting the hundred grand paid to consultants and the like. Direct mail demanded a seventh of funds raised...about \$200K.

Some people eccentrically think that campaigns are about advertising, so here is everything that might be called general advertising and so reported. Add it up: one percent of the campaign's money went for broad-market advertising, and another three percent was for advertising of some sort:

#### Advertising

Signs by Tomorrow Signs \$17,337.9 Equipity.com (Book Publishing) \$12,618.88 Bumpersticker.com (bumper stickers, promotional items) \$9983.75 NewsMax Advertising \$6250 Commercial Signs \$2993.92 Dr Don's Buttons (buttons and items) \$1261.67 Zazzle.com T-Shirts \$1194.55 Charleston Gazette \$1000.92 Google, Inc. (Advertising) \$796.99 B&P Promotions Advertising \$657

That's being very generous to count it as 4%, because I am including over 12 grand to a book publisher for the Barr boom, 10 grand for bumper stickers (which are widely understood to be primarily effective at inciting the faithful), and an amount for lawn signs that were in fair part sold to supporters. Honest-to-goodness orthodox advertising including Google adwords and Newsmax (a far far right internet news outlet) were 1% of the campaign budget.

Just for purposes of comparison, even the Boston Tea Party presidential campaign spent \$327.83 to advertise on Google. As you might guess, this constituted a much larger percentage of their campaign budget.

A third of a million dollars -- a quarter of funds raised -- went to pay people. That does not include various debts to people, starting with \$47,000 owed to James Bovard for making, it is widely rumored, significant contributions to the invisible Barr books. Here are the people

#### People

Liberty Strategies Contract Services \$62,500 (Bob Barr's firm)

Doug Bandow \$52,644.11

Shane Cory \$42,000

James Bovard (Authoring Fee) \$30,000

Robert Stuber Fundraising consultant \$24,000

Steve Sinton Field Consulting \$20,000

Andrew MacPherson \$16,074.28

Russ Verney Political Consulting \$14,387.56

Mike Ferguson Field Consulting \$13,812.03

Stephen Gordon Field Consulting \$12,857.97

Ashley Petty (field consulting) \$11,474.5

Angelia O'Dell (ballot access) \$9244.5

Jake Witmer Ballot Access \$3846.96

Robert Zinzell Political Consulting \$3750

David Beiler (Field Consulting) \$2399.11

John Seewoester Field Consulting \$2125.5

Barry Fiegel (field consulting) \$1875

Karen Neal Ballot Access \$1828

Jason Pye (Field Consulting) \$1664.22

Rob Armstrong Field Consulting \$1536

Joseph Carter Field Consulting \$1436

Robert Jackson In-kind: Travel Expenses \$1190.46

William Greene Creative Fees \$1000

Nena Bartlett Field Consulting \$678

Jeff Becker Ballot Access \$514.75

Hudson Phillips Graphic Design \$450

Stephen Thomas Field Consulting \$393

Dianna Dickerson (Field Consulting) \$358

Bob Bastress (ballot access) \$350

Billy Bryant (Field Consulting) \$343.5

Robert Benedict Political Consulting 312.84

Stephanie Stevens Field Consulting 298.5

Cheryl Wesley (Field Consulting) \$240

Todd Wentz Field Consulting \$215

There were also people hired via consulting houses, another \$109,000 or so of them:

#### Consulting firms

Advocacy Ink...\$46841.01(media consulting and public relations)

Promotions Direct advertising and promotional items \$13093.1

Olympic Consulting Ballot Access and political consulting \$13,000

National Ballot Access Ballot Access \$12818

Professional Data Services Compliance Consulting \$8803.34

PrimeOne Political Consulting \$7999.98

Pulse Opinion Research LLC Polling \$4750

Blue Aster Media (Field Consulting) \$991.46

Imaging Arts Charleston (photography) \$673.81

Small Government Solutions Direct Marketing \$400

Winning Edge International Telemarketing \$240 (this appears to be Wayne Root's telemarketing house)

The Barr campaign spent almost twice as much on office rent - over \$100,000 -- as on general advertising, and that does not include office furniture:

#### Real Estate Rent

The Paces Foundation, Inc Rent and Utilities \$55,769.4

Post Corporate Apartments \$33302.29

Lisa Franzman \$13757.23

Mansour Center \$6819

Electric, INC Building Repairs \$2175

Office furniture? Now we come to office furniture and supplies. There's also some office equipment hiding on the electronics entries, at which point the office furniture spending nearly matched the spending on advertising.

#### Office Furniture

Aaron Rents...\$32220.7, of which \$3392.27

has been refunded, plus \$835.28 for "furniture".

Office Equipment 6766.73

Office Supplies \$8272.14.

Targeted outreach was done via electronic and direct mail efforts. The electronic efforts included over \$130,000 in spending (in addition, Terra Eclipse is owed another thirty-five thousand and change), including

#### Electronics

Terra Eclipse IT and Transaction Fees \$68,644.86 Thru Tech IT and office equipment \$36,486.31 Campaigner Pro (software) \$14,242.74 RackSpace IT \$6370.49 Cbeyond Communications (telephone) \$4091.06 AT&T Mobility (cell, telephone) \$2698.15 Salesforce Software \$2,655 Charter (cable/internet) \$2236.55 Verizon Cell Phone \$546.86 Dell Computers Computer Monitor 240.44 Comcast (cable/internet) \$46.26

Direct mail is a fundraising tool; it also serves to frame issues. Mailing and shipping also puts your materials in front of people. Here is the mailing effort, nearly \$200,000 of it:

#### Mailing and items:

Gillis Express (Mailing Direct Marketing) \$39723.14 All Points Packaging \$35649.69 Press Well Services Direct Marketing \$26220.18 MDI Imaging & Mail Direct Marketing \$16130.75 USPS Postage \$15,166.21 List Services Corp. Direct Marketing \$13,757.23 Schlesman Enterprises Direct Marketing \$12,857.71 Integram (Direct Marketing) \$12,513.35 Positive Press Direct Marketing, Printing \$12,028.37 UPS Shipping \$7492.6 with a \$288.25 refund FedEx (shipping) 5349.13 Direct Mail Processors (Direct Marketing) \$2503.42 Sir Speedy Printing Centers Printing \$1492.93 Milner, Inc printing \$1100 Daily Printing & Graphics \$795.5 NextDay Flyers Printing \$717.26 C & E Printing \$442.4 Small Government Solutions Direct Marketing \$400

Those mailings were went to mailing lists. Here are the places from which lists were rented:

Basic Media, Inc. \$2000 <-- Ron Paul right wing list Deiner Consultants \$2400 <-- conservative Christian mailing lists; apparently advises the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps (say internet searches)

Capitol Hill Lists \$838.32 <--conservative political mailers, says their web site

C&P Lists \$235 <almost no info available on this Asheville, N.C. operation)

The candidate went to Denver to receive the nomination. Denver Convention Booth/registrations \$2761

More than \$40,000 was spent on legal services, including:

McKenna Long & Aldridge \$16,931 (and \$38,000 owed) Orrin Grover \$6000

Offin Grover \$6000

State Ballot Access Fees \$5750

James Linger \$5350

Drew Shirley \$5015.31

Samuel Stretton \$3200

Matthew Sawyer \$2262.5

Varallo Incorporated Court Transcripts \$977.83

Robert Karwin \$350

It costs money to collect money. \$34,000, under 3% of funds received, spent on various types of transaction expenses:

Transaction Fees

PayPal \$29,147.33

Visa/MC Merchant Account 3999.18

American Express: \$482.76

Donor Town Square \$425

CentraBank \$308.31

Georgian Bank \$286.75

Finally, you can send the candidate out on the hustings, where he can give speeches, excite the faithful, and support local candidates. Travel money and events came to a quarter of a million dollars, close to five times what was spent on advertising.

Oh, yes, a funny thing happened on the way to the FEC. In earlier reports, payments to limousine companies are categorized as "limo services", but in later reports, they are equally legitimately categorized as 'travel expenses'.

Travel Expenses \$206,583

Limo Services \$38,106.82 <— we sorted out the limo and town car companies

Events \$15,738.48

Meeting Expenses \$10,855.41

Thrifty Rental Car \$1097.73

Citizen Outreach (conservative event) \$2500

Freedom Festival (conservative event) \$1250

The above list of numbers do not include the following campaign debts as seen in FEC filings at campaign's end.

James Bovard \$47,000.00 Authoring Fee

McKenna Long & Aldridge \$38,414.69 Legal Fees

Terra Eclipse \$35,566.87 IT

Russ Verney \$15,000.00 Political Consulting

Doug Bandow \$6,466.05 Political Consulting

Dr. Robert B. Stuber \$4,000.00 Fundraising Consulting

Mr. Steve Sinton \$4,000.00 Political Consulting

Wayne Allen Root \$3,297.81 Campaign Expenses

Campaigner Pro \$2,675.00 Software

All Points Packaging & Distribution, In \$1,149.42 Online Order Edell Property

der Fulfillment

Press Well Services, Inc. \$878.06 Printing

Lisa Franzman \$802.77 Rent

## Judicial Committee Restores Wrights to LNC

On the narrowest of vote margins, 4-3, the LNC Judicial Committee overturned the claim of LNC Secretary Sullentrup and LNC Chair Redpath that they had removed Lee Wrights from the National Committee.

You can read the full text of the Judicial Committee Decision and the Minority Opinions on GoldAmericaGroup.com

Our reporting on the Wrights Purge will continue next issue. Until then, keep current at GoldAmericaGroup.com.

# Support Liberty For America!

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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