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2015 LPCO State Convention

Liberty Beckons...

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2. Tetons Room
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--- Registration Desk Opens ---
The Libertarian Party of Colorado is able to continue operation thanks to the generous donors who support us. Your annual donations, monthly 1776 donations, and, of course, any other contributions, are very much appreciated, and they are critical to growing and maintaining the Party.

To all of our great presenters — both local and those who’ve traveled: we are thrilled and humbled that you are sharing your knowledge with us. Thank you, and we’d love to have you be our guest again in the future!

We’d like to thank the Libertarian Party of Arapahoe County for sponsoring our Friday night event, the Liberty Luau, and much appreciation also goes to Halau Kalama for the wonderful Polynesian dance performances. Please feel free to visit their website shown on the back of this program. Gratitude to Robin Hood of Rooster Entertainment for providing sound for the Liberty Luau. Please see Rooster Entertainment’s ad on the previous page.

Last, but certainly not least, LPCO would like to heartily thank the volunteers of “Liberty Beckons...,” who are helping run the Convention as smoothly as possible.
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(1) 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 reports 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(1) The Committee on Standing Rules shall report on the rules of the convention, which shall be adopted by two-thirds vote.
   c(1) 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 Sergeant-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 (.htm, .html, or .xhtml), Joint Photographic Experts Group (.jpg, .jpeg or .jpeg), Microsoft Excel 1997 or later (.xls or .xlsx), Microsoft PowerPoint 1997 or later (.ppt or .pptx), Microsoft Word 1997 or later (.doc or .docx), Open Office 2.0 or later (.ods and .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 and 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(1) 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.
   b(1) Each Delegate who offers a resolution shall be given an opportunity to explain it to the Resolutions Committee if he
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BIOGRAPHIES OF PRESENTERS

Joy North has been shooting firearms since he was 6 years old. In 2012 he became an NRA Firearms Instructor using Pistols, Rifles, Shotguns, and Muzzle loading. His day job is working as a developer for a printing company, but his passion and hobby include all things firearms. Jay joined the Libertarian Party in 2013 and has been an active member of the party ever since. He and his family recently moved to Elbert County to start the process of becoming self-sufficient.

C. Michael Pickens is the author of the book, Libertarian Leadership: Planning the Seed for a Libertarian Future and is currently in the process of editing another book entitled Libertarian Lion (the subject matter of which is the basis of his presentation at noon on the Saturday of this Convention). Mr. Pickens is also the Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Washington State and an entrepreneur of companies spanning a few different industries.

Larry Sharpe is the Managing Director of the Neo-Sage® Group, Inc. He is a corporate trainer, executive coach and management consultant. Larry has been an interim senior executive for companies in times of crisis; filling a senior post and helping them find a replacement. In addition, he is a professional speaker and has spoken at dozens of venues to a wide range of audiences throughout the US, Europe and Asia.

Mr. Sharpe has been a Guest Instructor at Columbia’s Graduate School of Business and Yale University School of Management, and an Instructor for Baruch College’s Continuing & Professional Studies department and John Jay College’s Veteran Career Transition Program. He is also a founding member and Strategy Director of the New York City Bastiat Society, the Eastern Region Deputy Director of the Our America Initiative, and host of the Ivory Tower Radio Program (www.IvoryTowerRadio.com).

Nicholas Sarwark, Chair of the Libertarian National Committee, is an unabashed, second generation Libertarian with a strong commitment to fighting on the party’s behalf against unfair ballot access obstacles and exclusion of qualified candidates from public debates.

Sarwark has been an active member of the Libertarian Party since 1999 and has served on the Judicial and Bylaws committees of the national party. He also served as chair of the Libertarian Party of Maryland and as vice chair of the Libertarian Party of Colorado where he played a key role in recruiting the state’s 42 Libertarian candidates in 2014 and supported the passage of Colorado’s historic marijuana legalization initiative in 2012.

Professionally, Nicholas Sarwark has been a criminal defense attorney and has worked over ten years in the private sector. He served as a deputy public defender in Colorado, trying more than 30 cases before a jury and arguing in front of the Colorado Supreme Court. He also has more than a decade of experience in computer consulting and sales. In 2014 he moved to Arizona with his wife and two children to join the operations of a family business, the oldest independent auto dealership in Phoenix, founded in 1942.

Throughout his career, he developed a commitment to high-quality service which he now applies to raising the national Libertarian Party’s standards for support of state affiliates, members and candidates.

Anita Stapleton, a Pueblo resident and hospice nurse, is mother to three children, ages 22, 20, and 17, and has been married to husband, Michael, for twenty four years. A grassroots activist, she fights to preserve our freedoms and liberties in a FREE society. Michael and Anita established Stop Common Core Colorado two years ago when they discovered that our education system had been kidnapped by the Federal government.

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STANDING RULES

so requests.
(c) The Resolutions Committee shall prepare suitable resolutions to carry into effect recommendations referred to it, and shall submit to the convention, with the Committee’s own recommendation as to appropriate action, these and all other resolutions referred to the Committee, except questions which the Committee by a vote of two thirds of its members may decide not to report.
(d) The convention by a majority vote may suspend this Rule 4 and may immediately consider a question, or may order the Resolutions Committee to report a question at a certain time, even if the Committee has voted not to report it.
5. Notices for announcement to the convention shall be in an acceptable electronic format or legibly printed and signed by the person (or a proper representative of the persons) under whose authority the announcement is issued, and shall be sent to the desk of the Recording Secretary.

IV. Conduct of Debate
1. The Convention Chair shall regulate the proceedings at all times so as not to outpace the Recording Secretary or Projector.
2. No Delegate shall speak except upon recognition by the Convention Chair when standing at the floor microphone.
3. No Delegate shall speak in debate more than once on the same question on the same day, or longer than two minutes, without permission of the convention granted by a simple majority vote without debate.
4. A Delegate shall not substantially repeat what another Delegate has already said on the same motion. The Convention Chair shall warn a Delegate once, and shall revoke any remaining time upon the second offense.

V. Nominations and Balloting
1. The Campaigns Director shall include in his report the list of public offices for which there are multiple contenders and the list of public offices for which there are single contenders. The Convention Chair shall conduct the nominations in the order they appear in the Campaigns Director’s report, followed by open nominations for other public offices.
2. For each public office for which there are multiple contenders, the total rotation of candidate and nominating speeches for an individual contender shall be no longer than two minutes. A separate ballot for each office shall be projected and circulated to the delegates, and the results of the balloting shall be announced before the next office is considered.
3. For each public office for which there is a single contender, the Convention Chair shall read and cause to be projected the contender’s name, after which the Convention Chair shall call for any additional nominations for those offices.
4. Additional nominations shall be added to the projected ballot and written in by the Delegates on the ballots they receive, and two minutes shall be allotted for speeches for each contender for only those offices that have become multiply contested. Single contenders are encouraged to sign up for time during the scheduled speaking periods. Voting shall proceed as prescribed above.

VI. Parliamentary Authority
1. The rules contained within Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised 10th Edition shall govern the Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the LPCO, these Convention Rules, and any special rules of order the Convention may adopt.
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BUSINESS AGENDA

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

2:30 PM Call to Order & Organization
Credentials Committee Report
Declaration of Quorum
Committee on Standing Rules Report
Program Committee Report (Agenda)
Approval of 2014 Convention Minutes

2:45 PM Board Reports

State Chair — Jeffrey Drew
Regional Director — Amy Lunde-Povine
Outreach Director — Position Vacant
Communications Director — James Joannonne
Legislative Director — Michael Stapleton
Fundraising Director — Clint Jones

Vice Chair — Position Vacant
Campaign Director — Position Vacant
Membership Director — Liz Wiltama
Records Director — Michael Spalding
Treasurer — Donna Price

3:45 PM Constitution and Bylaws

4:45 PM Resolutions

5:30 PM Adjourn to Sunday, April 26th

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH

10:00 AM Call to Order

2:15 PM Elections of Officers

State Chair — Two years
Regional Director — Two years
Outreach Director — One year
Communications Director — Two years
Legislative Director — One year

Vice Chair — Two years
Campaign Director — Two years
Membership Director — Two years
Treasurer — One year

3:30 PM LPCO Board Meeting

5:00 PM Adjournment

Social Media Chair
Caryn Harlos

Web: LPColorado.org
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The Libertarian Party of Colorado would like to thank all of our wonderful presenters for their willingness to share their expertise, collectively spanning a variety of topics for our guests to enjoy!

Laura Altobelli became a strict anti-prohibitionist after seeing William F. Buckley speak in 1987, but what a long, strange road it has been! She worked in a gang task force and in the criminal justice world for ten years, with firsthand knowledge of the drug war and how it has become a factor that fuels public policy and is part of the intrinsic nature of most police departments. She saw firsthand how the drug war is indeed the New Jen Crow, and has limited the advances of the Civil Rights Movement in this country.

Today, Laura serves as a board member and legislative speaker for a cannabis council, is a criminal justice attorney at Westwood College, and is a background investigator for various police and fire departments.

Sarah Arnold, a Colorado native, is owner of Dotero Resources and Marketing, a Colorado-based consulting firm focusing on campaign strategy, budget, fundraising, opposition research, communications, and crisis management. Sarah has 17 years of political experience in Colorado, and has a particular passion for Colorado Legislative races. Sarah is married to Matt Arnold and is mom to Erik, 2, and another one due in July, and they all live in Denver, Colorado.

Justin Borowski is the founder of Colorado Pit Bull Advocates, located in Greeley, Colorado. His organization speaks out against Breed Specific Legislation in the state of Colorado. A Libertarian for six years, a pit bull advocate for four, he strives to inform people of the dangers and losses of freedom asso-justin is also an avid snowboarder, and an activist for liberty.

Matt Arnold, a Colorado native, is founder and director of Campaign Integrity Watchdog, an organization dedicated to pursuing integrity, transparency, and accountability in campaigns, both by providing campaign finance management services to campaign organizations and by doggedly pursuing campaign finance violations and holding violators accountable to the law. Matt has successfully brought, fought, and won more campaign finance complaints in Colorado’s courts than anyone in state history, although he is not (thankfully) a lawyer – just a savvy Citizen.

Mr. Arnold is also a Major in the Army Reserve, founder/director of Clear The Bench Colorado – the state’s premier judicial accountability organization, and is married to the savviest political analyst in the state, Sarah Marie Arnold. Matt and Sarah are proud parents of one child, Erik (2), expecting another in July, and one dog, Nola, who’s guarding the house in Denver. ;)

Richard Bratten 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 and can be summed up as: Free People, Free Markets, Good Government.

Mr. Bratten is also the Executive Director of 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 28 years, lives in Highlands Ranch, and has two children - Chelsea, a senior at Hilldale College, and Cody, a freshman studying engineering at MIT.
SUNDAY, March 30th - Business Meeting - Called to Order at 9:25a
Shelvar questioned the mechanics of the quorum count.
Business continued with nominations.

CD 7: Tyler Bagley (yes)
HD 45: Eric Price (yes)
HD 11: William Gibson (yes)

Returned to orders of business: National Delegate Selection

Orrok announced that we’ve been allocated 28 delegates. He pointed out that more national memberships earn us more delegates. He called for volunteers for the June 26a convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Frank Atwood
Jeff Orrok
Norm Olsen
James Jeansonne
Travis Nicks
Amy Lunde-Provines
Nick Sarwark
Steve Paquette
Paul Langford
David Hein
Geoff Hierholz
Michele Pougas
Matt Hess
David K Williams, Jr.
Justin Borowski
Brock McCoy

Norm Olsen made a motion to delegate authority to appoint delegates to the board. This was seconded by Bill Robinson. Olsen described the process to become a national officer. The motion was adopted without objection.

Sarwark moved that we vote for the delegates as a slate. The motion was seconded and adopted without objection. The delegates were approved unanimously.

Bill Robinson moved that the board report displayed in the convention program be approved as printed. This was seconded and adopted unanimously.

Compliments of:
Norm Olsen
Regional Representative,
Libertarian National Committee

Orrok shared the good news of the amazing growth of the Libertarian Party of Colorado. The number of registered Libertarians has been doubling every 4 years. Currently we are growing at 11%, faster than any other party. He encouraged everyone to participate in growing the party. He mentioned that Evan McMahon is part of a national group that is working with 5 counties in Colorado to grow even faster.

Orrok acknowledged everyone who helped on the recall election and especially Jan Brooks for her run for that office.

the shooting sport. Participants may, optionally, purchase the NRA Home Firearm Safety handbook, NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure, and Basic Firearm Training Program brochure for $15. Upon the completion of the course, participants will receive a course completion certificate.

How Libertarians Can Get Elected to the Colorado Assembly
Jack Wadie – 10:00 AM Sunday – Ron Sierra
It’s about time some Libertarians get elected to legislative office! We’re making tremendous progress. Our greatest obstacle is neither an evil conspiracy against us, nor the duplicity of the sheeple, but our struggle to come to grips with 21st century American electoral politics.

In this presentation, we’ll have:
• an overview of the health of the electoral system in Colorado.
• a look at life and work in the Colorado Assembly.
• a view of the relationship of the candidate to the voting public.
• a checklist of must-dos if you are to have any chance of election.
• some final observations on the chances for candidates of the Libertarian Party.

There will be opportunities for questions and answers at the end of the session.

Stirring the Pot: Why Breaking the Back of Cannabis Prohibition is a Turning Point in Our Lives
Laura Abello – 10:00 AM Sunday – Ron Sierra
We say we don’t care if someone uses cannabis, but do we care if someone goes to prison for using it? Do we care if someone manufactures cannabis products or distributes cannabis? What do we think about our children using cannabis or alcohol? Where does medical use for cannabis fit in with freedom? Do we now own open market, and what do we have now? What are all these private prisons for anyway? These questions and more will be discussed in this interactive forum, where we’ll talk about how we view freedom and substance use and abuse in our society, and examine where we’ve been, where we are now, and where we want to go next.

PANEL: Local Campaigns
Panel – Local Campaigns – Ron Sierra
Join past candidates Steven Gallant, Ralph Shelvar, and Lily Williams for this informative panel discussion about local campaigns. From municipal, to county, to state house or senate, learn the ins and outs of campaigning from those who have been there.

Demonized Doodgies
Justin Borowski – 1:00 PM Sunday – Ron Sierra
This seminar, presented by the founder of Colorado Pit Bull Advocates, will address Bred Specific Legislation (BSL) and its effects on the community, the costs involved, and your personal freedom. The lawsuit contending that the City and County of Denver still maintains the right to enforce BSL will also be discussed.

Find out more about how you can help end this discriminatory legislation, whether it exists in your municipality or not. It could affect the future of the beloved pets of your friends or family.

PANEL: Statewide/Federal Campaigns
Panel – Statewide Campaigns – Ron Sierra
Join Matthew Hess, Gaylen Kent, and David K. Williams, Jr. for this informative panel discussion focusing on the nature of "top-of-the-ticket" campaigns such as those for US Senate, Congress, or statewide races.

The Battle for Sex Workers Rights: Fighting for EVERYONE'S Sexual Sovereignty
Domina Elle – Noon Sunday – Ron Sierra
Elle will be sharing information, including from her personal experiences, explaining what is happening to sex workers and their clients. They, by and large, believe a war is being waged against them in the name of religious, and in some cases feminist, ideologies – which seek to abolish prostitution under the guise of abolishing sex trafficking.

In this presentation, we will look at what this "war on porn and prostitution" is actually costing society, all the while generating revenue for both government and non-governmental organizations.
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SEMINAR DESCRIPTIONS

This talk explores the relationship Libertarianism has had with horror cinema through the ages. It is argued that many horror classics are compatible with Libertarianism, and that the trend is toward Libertarian stories in the most popular horror films of today.

Converting the Heathens: Campaigning to Groups Who Think You Are an Idiot
David K. Williams, Jr. – Noon Saturday – Room: Sierras

Libertarian candidates face less-than-friendly crowds on occasion. How should you discuss the failed drug war with ardent drug warriors? The death penalty with Old Testament, "Eye for an eye" believers?

David has dealt with these issues, and more, on the campaign trail, and will share his thoughts and strategies on how to best handle tough crowds.

Libertarian Lion
C. Michael Pickens – Noon Saturday – Room: Teton

It is not easy being a Libertarian activist. Sometimes it feels as if the whole world is against us. Our government is controlled by the authoritarian left and authoritarian right, leaving little remaining in the way of liberty. For us to win we must be able to persevere through many losses, because it is only through failure can we achieve success.

A Libertarian Lion is an activist who has learned to not just control their emotions, but to transition negativity to positivity, failure to success, and opposition to encouragement. A Libertarian Lion can forge their emotions into a weapon to advance their success at a faster rate. Join Michael Pickens at this motivating, short seminar and learn how to turn yourself into a Libertarian Lion.

Keynote
Nicholas Sammuk – 2 PM Saturday – Room: Amphitheater

Banquet Speech – Guidelines for Libertarian Enlightenment
Larry Sharples – Banquet Room – Room: Colorado Room

As Libertarians, we want to increase our numbers, move the nation and get people to realize how much they really are like us – without using force. This requires great communication.

The two biggest obstacles to great communication are psychological projection and our natural desire to be right. That means we naturally believe that others should think just like us (they don’t) and that we need to prove that we are right (we don’t).

In reality, we need to get them to hear us, doubt their strongly held left-right biases and become enlightened on their own. This requires patience and strategy. This talk discusses both with enough details to get results.

All lawyers need to take "CLE" (Continuing Legal Education) classes and so Libertarians should take CLE classes.

Breakfast with the Judge – 2 Paragraphs 4 Liberty
Judge Jim Gray – 8:00AM Sunday – Room: Sierras/Steel

All-access admission-holders are invited to have breakfast with 2012 LP Vice-Presidential Candidate Judge Jim Gray. Judge Gray will be speaking after the meal.

Concealed Carry Course
Jim North – 9:00AM Sunday – Room: Amphitheater

This non-shooting course, complimentary to our all-access admission-holders, teaches students the basic knowledge, skills, and will explain the attitude necessary for the safe handling and storage of firearms and ammunition in the home. Participants are taught NRA’s three rules for safe gun handling; primary causes of firearms accidents; firearm parts; how to unload certain action types; ammunition components; cleaning; care; safe storage of firearms in the home; and the benefits of becoming an active participant in


Eva Kosinski: "To spur greater interest in attending and participating in the State LP Convention, I propose that the board set aside 3 all access convention places to be given to students who apply. A drawing will be held a month before the convention."

This item will be moved to New Business. Five minute recess.

Business resumed.

Orrock started by explaining that we have a contingent donation of $1,500 available if all positions on the board are filled. Jeansonne offered to double this to $3,000. Orrock described each of the positions up for election. He also advocated that each board member recruit program team leaders to handle the many tasks that can be associated with each position.

Platform Committee Report – David Jurist

Jurist proposed several additions to the party platform. He described the current political and fiscal situation. Fiscal Discipline was the first item proposed. It included the current platform and several additional points including a state owned bank.

Proposition #1: Fiscal Discipline

All persons are entitled to keep the fruits of their labor. We call for the repeal of the income tax and the abolition of programs and services not required under the Constitution. We oppose legal requirements forcing employers to serve as tax collectors. We discourage governments’ incurring debt, which burdens future generations without their consent. We support balanced public budgets, balanced by cutting expenditures rather than by raising taxes.

We favor free-market local banking, with unrestricted competition among banks and depository institutions of all types. Individuals engaged in voluntary exchange should be free to use as money any mutually agreeable commodity or item. We support a halt to inflationary monetary policies and unconstitutional legal tender laws. We advocate freedom from the reserve systems of offshore central banks.

We advocate the undertaking of monetary reform by the state’s institution of its own currency and credit, supported by tangible wealth existing within the boundaries of the state in the form of its mineral wealth, land, water, productive manufactures, and natural resources. We advocate the formation of a state-owned bank which extends grants to deserving, credit-worthy individuals and entities without usurious interest rates for repayment.

Mike Spalding moved, and Lance Haverkamp seconded, to move the Fiscal Discipline plank to committee. After a presentation by Orrock, it passed 18 to 6.

Jurist introduced proposition number 2, a requirement that we take the lead in rewriting Colorado’s water laws. Several members spoke against it.
Proposition #2: Water
We advocate undertaking the leadership of long-term evaluation and preparations for how to couch party principles and advocacy with regard to the measurement, collection, diversion, conveyance and conservation of water resources and water rights in the state of Colorado that will prepare us to serve the next three generations of state citizens, as the world population during the next twenty-five years is expected to rise to nine billion people.

Thomas Haupt moved, and Steve Gallant seconded, to refer this plank to committee. With no objection, it was referred to committee.

Proposition #3: Environmental Respect
We support a clean and healthy environment and sensible use of our natural resources. Private landowners and conservation groups have a vested interest in maintaining natural resources. Pollution and misuse of resources cause damage to our ecosystem. Protecting the environment requires a clear definition and enforcement of individual rights in resources like land, water, air, and wildlife. Free markets and property rights stimulate the technological innovations and behavioral changes required to protect our environment and ecosystems. We realize that our planet’s climate is constantly changing, but environmental advocates and social pressure are the most effective means of changing public behavior.

While energy is needed to fuel a modern society, government should not be subsidizing any particular form of energy. We oppose all government control of energy pricing, allocation, and production. We advocate independence from manipulation of physical-energy markets by hostile foreign sovereigns. We encourage the development of renewable energy resources of every type that can localize energy production rather than centralizing it with foreign sovereigns or offshore multi-national entities.

Number 3: motion to refer to committee by Matt Hess, seconded by Susan Quilleash-Nelson; no objections.

Ralph Shaevar moved to table the discussion of platform to later in the day; seconded by James Jeasoane; no objections.

Continued candidate discussion, changed Eric Price from HD 43 to SD 30.

Libertarian Party of Colorado Board of Directors Election:
Jon Adams nominated for Campaigns Director; he was elected with no objection.
Paul Langford nominated to Membership Director; he was elected with no objection.
Jacob Erbes nominated as Outreach Director; he was elected with no objection.
Doug Lunde nominated as Communications Director; 13 votes
James Jeasoane nominated himself as Communications Director; 20 votes; Elected.
Mike Spalding nominated as Records Director; he was elected with no objection.
David Jurist nominated as Legislative Director; he was elected with no objection.
Dona Price nominated as Treasurer; she was elected with no objection.
Clint Jones nominated as Fundraising Director; he was elected with no objection.

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Don't have an All-access or Seminars Admission? Admission to the Seminars may still be purchased as an à la carte item at the Registration Desk.

The "F" Word: A Conversation on Fundraising
Sarah Arnold – 9AM Saturday – Ran: Sierras

In many lower-level races, particularly when you are not the dominant party in the district, the "fundraising" word becomes as dirty as French. This session will cover common hang-ups to fundraising and strategies to make it more successful, especially as a Libertarian candidate.

Note: To put the techniques learned in this seminar into practice, please consider attending the companion seminar "The Rubber Hits the Road: Practical Fundraising," at 11am today.

Common Core Crisis
Anita Stapleton – 9AM Saturday – Ran: Tonos

This presentation on Common Core explains how it came to be in Colorado, who the key players are, the financial impact to Colorado tax payers, and how it affects public school, home school, and private school. Anita will explain how they have tied The Standards, Assessment testing, Data Collection and Teachers evaluation together to trap the states with federal dollars. She will be going over activities in education both federally and locally as to where we stand, what we are doing, and how to get people involved to push back against Common Core and its overreach into education.

Colorado's Campaign Finance Rules: What You Don't Know Can Bite You
Matt Arnold – 11AM Saturday – Ran: Sierras

Colorado's campaign finance rules are complex, convoluted, and can be a trap for the unwary. Campaign Integrity Watchdog's Matt Arnold will show prospective candidates and campaigners (including issues advocacy groups) the basics of navigating TRACER – the online campaign finance reporting system – and some of the do's and don'ts of campaign finance compliance to keep your campaign clean and free of (costly) complaints (while spotting the mistakes of the "other side").

Principles of Liberty
Richard Bratten – 10AM Saturday – Ran: Tonos
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 scores to see which legislators favor liberty, and which favor statism.

The Rubber Hits the Road: Practical Fundraising
Sarah Arnold – 11AM Saturday – Ran: Sierras
After learning techniques to fundraise, come to this session to practice those techniques in front of a panel of funders. Get practical, hands-on experience and real-time feedback to improve your fundraising prowess.

Liberty and the Macabre: Do Libertarian Horror Films Exist?
Alain Hagen – 11AM Saturday – Ran: Tonos
Horror as a genre is as old as story-telling itself, and many horror stories have an often unexamined political side. At its beginning, horror was generally a conservative film genre. It became a liberal genre in the second half of the century, and continues to evolve politically even today. Yet threads of Libertarianism have existed in horror going all the way back to the Enlightenment.
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must have to travel the I-70 mountain corridor, to repeal civil asset forfeiture, to repeal common core and PARCC assessment testing, dealing with the subject of Native American school mascots, and for law enforcement reform. There have been several bills presented to repeal the 2011 anti gun legislation. Most have made it out of the Republican-controlled Senate with bipartisan support from a few Democrats, but end up being killed in the Democrat-controlled House Committees. Those bills that are presented initially the House to repeal anti gun legislation are killed in committee.

This legislative cycle has been a learning experience for Mr. Stapleton, and going forward as Legislative Director for the Libertarian Party of Colorado. He plans to continue to be proactive in his efforts, encourage engagement by fellow Libertarians in the legislative process, inform Libertarians and the community on the actions of our elected representatives, build relationships with the elected, citizens lobby groups, and gather intel from the legislative cycle that can be used to our benefit in the election cycle. Michael looks forward to continuing to serve the Libertarian Party of Colorado, fellow Libertarians, and those who share our philosophy of Individual Liberty, Limited Government, and Free Markets.

RECORDS

Our Records Director, Mike Spalding, created and corrected the minutes for the Libertarian Party of Colorado Board Meetings, and set up an off-site archive to protect these records. Mr. Spalding also was able to compile the minutes from the 2014-convention, taken by three different recorders at different points during the business meeting. During the summer of 2014, Mike, having formerly served as LPCO Treasurer for years prior, trained and transitioned Donna Price, the Treasurer elected at the last Convention, into that very important position. Mr. Spalding participated in several of the outreach events over the last year, and served as Treasurer for one of our statewide candidates. In addition to Board duties, he spent autumn of last year working to (successfully) stop the West Metro tax increase and to shepherd the Retail Elecified Officials amendment.

TREASURY

After a rough patch following the 2015 Convention, we appear to be moving in a great direction this year! LPCO switched merchant service providers, and in the process, we're seeing a very significant amount from the reduction in fees. Donna Price, with the help of her husband, Eric, has been making sure The Libertarian Party of Colorado has been keeping on top of finances and filing reports, on time, with the Secretary of State. Thanks to our wonderful donors and the efforts of our Fundraising Director, we've been able to continue our efforts with outreach, reaching new members, and maintaining our office space. Please consider joining the 1776 Club to help us reach more current and prospective members, and keep a roof over our heads, so to speak.

FUNDRAISING

Clint Jones, LPCO's Fundraising Director, has been very busy since being elected at the 2014 Convention. He called 641 and emailed 100 Libertarians who have contributed to the National LP in the last year, asking for financial support for the LPCO. From these calls and emails, over $1,900 was contributed toward outreach to newly registered Libertarians. Clint also called 37 current, and past, 1776 Club members who contribute monthly toward sustaining the LPCO. Of these 37, twenty-two gave a total of $552 in sustaining monthly contributions. A volunteer staffed, stapled, and addressed 300 letters to Libertarians registered in 2014, with a welcome letter, bumper sticker, and a door hanger. Mr. Jones called these new Libertarians to ask if they would place 100 door hangers in their neighborhood. Of the 66 who were reached, fourteen said, "YES." With LPCO Board approval, he designed and purchased 10,000 door hangers for $968; called volunteers, from Board members to newly registered Ls, who placed almost 2,000 door hangers and raised $6,060 toward the next batch of door hangers; and purchased 800 bumper stickers and 2,000 brochures (a total of $310) from the LP Store for use at outreach booths and for outreach to this year's newly registered Libertarians. Mr. Jones also formed a plan with the Treasurer and Records Director to keep monthly contributions flowing by following up quickly with 1776 Club members whose credit cards expire or are declined. Your ideas, with your volunteering work supporting those ideas, are welcomed. Joining the 1776 Club, or making a one-time contribution, is also greatly appreciated.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jeff Orrok
Amy Landes-Drozines
Lily Tang Williams
James Jeannonne
Mike Spalding
Donna Price
Linda J. Jones
Michael Stapleton

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Returning to platform discussion:

Proposition #4: Economic Development

We support repeal of all laws which impede the ability of any person of any age or persuasion to find employment. We oppose government-forced forced retirement. We support the right of free persons to associate or not associate in labor unions. We oppose government interference in bargaining, such as compulsory arbitration or imposing an obligation to bargain.

Libertarians want all members of society to have abundant opportunities to achieve economic success. A free and competitive market allocates resources in the most efficient manner. Each person has the right to offer goods and services to others on the free market. The only proper role of government in the economic realm is to protect property rights, adjudicate disputes, and provide a legal framework in which voluntary trade is protected. All efforts by government to redistribute wealth, or to control or manage trade, are improper in a free society.

We support the removal of impediments to free trade imposed by governments and by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that lie outside the purview of the democratic electorate. We advocate the audit of and challenges to non-governmental, administrative entities that usurp lawful authority of democratically elected officials, such as implement treaties without oversight by the people of the United States; namely, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), and The World Trade Organization (WTO). Political freedom and escape from tyranny demand that individuals not be unreasonably constrained by government in the crossing of political boundaries. Economic freedom allows movement of human and financial capital across national borders. However, we support limitations to the entry into the United States of foreign nationals who pose credible threats to security, health or property of American citizens.

We aspire to enjoy the blessings of prosperity for ourselves and our descendants. However, we encourage entrepreneurs in the private sector to drive job-formation in a dynamic economy by introducing new technology to growth markets supported by favorable capital financing, as opposed to expecting governments to undertake economic development with tax-supported incentives to private industry.

Ralph Shelnava moved to strike "supported by favorable cap. Financing", seconded by Floyd Bilderback; removed by a vote of 20 to 4.

Motion to refer proposition number 4 to committee by Jon Adams, seconded by Judy Darcy, passed 22 to 3.

Proposition #5: Mental Health

We encourage and promote the preservation peace, health, and safety. We favor the personal responsibility of individuals, their families and local communities for encouraging one another to grow long-term in physical, mental and emotional health that respects oneself and others. We oppose the stigmatization of the diagnosis of the mental competence of individuals by governments post facto, especially as regards the declaration of juveniles being "incompetent to proceed" within the criminal justice system.
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Motions were made, and seconded, to insert "of" before "peace, health...", and to insert "Ex" before "post facto"; both adopted unanimously.

Motion to refer number 5 to committee by Susan Quilleash-Nelson; seconded by Lynn Weitzel. Passed.

New Business:

3 free student passes resolution; Moved by Eva Kosinski, seconded by Ralph Shoelvar.

Amendment moved by James Jeansonne, seconded by Judy Darcy, amended to 'some, by the board.'

Passes 20 to 1.

Resolution now reads: "In order to spur a greater interest in attending and participating in the state LP convention, I propose that the board set aside some number, to be decided by the board, of all-event convention passes to be given to voter registration-eligible students who apply, a drawing to be held the month before the convention."

Business meeting adjourned.