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2013 LPCO State Convention & LSLA Conference

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10. Business Center/Cybercafe
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May 17-19
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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Libertarian Party of Colorado is able to exist due to help from the many generous donors who support us. Your annual donations and your regular donations via the 1776 club are critical to maintaining the party and funding the growth of the Libertarian alternative.

A financial contribution was made by our sponsors – Big-L Solutions at BigLSolutions.com and the LNCC at LNCC.org. Be sure to check out their tables.

Thank you to all the wonderful speakers – local, from the LSLA, and from the LNC – who are generously donating their time and knowledge to share during their presentations.

Last, but certainly not least, the Libertarian Party of Colorado would like to give a big thank you to the many volunteers who spent too many hours preparing for this convention and who, even as you read this, are helping to run this convention. Be sure to thank them when you see them.

A couple of our volunteers are available for hire:

Amy Lunde-Provine: A key organizer of the convention, Amy also designed and laid out this program, and manages the Libertarian Party of Colorado’s Facebook page, which may be found at Facebook.com/LPCOLORADO. Specializing in graphics, Ms. Lunde-Provine is responsible for the current iteration of the LPCO logo, the images on the Facebook page, and is part of the national Libertarian Party’s Social Media Design Team. She may be contacted at SocialChair@LPCOLORADO.org

Alan Hayman: Mr. Hayman graduated from the Media Arts program at the University of Arizona. A recent transplant to Colorado, Alan was eager to support the Party, volunteering to handle videography at the convention, and stepping up to be a contributor to the LPCO website. Alan may be contacted at yankie18@hotmail.com

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STANDING RULES

I. Conduct Within the Meeting Room

1. Except for those devices necessary for the conduct of the business meeting by the Board and Convention Committees and Officials, all electronic devices shall be silenced at all times while in the meeting room.

2. For admission to the Delegate seating area while the business meeting is in session, Delegates shall be required to wear the badge issued by the Credentials Committee upon registration.

3. Only Board Members, Convention Committee Members and Convention Officials shall sit at or stand behind the tables at the front of the Delegate seating area.

4. No person shall disturb materials placed on a Delegate seat, except for the Delegate occupying the seat.

II. Organization of the Convention

1. The State Chair shall conduct the official organization of the Convention promptly at the time published in the Convention Schedule. The official organization shall proceed as follows:

   (a) The Credentials Committee shall report the number and the names of all Delegates registered as present with proper credentials. The list of the names of the Delegates shall be posted or projected in lieu of being read, and the Delegates shall be afforded time to verify the completeness and accuracy of the list, whereupon the report shall be adopted by majority vote. Quorum shall be fixed at the next whole number greater than exactly half of the number reported by the Credentials Committee.

   (b) The Committee on Standing Rules shall report on the rules of the convention, which shall be adopted by two-thirds vote.

   (c) The Program Committee shall report on the agenda, which shall be adopted by majority vote.

2. The State Chair shall serve as the Convention Chair and, immediately upon concluding the official organization, shall appoint three Delegates to the Resolutions Committee and shall appoint Convention Officials which shall include Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian, Projectionist, Audio Technician, Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant Sergeants-At-Arms.

III. Reports, Resolutions, and Announcements

1. Acceptable electronic formats shall include ASCII text (.txt), Comma Separated Values (.csv), Graphics Interchange Format (.gif), Hyper-Text Markup Language (.html, .htm, or .xhtml), Joint Photographie Experts Group (.jpg or .jpeg), Microsoft Excel (.xls or .xlsx), Microsoft PowerPoint (.ppt or .pptx), Microsoft Word 1997 or later (.doc or .docx), eOffice 2.0 or later (.ods or .odt), Portable Document Format (.pdf), Portable Network Graphics (.png), Rich Text Format (.rtf), Scalable Vector Graphics (.svg), and Extensible Markup Language (.xml).

2. All reports and other material for the permanent record or printed proceedings shall be in an acceptable electronic format and shall be sent to the Projectionist and the Recording Secretary prior to presentation.

3. A resolution offered by an individual Delegate shall be in an acceptable electronic format or legibly printed and signed by the maker and the seconder and shall be sent directly to the table of the Resolutions Committee.

4. Resolutions shall be handled by the Resolutions Committee as follows:

   (a) All resolutions, except those proposed by the Board of Directors or by committees, and any recommendations made in reports of officers or committees of the convention that are not in the form of resolutions shall be referred without debate to the Resolutions Committee; resolutions proposed by the Board of Directors or by committees shall be presented by the Board or proposing committee directly to the Delegates. Amendments may be offered verbally, but the Chair or the Delegates may refer them to the Resolutions Committee if they become overly involved.

Balance in 2008 to defeat Amendment S9 and organized Too Taxing for Colorado to defeat Proposition 103 in 2011. He chairs the TAIOR Committee and was the lead author of A Citizen's Budget for 2013, published by the Independence Institute.

Mark Slaugh has more than three years of experience in the MMJ consulting and compliance industry. Through his expertise, he has a successful startup providing services to existing clients on beginning operations, production and retail management, and compliance consulting and training. Additionally, he serves as the Colorado Springs Medical Cannabis Council (CSMCC) membership and executive director, and as the Southern Colorado Regional Coordinator for the Campaign to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol (Amendment 64). He is actively engaged in implementing the will of voters in regulating marijuana like alcohol in Colorado Springs and the State Capitol.

Mike Spalding is a long-time Libertarian who has handled the campaign finance requirements for many campaigns, including his own. He’s experienced fives and pleading before a judge so you don’t have to. Currently the Treasurer for the Colorado Libertarian Party and for a local Waterboard, Spalding spends way too much time working with government officials.

Wayne Wakefield is a 2012 Usury-Free Winged Lion Award winner, monetary reform activist, Jubilist, entrepreneur and speaker. He is the author of “Hour Money Jubilee: A plan for emancipation from the ‘den of thieves’”. The musical version of his plan for “Jubilee” was created by the enlightened hip-hop duo the Wandering Monks. He helps communities design and implement local, time based currencies so that they can achieve independence from globalism. mtnHours.com in Summit County, CO has approximately 85 businesses and $30k in circulation with zero debt or interest. Hours-based local currencies can be issued, traded and loaned internationally without interest.

Larry Welshon founded the Alpine Valley School, and he currently serves as an administrator and teacher. He is a former government school teacher and a long time advocate of child-driven learning.

Stacie Woods is a sole practitioner and a former associate of The Orr Law Firm, one of Colorado’s top DUI and criminal traffic defense firms located in Denver. She has dedicated her career to defending those accused of DUI and other serious criminal traffic offenses, as well as non-traffic misdemeanors and felonies.

Ms. Woods is a former Deputy Public Defender for the Colorado State Public Defender’s Office, and since leaving the office in 2007, she has worked as a solo defense attorney and as an associate at The Orr Law Firm, successfully defending hundreds of DUI and criminal traffic cases over the course of her career.

Stacie is a graduate of Hamline University School of Law and has been recognized as a Colorado Super Lawyer Rising Star for two consecutive years.

David K. Williams, Jr. attended the University of North Carolina on a prestigious Morehead Scholarship where he obtained his undergraduate degree in Economics. He stayed in Chapel Hill to attend law school, where he graduated with honors.

Upon moving to Colorado in 2002, Dave became active in the Libertarian Party of Colorado, and has served in the Legislative Director and State Chair positions. Dave is the President and co-founder of the Gadsden Society of Colorado. In 2012, Dave ran for RTD Board of Directors in District E. He came in second out of four candidates, losing to the only Democrat in the race, but beating the two Republicans.

Dave practices law in Denver where he concentrates on litigation, including criminal defense, personal injury and domestic relations law. You can follow him on the web at BlueCarp.com, on Twitter @BlueCarp, on Facebook at facebook.com/BlueCarp, and videos are available on YouTube at youtube.com/user/BlueCarp/videos.
activities, Frye participates in a citizens group (Issue Committee) called Citizens for Responsible Aurora Government (CRAG). CRAG is a citizens group dedicated to accountability, transparency, and fiscal responsibility in the city of Aurora, Colorado. Activities include attending and presenting at council meetings, attending citizens’ boards, generating press releases and attempting to hold city council accountable to the citizens of Aurora.

Sharon Harris is President of the Advocates for Self-Government, a nonprofit educational organization, founded in 1985, which specializes in libertarian communication and outreach. The Advocates for Self-Government is the creator, publisher and distributor of the world-famous, eye-opening World’s Smallest Political Quiz, creator of Operation Politically Homeless (OPH) booths, sponsor of Lights of Liberty awards for libertarian activism, and much more.

Sharon was the winner of the National Libertarian Party’s 2012 “Thomas Jefferson Award,” given by the party to the member “whose achievements merit our recognition of outstanding leadership, high character, and dedication to the principles and goals of the Party.”

An award-winning speaker, Sharon has presented libertarian ideas on radio talk shows, on TV, to college political science classes, before service clubs, and to Libertarian and Republican gatherings. She has also been interviewed by the editorial boards of several major newspapers.

Carla Howell championed two statewide End the Income Tax ballot initiatives in Massachusetts, each winning almost one million votes, prior to her appointment as Executive Director for the National Libertarian Party in December 2011. She won 308,860 votes in her Libertarian U.S. Senate race against Ted Kennedy in 2000. It was the highest vote percentage ever for a Libertarian in a U.S. Senate race against a Democrat and Republican.

Carla was the Lead Coach for the 2009 Small Government Summit which trained candidates and activists how to formulate liberty proposals with broad appeal to voters and is the creator of Who’s Driving?, a game for training candidates and activists how to cut through Big Government rhetoric to advance liberty.

Ms. Howell has been a featured, stand-alone guest on the Neil Cavuto Show, O’Reilly Factor, Glenn Beck, Fox Business News Happy Hour, and hundreds of TV and radio interviews and debates since 1998.

Geoffrey Neale served as Chair for the Libertarian Party from 2002 to 2004 and was re-elected to Chair in May 2012. He was a member of the Libertarian National Committee for five terms and served two 2-year terms as the state chair for the Texas Libertarian Party.

During his 30-years of Libertarian Party activism, Geoffrey Neale has served on numerous platform and by-laws committees where he worked to ensure that the LP stays true to the party’s principles of freedom, small government, a non-interventionist foreign policy, and civil liberties.

Geoffrey Neale was the Operations Manager for the 2004 Michael Badnarik Libertarian for President campaign, and served as an officer for a 1980 California initiative to restrict the sales tax. In 1988, Neale worked with the Ron Paul Libertarian for President campaign.

Norm Olsen has been active in the Libertarian Party of Colorado since the first Harry Browne campaign in 1996. Of those sixteen years, Norm spent seven years on the Board of Directors serving five years as Campaigns Director and two as State Chair. Norm has put over three hundred Colorado Libertarians on the ballot.

Penn R. Pfeiffer is a former state legislator and a former Chairman of the Colorado Libertarian Party. Penn also was President of the Colorado Union of Taxpayers and still serves on the Board. He was an early leader in the TABOR campaigns, organized the issue committee Strike a Better
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BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Saturday, May 18th

10:00 AM Call to Order & Organization
   Credentials Committee Report
   Declaration of Quorum
   Committee on Standing Rules Report
   Program Committee Report (Agenda)
   Approval of 2012 Convention Minutes

10:15 AM Board Report
   State Chair  Jeff Orrok
   Vice Chair    Nicholas Sarwark
   Treasurer    Michael Spalding
   Campaigns Director  Norm Olsen
   Communications Director  Matthew Hess
   Legislative Director   David Jurist

10:30 AM Constitution & Bylaws

11:30 AM Adjourn to Sunday, May 19th

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BIOGRAPHIES OF PRESENTERS

Matt Arnold is the executive director and primary spokesman for Clear The Bench Colorado, the grassroots effort to bring substantive evaluation and accountability to the Colorado judiciary. Matt launched the effort following the Colorado Supreme Court’s treatment of citizen’s rights under TABOR (Colorado Constitution Article X, Section 20) as exemplified in the “Mill Levy Tax Freeze” case. Since April 2009, he has sought to educate Colorado citizens about their right to hold our judicial branch officeholders accountable (at the ballot box and beyond) and to raise awareness of the critical role played by our third branch of government in upholding (or not) our constitutional rights and the rule of law.

Sarah Arnold is a native Coloradan and political guru. With 15 years of experience on dozens of campaigns, Sarah has done everything from grunt work to managing races on campaigns ranging from City Council to Presidential. Her passion is for state legislative seats, and she now focuses primarily on freelance strategic consulting and opposition research for candidates, political parties, and interest groups with her business, S&M Consulting.

Frank Atwood became a flaming Libertarian in his mid 40’s, and has witnessed too many high-hope Presidential campaigns end in the noise of the noise. Every 36 months we’re crucified again like Spartacus’ army on the Appian Way every 36 yards. We’re crucified on the cross of the wasted vote argument. Frank believes that the Libertarian ideals have been squeezed out of the center and that Approval Voting is the solution.

Richard Bratton produces “Principles of Liberty”, a Colorado state legislative analysis website that reviews legislation based upon clearly defined principles of good government. This non-partisan analysis focuses on clearly defined principles such as individual liberty, personal responsibility, limited government, and free markets. He is also the Executive Director for the Republican Study Committee of Colorado, an ad hoc caucus of 25 state legislators from both the Colorado state House and Senate. Richard is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a CFA

Charterholder who has been a successful entrepreneur since the late 1990’s. He has been married to Laurie Bratten for 26 years, lives in Highlands Ranch, and has two children - Chelsea, a junior at Hilldale College, and Cody, a junior at Valor Christian High School.


In 2012, Michael Cloud was the keynote speaker at the Libertarian National Convention. His talk was entitled, “Big Government is the Disease: voting Libertarian is the only cure.”

Since 1999, he has written the Persuasion Power Point column for Advocates for Self Government’s email newsletter, “Liberator Online.” He is President and co-Founder of the Center For Small Government.

Dan Cochran joined the Libertarian Party in 1995 and has been actively pursuing libertarian objectives since. He served two terms on the Libertarian Party of Colorado State Board of Directors.

He ran for partisan office as a Libertarian three times – Colorado House of Representatives, Lt. Governor, and CU Board of Regents – receiving 24% of the vote during his last attempt in a Congressional District-wide race covering almost half of Colorado.

During 2008 and 2012, Dan was active in the Ron Paul Presidential campaign. In 2010, Dan served as Campaign Manager for Larimer County “Constitutional Sheriff” candidate, Carl Bruning, who received 47% of the vote.

Jim Frye ran in 2008 as a Libertarian candidate for Colorado House District 42. Also, Jim ran for Aurora City Council, At-Large, in 2011. In addition to Libertarian

Sunday, May 19th

9:00 AM Call to Order & Nominations

10:00 AM Elections of Officers
   State Chair
   Vice Chair
   Western Slope Regional Director
   Campaigns Director
   Outreach Director
   Membership Director
   Communications Director
   Records Director
   Legislative Director
   Fundraising Director

11:00 AM Resolutions

12:00 PM Recess for Lunch

1:00 PM Board Meeting

3:30 PM Adjournment Sine Die
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SEMINAR DESCRIPTIONS

Inside the TABOR 'Blue Book' – Crafting Pro and Con Statements on Tax and Debt Measures
Jim Frye – 11am Sunday – Mt. Evans
The Colorado Taxpayers Bill or Rights (TABOR) has many components. The most notable are the provisions that require a public vote on all tax and debt increase measures and a limit on government spending growth.

One of the lesser-known components of TABOR is the right of citizens to submit a TABOR pro or con statement on all tax and debt measure increases. The TABOR notice is sent to all registered voters 30 days prior to an election.

Long time Libertarian and local Aurora activist Jim Frye will be presenting a seminar on researching, writing, and submitting an opinion piece on a tax or debt increase measure. This citizen right is an easy process for any voter to weigh in on the merits of a tax or debt measure.

It's a Wonderful Liberty
Sharon Harris – 1pm Sunday – Tetons
This presentation explores what the libertarian movement is all about and what one person can do to change the world. Inspiring, uplifting, motivating!

Hour Money Jubilee
Wayne Walton – 1pm Sunday – Mt. Evans
Before money existed societies bartered their time, services, and products. The People could get what they needed by trading. Money was invented to make these transactions much easier. Today, there are dozens of organic money systems in the U.S. which are entirely legal, and Wayne Walton will present information about MtnHous, a voluntary system of hours-based currency in use in Mt. Walton's locale of Summit County, Colorado.

Judicial Reform
Matt Arnold – 2pm Sunday – Tetons
Matt Arnold (executive director and primary spokesman for Clear The Bench Colorado) discusses the importance of raising awareness and promoting accountability for our state's 3rd branch of government, the judiciary. Many Coloradans are only vaguely aware (at best) of their rights under Colorado law to "judge the judges" and work to ensure that our system's last line of defense against unconstitutional (and liberty-eroding) legislation functions to protect Liberty, not undermine it.

How to Simply and Easily Fundraise the First $10,000 for Your LP Campaign... from NON-Libertarians... In Just 4 Evenings - Even If You're Shy
Michael Cloud – 2pm Sunday – Sierras
Michael Cloud personally fundraised over $55 million for LP candidates and organizations between 1995 and 2001. In this Seminar, he'll teach attendees who to call, exactly what to say, and how to warmly, easily, and simply to get them to donate to your Libertarian Party campaign for office. What's more, they'll be glad they gave.

Opposition Research
Sarah Arnold – 2pm Sunday – Mt. Evans
Learn where the dirt is hiding on Colorado elected officials. From TRACER reports, to navigating the Colorado Legislature website, to background checks, special interest group ratings and more, Sarah will help you untangle the web of Colorado politics so you can learn where to hit elected officials the hardest. Once you know where to look, it's easy to find more than enough bad votes, quotes, and personal stories to last several election cycles.

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Board Report:
The Board Members present gave their reports.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee Report:
Motion to accept the report as presented to the assembly – passed
Motion to consider seriatim – passed
Motion to accept the national delegates at large – passed

Underage members: Mike Martin moves to amend the minimum age to be a member to 14 years of age. The amendment fails 11 to 13.
The amendment from the committee fails 9 to 14.

Top of the Ticket Vacancies: Motion to refer back to committee passes 14 to 9.

County Development Groups: Passes by voice vote.

Repeal Article VIII Section 5: Nicholas Sarwark moves to remove the requirement to post changes to constitution in writing. Passes 24 to 0.

Auxiliary societies: Motion fails by voice vote

Consolidate Media and Publications Board Positions into Communications: Passes 20 to 6.

Change description of candidates in purpose: Amendment is proposed to committee report to remove the word “qualified.” The amendment fails 12 to 17.
The proposal of the committee fails 16 to 13.

Platform Committee Report:
Remove first two sentences from values – Fails by voice vote.

Remove first part from self-defense and gun control, the issue: “While there are many gun control laws in Colorado, and some people push for tighter gun control laws, the mere presence of firearm...” – passes by voice vote.

Remove kidnapping rape, etc. from self-defense and gun control – Passes by unanimous voice vote.

Remove language from first paragraph of self-defense and gun control: Because of the use of some weapons (e.g. maturity). – passes by voice vote.

Remove “governments are justified” – passes by voice vote.
MEMBERSHIP
We ended 2012 with the best growth ever! Over 10,000 more people stood up to be counted among those who are tired of the two-party system and want to see a return to the principles of limiting government to its fundamental role of protecting life and property, and returning control and personal responsibility to our lives. As with 2008, this growth occurred despite the "Ron Paul effect" of Libertarians switching their affiliation in order to vote in the Republican primary. The number of active voters within our party more than doubled during the 2012 calendar year. Seeing that kind of growth, one can be more confident than ever that it is possible to achieve and maintain an average rate of growth that would allow us to double every two years and become the largest and most successful party in Colorado by 2026, if not sooner.

Over the past four-year cycle, we had a smooth pattern of 6% net growth in odd years, 26% net growth in the gubernatorial election year of 2010, and over 16% net growth in the presidential election of 2012. This averages out to 22% net growth per year, which has us doubling about every four years. At this rate, we would expect to have 50,000 Libertarians in Colorado at the end of 2016. This growth is happening pretty much on its own. But as good as it is, we don’t have to resign ourselves to the vagaries of fate. If we develop our activism to the point where we can consistently boost the growth rate by another 20 points per year, that would put us on track to double every two years and become the largest and most successful party in Colorado by 2026.

CAMPAIGNS
Last year, we ran more than 70 candidates in the State of Colorado, more than we ever have in an election cycle. We are having an impact, giving millions of voters an alternative to the duopoly and earning hundreds of thousands of votes. We owe a heartfelt thank-you to Joe Johnson for leading the candidate recruiting effort (and to Elizabeth for letting him), and to Travis Nichols, Nick Sanwarck, Mike Spalding, Frank Atwood, and Jaime Brown for investing significant time and/or treasure in this historical effort. A very special thank-you goes to Norm Johnson, who stepped in to assist with all of the paperwork.

In his bid for President, Gov. Gary Johnson amassed 1.27 million votes nationwide, the first Libertarian to break the one million vote threshold in a presidential race. Thanks to the dozens of people who worked on the campaign, and especially to Travis Nichols, Steve Gallant, Frank Atwood, Amy Lunde-Provins, Dan Ong, Kyle Davis, Greg Stone, and Greg and Eva Kosinski for their extra efforts throughout the campaign and ongoing support of the Our America Initiative. Here in Colorado, Gov. Johnson got 35,545 votes (1.38%), significantly more than all other minor party candidates combined.

Our number-one vote earner was Dan Ong with 122,651 votes for CU Regent At-Large. Our top earner by percentage was Tim Menger, who got almost 41% (13,951 votes) in HD 54 against a vulnerable Republican. We are very grateful for all of the time and effort Tim and his wife Debra put into campaigning and debating. Tim did an exceptional job at the Club 20 Debates and at dozens of appearances throughout his district. Very special thanks goes to Frank Atwood, Steve and Kelly Saint, Kyle and Jenna Davis, Mykl Kryka, Chris Gant, Blake Huber, Virgil Fenn. and Griffin Davis for all of the time, money, and support of our electioneering efforts in HD 54. Congratulations to Natalie Menten for winning in RTD District M. It is noteworthy that in each of the five two-way races involving a Libertarian, our share of the vote was always over 24% with no money spent. Consider what would happen if our candidates started raising and spending real money.

Getting Your Message Out in the Media
LSLA Presenter – 9am Sunday – Teton
The media is a powerful thing. Are you using it as a tool? Or are you letting it define the issue of the day without your input? This panel aims to equip you with the tools to get your message out in the media.

Volunteer Engagement
LSLA Presenter – 9am Sunday – Sierras
People are flocking to the Libertarian Party, trying to find their place and something to do to advance the cause of liberty. They need more than meetings. They need to be engaged and active within the Party.

Applying Principles to Politics
Richard Bratten – 9am Sunday – Mt. Evans
Richard Bratten will bring his experience in legislative analysis and the political process at the Colorado state capitol to give participants practical tips on how to help influence policy in Colorado in a way that favors liberty.

Richard’s “Principles of Liberty” (POL) reads every piece of legislation during Colorado’s legislative session and makes a determination as to whether any of the 9 defined principles apply, and if so, whether the proposed legislation supports or opposes those principles.

In today’s presentation, Richard will review the 9 principles that POL uses in analyzing state legislation and then show examples of how some bills were analyzed by POL in this year’s legislative session. Next he will describe different tactics that individuals can employ to use this type of analysis when fighting for or against legislation. Finally, Richard will pull it all together with some thoughts on how citizens can use the POL legislative summary scorecards to see which legislators favor liberty, and which favor statism. Find more information at: www.principlesofliberty.org.

Identifying Voters and GOTV
LSLA Presenter – 10am Sunday – Teton
Who are you campaigning to? Do you know? What successes will you have if you’re already “preaching to the choir”? Who is likely to vote Libertarian that isn’t already one of our supporters?

A Libertarian Dozen: 14 Great Ways to Discover and Create More Libertarians
Sharon Harris – 10am Sunday – Sierras
Learn about the “curse of knowledge,” the first “rule” of libertarian communication, what words you should NOT say, what radio station everyone’s listening to, and much more. The very best tools, techniques and tips you can put to use immediately in your libertarian outreach!

Leadership training of “Who’s Driving?”:
Putting Libertarians in the Driver’s Seat
Carla Howell – 11am Sunday – Teton
LP Executive Director Carla Howell will train Libertarian leaders to play game show host of Who’s Driving - so you can lead sessions of the game in your home state and with local affiliates. You’ll hear the important principles that you need to present to participants and how to coach them in playing the game effectively.

These principles lay the foundation for effective Libertarian campaign communications that turn candidates into powerful change agents for liberty.

Freedom in America Starts With Freeing Your Children
Larry Welshon – 11am Sunday – Sierras
How can Libertarians support freedom for children in education? Find out about Alpine Valley School, where children ages 5 to 19 engage in self-powered education and are afforded independence from coercion. A group of students, alumni, and parents will answer any questions you may have about the Sudbury model of education.
Who’s Driving?
Carla Howell — 1:30pm Saturday — Sierras
Who do you want driving political agendas in America: Advocates for Big Government? Or Advocates for Liberty?
The game Who’s Driving? teaches Libertarian candidates, spokespersons, and advocates how to put liberty in the driver’s seat. Playing Who’s Driving? develops your ability to turn Big Government on its head and forge a powerful, persuasive conversation for liberty in America — while having fun.

The Approval Voting Tradeoff — More Visibility & Fewer Spoilers
Frank Atwood — 1:30pm Saturday — Mt. Evans
The Approval Voting method lets the voter vote for as many candidates as he wants to in a race. The benefit for minor parties is viability and visibility. Approval Voting negates the wasted vote argument. The voter can vote for both a minor party and a major party. For the major parties the benefit is fewer spoilers and less sabotage (for all the wannabe Ralph Naders, Approval Voting may frustrate your ambition of being a spoiler.)

Back to Basics
LSLA Presenter — 3pm Saturday — Tetons
It is the 21st century, but there are many aspects of outreach and campaigning that haven’t changed. Here’s how we can better utilize the tried and true, in conjunction with the latest and greatest.

Campaign Finance
Mike Spoelding — 3pm Saturday — Sierras
Save the world and stay out of jail! Did you know that if you and a friend copy some fliers at Kinloch’s you could be subject to the campaign finance laws? Come learn how campaign finance laws work in Colorado. After this seminar you’ll know how to set up an account, how to use the TRACER system to record contributions and expenditures and how to file the required reports. Learn how to avoid getting fined and how to get a waiver if you are fined. Attend this seminar so you can do good and follow the law.

CRM — Why? & How to Pay for It
LSLA Presenter — 4pm Saturday — Tetons
Keeping in touch. We wrote that we would in each others’ yearbooks in high school, but we REALLY need to be doing it today with our members, supporters, and donors. Keeping track of each one of them is almost as important as the message itself.

How Ballot Access Works in Colorado
Norm Olsen — 4pm Saturday — Sierras
We will review federal and Colorado law, as well as LPCO rules and procedures, as it pertains to getting on the ballot and satisfying all the paperwork requirements of being a candidate. What must be filed, when it has to be filed, how and with whom it is filed, and when signatures are required will be covered. While the Party will deal with much of this for its candidates, it is helpful for candidates to understand the process and know exactly what their responsibilities are and/or will be.

The Impossibility Trap and How to Overcome It
Michael Cloud — Banquet — Colorado Room
Externally, the Impossibility Trap blocks NON-libertarians from supporting or voting for Libertarian Party candidates. Internally, the Impossibility Trap keeps LP leaders and candidates thinking and acting timid and tiny and weak. What is the Impossibility Trap? How does it hurt us and hold us back? What can each of us do to neutralize and overcome it? And what will happen when we do?

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BOARD REPORT & STATE CHAIR’S ADDRESS
TREASURY
Please refer to the Treasurer’s Report for the numbers. The bottom line is that we can only make as much progress as our members allow us to. This is an off-year, when we don’t have the benefit of the sugar high of a presidential or even a gubernatorial campaign. However, it is vital that we develop a marathon-runner’s mentality and resolve to keep powering ourselves forward so that we can begin the 2014 campaign with momentum. That means laying the groundwork now.

We need to have an office. We had a great deal on a suite in Centennial for four years, but the terms of our lease were that once the market demand for occupancy in the building returned, we either had to start paying the market rate or give up the space. Perhaps we should have bitten the bullet at the time and just started paying the market rate. Instead we moved out. As the economy slowly continues to improve, it means that very likely, rates are going to climb everywhere. If we want our next office to be more centrally located, it means we will very likely have to pay more. If we want our next office to have the same kind of layout that the last one did (ie having a large meeting room), it means we will very likely have to find one with more square footage, which of course means we will pay even more.

We need to communicate with our members using every means available. Even amidst the social media frenzy, using the postal service is still the only way to guarantee that we can reach every registered Libertarian in the state. We should be sending a mailing every year in the lead-up to the convention, and ideally also leading up to both the primary and general elections on even-numbered years. We have secured nonprofit status by virtue of the USPS regulations that include state committees of political parties, but it still means we are facing costs in the thousands of dollars for each mailing. Robo calls are certainly cheaper, but we do not have a phone number for each Libertarian, and even so, they still cost hundreds of dollars for each call, and 90% of the time the call does not actually reach a person. Radio ads are also inexpensive, depending on the market, but again require the expenditure of hundreds of dollars in order to be effective.

Yes, the economy is still weak. Money is still tight. But the enemies of liberty never rest, so neither must we. Ideally, we would like to be able to count on each of you to donate 1% of your treasure to the cause of freedom. If you can afford to be a “one percent” in this respect, please include the LPCO in your budget. If it can be more, then we hope you will consider giving more. If it must be less, then we certainly understand, but please make it something other than zero.

LOOKING AHEAD
Our party was founded on principled ideals. It is based on a rational, consistent philosophy. Meanwhile, there are a lot of “nuts and bolts”, pragmatic issues in the day-to-day operations of politics and governance. Our challenge is to expand our attention outward from the ideals to encompass the pragmatic. We must learn how things work in order to have a hope of changing them. Earlier this year, we entered into a contract with a company called Big-L Solutions in an effort to develop our pragmatic capabilities in the political realm. The intent is for Big-L to help us overcome our inertia in terms of communicating with our members and raising money. Along with a team of people making calls, Big-L is providing a platform that includes “constituent relationship management” (CRM) software integrated with a “content management system” (CMS) website.

However the task of working out our implementation plan still lies with us. Two years ago, we started having quarterly strategy sessions in order to establish long-range goals and chart a course to get us there. We still have a ways to go in terms of understanding what exactly the goals should be and what they will entail. We have yet to install ourselves with a complete understanding and appreciation of what it takes to effectively engage in the recurring cycles of campaigns, elections, and legislation. It is said that people get the government they deserve. It is easy to sit back and let the government “take care” of everything. It is easy to complain, but do nothing. Central to the principles of libertarianism is the notion of taking personal responsibility for oneself. Responsibility is essential to liberty. No matter what our circumstances, it is up to us to chart a course toward our goals and desires. As a society, we cannot keep doing the same thing and expect a different result. Likewise as individuals, we cannot live our lives ignoring what needs to be done or hoping that it will be done for us. If we want liberty, we all must take inventory of the specific things in each of our lives that must be done in order to win it back.
Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Orrick
Norm Olsen
Nick Sarwark
Matt Hess
Mike Spoelding
David Jurist
Generous donations throughout the year and at last year’s convention funded booths at fairs, candidate support, Gary Johnson activities, outreach and advertising, and general operations. We reduced our operations costs dramatically by exchanging headquarters for a PO box and a storage unit. This freed up funds for our most successful campaign season ever, with 60 candidates and a 1/3 increase in Libertarian voter registrations. Also our support of Amendment 64 helped to garner more votes than for any of the presidential candidates. With over $3,000 in the bank we are ready for another season of outreach and advocacy.

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**Keynote Speech: Does What You’re Doing Matter?**  
Penn R. Pfiffner – 9am Saturday – Amphitheater

**Winning Partisan Elections as a Libertarian**  
Dan Cochran – 10am Saturday – Sierras

People, especially those under 35 years of age, are ready for a political alternative. They have become disenchanted with the same old thing from the Democrat and Republican parties while it is harder to just get by. The Libertarian Party offers the only potentially viable, reasonable alternative.

As people gain an understanding of the concepts of liberty, they will gradually move to the Libertarian Party. We can expect significant growth over the next few years provided we respond appropriately with a clear message that addresses the public concerns. In addition, we must show that we are a viable alternative worthy of support. This session will provide a plan that attempts to set a foundation for the Libertarian Party of Colorado to be a major player in the Colorado political arena. Ample time will be provided for open discussion.

**Your Rights and the Law**  
David K Williams, Jr. & Stacie Woods – 10am Saturday – Mt. Evans

The days of Mayberry are long over. In our current state of ever-decreasing respect for the Constitution, it is imperative that you understand and know how to exercise your rights in situations involving law enforcement. Attorneys Dave Williams and Stacie Woods will discuss such topics as what you need to know at a sobriety checkpoint, when you’ve been pulled over for an alleged traffic violation, or when the feds knock on your door looking for a suspect. Know how to handle these types of situations before they occur, and maintain the integrity of your Constitutional rights.

**The Impossibility Trap: the Biggest Barrier to Libertarian Party Progress and Success -- and how to overcome it**  
Michael Cloud – 11am Saturday – Sierras

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**Public Policy and Amendment 64 – Colorado’s Approach to Ending Cannabis Prohibition**  
Mark Slough – 11am Saturday – Mt. Evans

Mark Slough, CEO of Comply, a cannabis regulatory affairs company, discusses the latest developments in implementing the will of Colorado voters on Amendment 64. From local governments to business opportunities and international reform, learn firsthand what it takes to regulate marijuana like alcohol.

**Pushing for Legislative Success**  
LSLA Presenter – 1:30pm Saturday – Tetons

With no elected Libertarians serving in state legislatures, it seems like a tall task to get a "win" in your state. This panel discusses how we can affect change from the outside.