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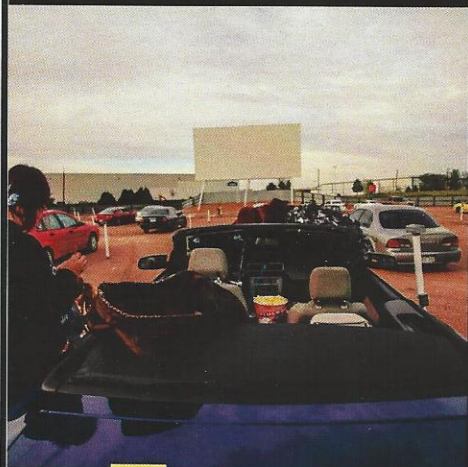
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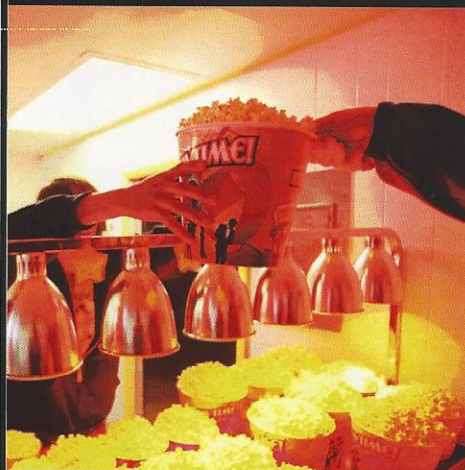
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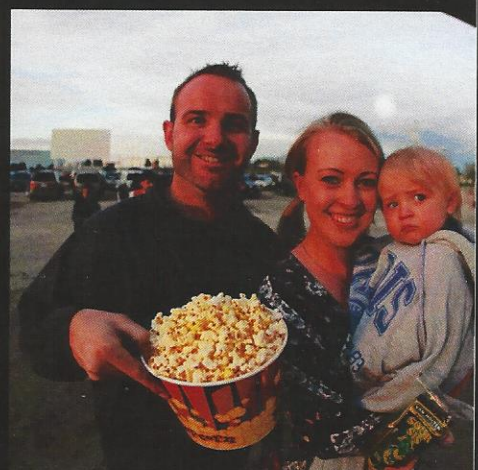
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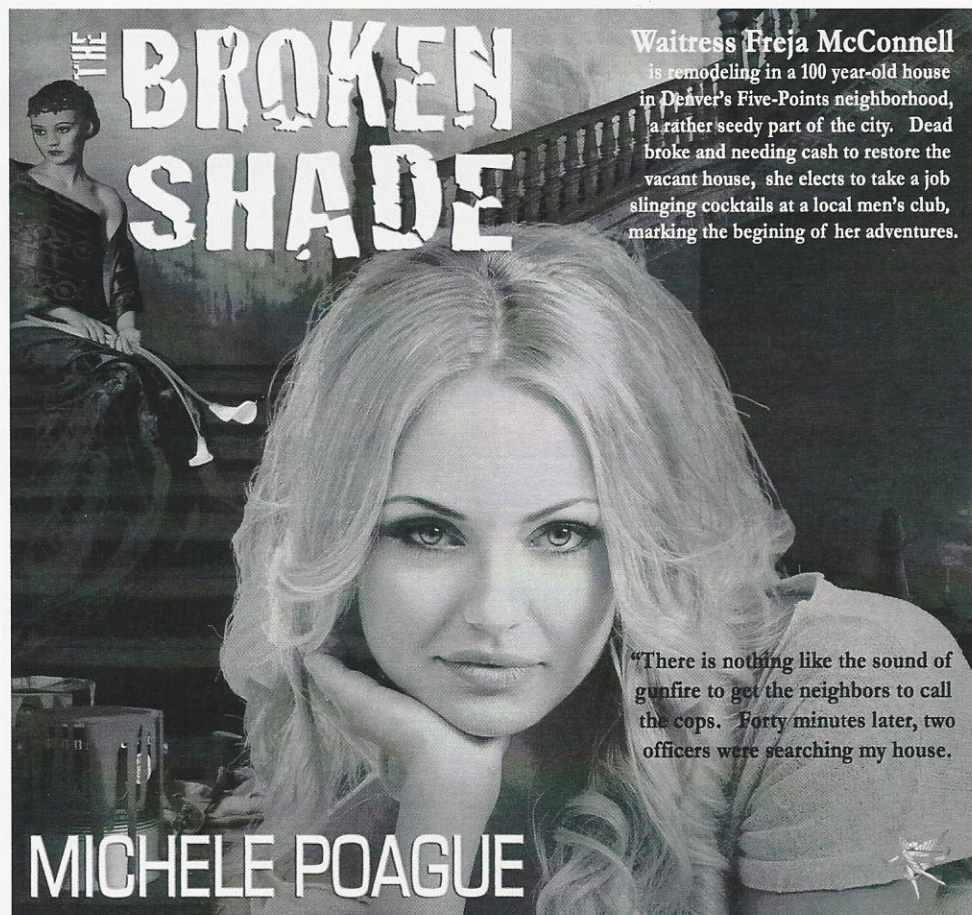


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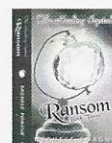


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## **STANDING RULES (Proposed)**

### **I. Conduct Within the Meeting Room**

- A. Except for those devices necessary for the conduct of the business meeting by the Board and Convention Committees, Officials, and Volunteers, all electronic devices shall be silenced or on vibrate at all times while in the meeting room.
- B. For admission to the Delegate seating area while the business meeting is in session, Delegates shall be required to wear the badge with the appropriate delegate ribbon issued by the Credentials Committee upon registration.
- C. Only Board Members, Convention Committee Members, Convention Officials, and designated volunteers shall sit at or stand behind the tables at the front of the Delegate seating area.
- D. No person shall disturb materials placed on a Delegate seat, except for the Delegate occupying the seat.
- E. No Delegate shall address the body unless recognized by the Convention Chair at a designated microphone.

### **II. Conduct of Debate**

- A. The Convention Chair shall regulate the proceedings at all times so as not to outpace the Recording Secretary or Projectionist.
- B. No Delegate shall speak except upon recognition by the Convention Chair when standing at the floor microphone(s).
- C. 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.
- D. The Maker of a Motion (including Committees) shall have the right to speak last for no longer than two minutes even after debate is closed.

### **III. Parliamentary Authority**

- A. The rules contained within Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **IV. Organization of the Convention**

- A. The State Chair shall serve as the Convention Chair and, immediately upon concluding the official Call to Order, shall appoint three Delegates to the Resolutions Committee and shall appoint Convention Officials which shall include Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian, Projectionist, Audio Technician, Timekeeper, and Sergeant-At-Arms.
- B. The Convention Chair shall begin the Convention promptly at the time published in the Convention Agenda.
- C. 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. Delegates must check-in at the beginning of each Business Session and shall be considered checked-out at the conclusion of each Business Session. The Credentials Committee will provide an updated report at times indicated on any approved Convention Agenda. Such update shall only include changes from the initial daily reports.
- D. The Chair of the Committee on Standing Rules shall report on the rules of the convention, which shall be adopted by two-thirds vote.
- E. The Convention Chair shall report on the agenda, which shall be adopted by majority vote.

### **V. Party Office Nominations and Balloting**

- A. The Convention Chair shall announce which Party offices are open for election in the order in which they appear in the Party Constitution, Article V, Section 1, and elections which take place in that order.
- B. For each open Party office, the Convention Chair will ask for nominations after which nominating speeches will be held in the order in which the candidates were nominated. A nominating speech for "None of the



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## **STANDING RULES (Proposed)**

Above" may be offered for any Party office. The total duration of candidate and nominating speeches for each candidate shall be no longer than five minutes. The candidate may select Delegates to give nominating speeches or allow an open floor. Candidates are encouraged to allot some of their time to speak on their own behalf.

- C. For each Party office in which there is a candidate, five minutes will be allotted after any nominating speeches for vetting by the delegates.
- D. Voting shall be conducted via approval voting conducted by standing counted vote. "None of the Above" will always be included as an option.

### **VI. Reports**

- A. 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. Acceptable electronic formats shall include: ASCII text (.txt), Rich Text Format (.rtf), Microsoft Word 1997 or later (.doc or .docx), Open Office 2.0 or later (.ods or .odt), Comma Separated Values (.csv), Microsoft Excel 1997 or later (.xls or .xlsx), Graphics Interchange Format (.gif), Joint Photographic Experts Group (.jpe, .jpeg, or .jpg), Portable Network Graphics (.png), Microsoft PowerPoint 1997 or later (.ppt or .pptx), Portable Document Format (.pdf), Hyper-Text Markup Language (.htm, .html, or .xhtml), and Extensible Markup Language (.xml).
- B. Board reports, including questions from the Delegates, shall be limited to four minutes for each office.

### **VII. Resolutions**

- A. 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.
- B. Resolutions shall be handled by the Resolutions Committee as follows:
  - i. 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.
  - ii. Each Delegate who offers a resolution shall be given an opportunity to explain it to the Resolutions Committee if he so requests.
  - iii. The Resolutions Committee shall prepare suitable resolutions to carry into effect recommendations referred to it, and shall submit to the convention during the portion of the Convention Agenda reserved for Resolutions (or earlier if at its discretion the Resolution should be handled with other pending business), 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.
  - iv. The convention by a majority vote may suspend this Rule 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.

### **VIII. Notices for Announcements**

- A. 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.

### **IX. Minutes**

- A. Convention Minutes shall be approved by the LPCO Board within ninety (90) days of Convention. Draft minutes will be posted to the LPCO website within sixty (60) days of Convention for Member comment.



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## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

### **Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30am – 1:00 pm**

Keynote (*Speaker: Arvin Vohra*)

Call to Order

Appointment of Resolution Committee and Convention Officials<sup>1</sup>

Credentials Committee Report

Declaration of Quorum

Committee on Standing Rules Report

Approval of Agenda

Approval of 2016 Convention Minutes

Board Reports

State Chair – Jay North

Regions Director – Jorge Zogaib

Outreach Director – Vacant

Records Director – Mike Spalding

Treasurer – John Hjersman

Membership Director – Ken Wyble

Vice Chair – Wayne Harlos

Campaigns Director – Richard Longstreth

Communications Director – Caryn Ann Harlos

Legislative Director – Michael Stapleton

Fundraising Director – Matthew DiGiallonardo

LNC Region 1 Update

Credentials Committee Update

Constitution & Bylaws Committee Report/Member Submissions

Adjourn to Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Sunday, March, 26<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30am – 1:00pm**

Call to Order

Credentials Committee Report

Declaration of Quorum

Board Nominations and Elections

State Chair

Regions Director

Outreach Director

Fundraising Director

Vice Chair

Campaigns Director

Communications Director

Membership Director

Credentials Committee Update

Platform Committee Report

Resolutions (Time Permitting)

Notices of Announcement (Time Permitting)

LPCO Board Meeting

Adjournment Sin Die

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## **MINUTES OF CONVENTION – 2016 Draft**

### **Session One: Saturday, March 12th**

Came to order at 2:00pm

*Quorum 49 attendees, 25 half, 33 2/3's*

Motion by Longstreth to accept standing rules as written passed with no objection and 1 abstaining.

Jay North moved to accept the agenda as written. This passed by acclaim.

Caryn Harlos moved to accept the 2015 convention minutes. This passed by acclaim.

Board Reports - pages 9 to 13 in the program. Additional information as follows:

**Vice Chair** - Jay North - He encouraged members of affiliates and development groups to use Nation Builder. In response to a question, North reported that Nation Builder is working great.

**Regions** - Richard Longstreth - He also encouraged members to use Nation Builder. Longstreth reported that both Arapahoe and El Paso affiliates successfully elected executive teams. Jack Woehr pointed out that this is a subscription service.

**Campaigns** - Jack Woehr - Woehr has been working with many candidates and prospective candidates. He encouraged them to prepare their team before this convention. Woehr mentioned that this might be a great year to capitalize on voter discontent.

**Membership** - Alan Hayman - He reported that most of his time has been dedicated to the newsletter. Hayman feels that outreach will be critical this year. And he hopes that his replacement will maintain and use the database of volunteers.

**Communications** - Caryn Harlos - Since her report, our national media ranking has risen from 14 to 4. And our Facebook likes are up to 12,000. In the future she will be adding press releases and working to improve the website.

**Records** - Mike Spalding - nothing in addition to his annual report.

**Legislative** - Michael Stapleton - He will be focusing on preventing the TABOR bypass trick (Hospital Fees). The growth of government is accelerating and this additional money will not help. As an example education has grown from around \$2 billion to \$6 billion in the last 2 years.

**Fundraising** - Clint Jones - Jones mentioned that there are books and caps available for a small donation. He encouraged anyone with great ideas for fundraising to run for his position.

#### Candidate Nominations

**US Senate** - Lily Williams & Gaylon Kent were nominated. After discussion a voice vote was held. Orrok called a point of order. He noted that division was necessary to obtain the numbers for a primary run. Results: 37 votes for Williams, 18 for Gaylon Kent and zero for NOTA. This vote was spoiled by more votes than members. Second vote: Williams 34, Kent 21 and zero for NOTA.

*Quorum 55 attendees, 28 half, 37 2/3's*

Gaylon Kent said he would withdraw from US Senate candidacy.

#### Congressional District 1

Darrell Dingus was the only nominee. Dingus earned 49 vs 1 for NOTA.

#### Congressional District 2

Grabau nominated Richard Longstreth who was approved unanimously.

#### Congressional District 3

Gaylon Kent was the only nominee. He was approved unanimously.



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David Williams moved to suspend the rules to allow members to speak for NOTA. With 27 votes this failed to meet the 2/3's threshold.

Martin Buchanan moved to reopen US Senate nomination. The motion passed with 45 votes.

US Senate - Lily Williams was nominated. The approval vote was unanimous.

Congressional District 4

Jack Woehr pointed out that if we don't nominate someone for an office, we would be precluded from using a vacancy committee to fill it later. Ralph Shnelvar nominated Joe Johnson. He was approved unanimously.

Congressional District 5

Michael McRedmond nominated himself. The vote was 41 vs 2 for NOTA.

Congressional District 6

Norm Olsen nominated himself. He was approved unanimously.

Congressional District 7

Clint Jones nominated Martin Buchanan. He was approved unanimously.

Colorado Senate District 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, and 19 - none

It was moved to reopen Colorado Senate District 19. This passed unanimously. Hans Romer was nominated. He was approved unanimously.

Colorado Senate District 21 - none

Colorado Senate District 23

Karl Honegger was nominated. Woehr pointed out that he would have to be registered for 150 days. Grabau asked to suspend the constitution to allow him to be a candidate. Orrok objected, as the constitution cannot be suspended. A five-minute recess was declared to allow consultations on this issue.

*Quorum 50 attendees, 26 half, 34 2/3s*

It was determined that the constitution could not be suspended and Karl Honegger was disqualified.

Karl Honegger nominated Laurel Honegger.

It was moved to suspend the rules to allow Karl Honegger to speak about his wife Laurel. This passed unanimously. Honegger spoke of his wife's qualifications and of the opportunities in his district. Laurel Honegger was elected with 43 votes vs 4 for NOTA.

Judy Darcy made a motion to reopen Colorado Senate District 14. This passed unanimously.

Colorado Senate District 14

Tim Miller was nominated. He was approved with 47 votes vs 1 for NOTA. He was later found to be ineligible. At only 22 years old, he was too young for the office.

Colorado Senate District 25 - none


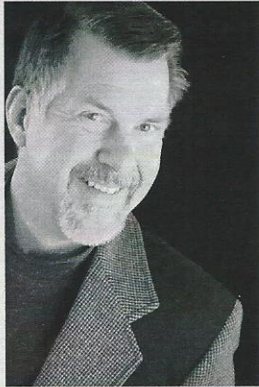
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Colorado Senate District 26

Grabau nominated Eric Williams. He was approved unanimously.

Colorado Senate District 27 and 28 - none

Colorado Senate District 29

Joe Johnson nominated Michelle Poague. She was approved unanimously.

Colorado Senate District 35

William S Partley was nominated and he was approved with 44 votes vs 3 for NOTA.

Colorado House District 1 - none

A motion was made to reopen Colorado Senate District 4. This passed.

Congressional District 4

Joe Johnson withdrew. He nominated Bruce Griffith. Bruce won with 40 votes vs 5 votes for NOTA

Colorado House District 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 - none

Colorado House District 17

Susan Quilleash self nominated. She was approved unanimously.

Colorado House District 18, 19, and 20 - none

Judy Darcy moved to reopen Colorado Senate District 12. This passed unanimously

Colorado Senate District 12

Conrad LaJoie was nominated. He was unanimously elected. He was later found to be ineligible. At only 22 years old, he was too young for the office.

Jack Woehr reminded all nominees that they should to fill out paperwork today.

Colorado House District 21 - none

Colorado House District 22

Loren Bauman self nominated after addressing a qualifications issue. David Williams self nominated. Each candidate addressed the assembly. Williams advocated a NOTA vote. Michael Stapleton moved to suspend the rules to allow questions of the candidates. This passed with 41 votes. After discussion there were 10 votes for Bauman, 22 votes for Williams and 19 votes for NOTA.

Jack Woehr reminded the body that candidates have to fill out the paperwork in order to have a vacancy committee.

Colorado House District 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 - none

Colorado House District 31

Richard Longstreth nominated Robert Elsaid. He was approved unanimously.

Colorado House District 32 - none

Colorado House District 33

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Kim Tavendale was nominated. She was approved without objection.

Colorado House District 34 - none

Michael Stapleton moved to reopen nominations for Colorado House District 28. This passed.

Colorado House District 28

Michael Stapleton nominated Matt Hess. He was approved unanimously.

Colorado House District 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41 - none

Colorado House District 42

Richard Longstreth nominated James Nickel. He was approved unanimously.

Colorado House District 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, and 53 - none

Colorado House District 54

Richard Longstreth nominated Gilbert Fuller. He was approved unanimously.

Colorado House District 55 - none

Colorado House District 56

Joe Johnson nominated Kevin Gulbranson. He was approved unanimously.

Colorado House District 57 and 58 - none

Judy Darcy moved to reopen Colorado House District 19. This passed unanimously.

Colorado House District 19

She nominated Lance Haverkamp. He was approved unanimously.

Colorado House District 59 and 60 - none

Judy Darcy moved to reopen Colorado House District 60. This passed unanimously.

Colorado House District 60

Judy Darcy nominated Glenn Ingalls. He was approved unanimously.

Colorado House District 61 and 62 - none

Colorado House District 63

Joe Johnson was nominated. He was approved unanimously.

Colorado House District 64 and 65 - none

Marc Goddard moved to table candidate nominations to the convenience of the board during Sunday business.

### National Delegates Nominated

Clint Jones	Debbie Schum	Nate Benson	Scott Helker	Caryn Harlos
Wayne Harlos	Steven Gallant	Joe Thompson	Eva Kosinski	Michele Poague
Kevin Gulbranson	Nathan Grabau	Norm Olson	Jay North	Joe Johnson
Jeff Orrok	David Williams	Brian Rogers	Caitlin McGuire	Bill Arnett
Lily Williams	John Williams	Gaylon Kent	Judy Darcy	

They were all elected via a slate vote.



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Judy Darcy moved to reopen nominations for national delegates. This passed unanimously.

### Additional Nominations

Conrad Lejoie	Tim Miller	Alan Hayman
Ron Gowins	Richard Longstreth	January Brooks

They were all elected via a slate vote.

Marc Goddard moved to adjourn at 5:30. This passed unanimously.

### Platform Committee - Chair Richard Longstreth

Nathan Grabau moved to move the Platform Committee conclusion to tomorrow. Marc Goddard pointed out that they couldn't supersede the adjournment motion. And he pointed out that we couldn't modify tomorrow's agenda, as it hasn't been accepted. All motions were ruled out of order by the chair.

Caryn Harlos presented the results of the Platform Committee. She pointed out that our current platform is dated and fails to address several important points. The committee decided to rewrite the entire platform rather than modifying it. The new platform is principles based to allow more flexible responses.

*Quorum 39 attendees, 20 half, 26 2/3s*

Caryn Harlos moved to replace the preamble. The motion passed with 34 votes.

Caryn Harlos moved to replace the Values section with a Statement of Principles. She pointed out that this is the same as the Dallas version. Williams pointed out that the first sentence was ridiculous. Buchanan disagreed. Bennett Rutledge proposed an amendment but it died for a lack of a second. The question was called but this failed to meet the 2/3's requirement. Mike McRedmond proposed and Lance Haverkamp seconded an amendment. Joe Johnson made a friendly amendment to modify the statement. He dropped the words from challenge through end. Nathan Grabau also made a friendly amendment. Marc Goddard noted that the friendly amendment had to be discussed. The two friendly amendments were combined and passed with a majority vote. Returning to the main motion amendment. This passed with 37 votes. Finally the body moved to adopt the replacement of the values section. This passed with 36 votes.

Nathan Grabau moved and Jay North seconded to table the motion. This passed by voice vote.

A motion to adjourn passed at 6:15pm.

### **Session Two: Sunday, March 13th**

Called to order at 1:35

Jeff Orrok moved to modify the agenda. Jay North seconded. After minimal discussion the modification passed unanimously.

### Delegate Chair Selection

Nathan asked that we take a recess to allow the delegates to make their selection. Steve Gallant and Jay North were nominated. Steve Gallant was elected via voice vote. North was subsequently elected as Deputy Delegate Chair. Grabau nominated himself as the Delegate Whip. He was elected without objection. Orrok moved that the officers become the substitution committee. This passed without objection.

### Board Officer Elections

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**Chair:** Jay North was nominated by Caryn Harlos and, due to an objection, he was elected by voice vote.

**Vice Chair:** Wayne Harlos was nominated by Caryn Harlos and he was elected unanimously.

**Regions:** Richard Longstreth was nominated and then elected unanimously.

**Outreach:** Caryn Harlos nominated David Williams, but he objected. The position remained vacant.

**Membership:** Jeff Orrok self nominated. Matt Hess declined his nomination. Orrok was elected via voice vote.

**Communications:** Jay North nominated Caryn Harlos. She was elected unanimously.

**Records:** Mike Spalding was nominated by Caryn Harlos. He was elected unanimously.

**Legislative:** Jay North nominated Michael Stapleton. He was elected unanimously.

**Treasurer:** John Hjersman was nominated and elected unanimously.

**Fund Raising:** No one was nominated.

### Candidate Nominations

Judy Darcy moved to open several candidate nominations. This passed without objection.

*Quorum 37 attendees, 19 half, 25 2/3rds*

Judy Darcy moved to amend her motion to reopen House District 50. This passed without objection.

### Nomination Slate

Senate District 10 - Scott Allen

Senate District 12 - Manual Quintel

House District 16 - John Hjersman

House District 18 - Norman "Paotie" Dawson

House District 20 - Judy Darcy

House District 21 - Michael Seebeck

House District 50 - Roy Dakroub

House District 24 - Steve Gallant

The slate was approved without objection.

### Platform Body

Caryn Harlos proposed a special one-time convention rule. Jay North seconded. Harlos explained that this rule would prevent piecemeal approvals that would lead to a "Frankenplatform". Clint Jones moved that the time frames be struck from the rule. This was seconded and after discussion the amendment failed with only 9 votes. After discussion the vote on the original motion failed with only 14 votes.

Caryn Harlos moved to delete the entire platform. Marc Goddard seconded. Harlos explained that the new format precluded a point for point replacement. After extensive discussion, a motion to call the question had 28 votes. The motion succeeded with 30 votes.

Michael Seebeck moved to move the stricken planks to an initial draft of a program. Grabau pointed out that this motion was new business and out of order. It was decided to consider this in a future board meeting.

Caryn Harlos moved to add a series of headings (Individual, Market, Community, State, etc.) and related descriptive paragraphs to the platform. Discussion was conducted for each section. Michael Seebeck moved that we add "or disapproval" to the Omissions section. This was seconded and passed via voice vote.

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## **MINUTES OF CONVENTION – 2016 Draft**

The main motion passed with 30 votes.

*Quorum 31 attendees, 16 half, 21 2/3rds*

Caryn Harlos moved to add the individual subplanks to the Individual heading.

Joseph Thompson moved that the chair not read every subplank. This passed via voice vote. Harlos explained that these subplanks were the result of analyzing every existing state platform. Discussion was begun on each subplank of the Individual section.

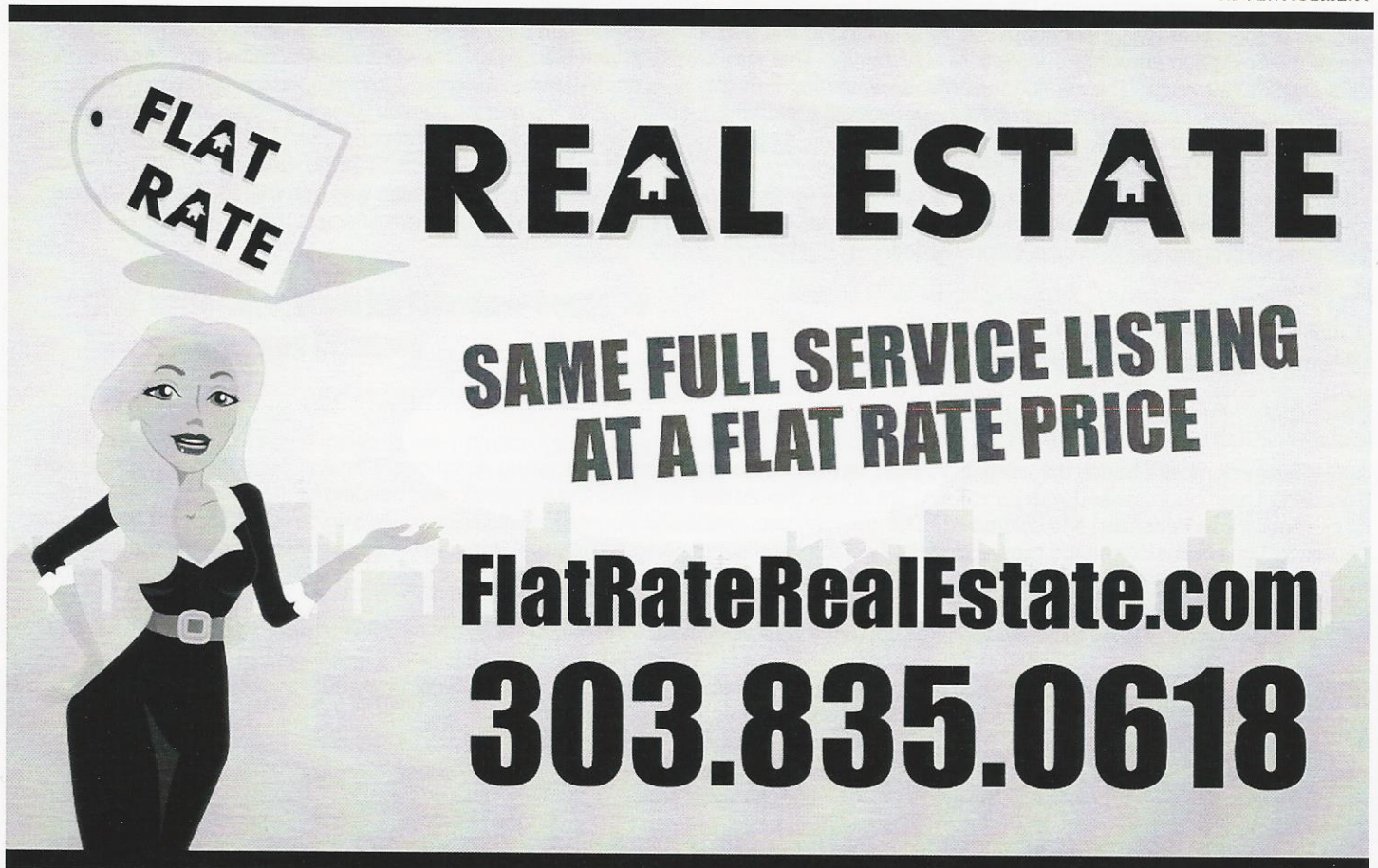
Rutledge moved that "media" be changed to "medium" and that "complete deregulation" with "deregulation except for certain traffic rules, air traffic control...". Rutledge withdrew his motion and began with the first grammatical portion. This was seconded and passed via voice vote. He then moved the second part of the original motion. The motion failed due to lack of a second. Alan Hayman moved to remove the word "complete". The voice vote was too close. It then passed via count with 22 votes.

*Quorum 29 attendees, 15 half, 19 2/3s*

Caryn Harlos moved that we strike the last sentence of the Freedom of Expression subplank. This was seconded. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Eva Kosinski moved to modify the first sentence of the Freedom of Association. Marc Goddard seconded. David Aitken offered a simplification. Kosinsky asked if she could withdraw her original amendment. But the parliamentarian said the body now owned the original. Rutledge offered another amendment, but this failed for a lack of second. Matt Hess proposed that we remove the Freedom of Association subplank from the discussion and that it be referred to committee. After a second, Glenn Engles moved that only the text be removed and the heading be maintained. This amendment failed via voice vote. The motion to refer to committee passed with 16 votes. All previous motions are removed.

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## MINUTES OF CONVENTION – 2016 Draft

*Quorum 25 attendees, 13 half, 17 2/3rds*

The slate of subplanks of the Individual section passed with 25 votes.

*Quorum 26 attendees, 13 half, 17 2/3rds*

Jay North moved to end platform debate at 4pm to allow time for discussion of the bylaws. After a second there was minimal discussion and the motion failed with only 3 votes in favor.

Caryn Harlos moved to approve the Market section after a second this was approved. Mike Seebeck moved to add, "We contend that a tax by any other name, including a fee, excise, or assessment, is still a tax." to the end of the Taxation subplank. This was seconded and passed via voice vote. The rest of the subplanks were presented without contention. The slate of subplanks of the Market section passed with 30 votes.

*Quorum 30, 15 half, 20 2/3s*

Caryn Harlos moved to approve the Community section and it's subplanks. Kim Tavendale proposed adding ", colleges and universities." to the subsidies sentence in the Education section. This was seconded and passed via voice vote. John Hjersman moved that we add "al" to parent. This was seconded and passed via voice vote. The slate of subplanks of the Community section passed with 31 votes.

*Quorum 31, 16 half, 21 2/3s*

Caryn Harlos moved to approve the State section and it's subplanks. Matt Hess moved that we pass the subsections separately. After a second there was discussion. The motion failed via voice vote. Mike Seebeck proposed that the words gender and gender identity be added to the Equal Treatment subplank. After a second and discussion the motion passed via voice vote. Marc Goddard moved to refer the Sovereign Immunity subplank to community. This was seconded and discussed. The question was called and this motion passed with 29 votes. The vote on the amendment failed with only 4 votes. Eva Kosinsky moved to move the last sentence to the beginning of the paragraph. The motion was seconded and, without discussion, the motion passed via voice vote. Joe Thompson moved to modify the text to explain that Sovereign Immunity is currently used. It died for lack of second.

It was motioned and seconded to reopen nominations for Colorado House District 22. Mr. Bauman was nominated. Nathan Grabau was also nominated. But he was deemed ineligible. Jay North moved that we suspend the rules to discuss the qualifications. This motion passed and copious discussion ensued.

*Quorum 32 attendees, 16 half, 22 2/3s*

Bauman received 4 votes and NOTA received the rest.

Discussion of the State section of the platform was reopened.

Mike Seebeck moved to add the word "individual" to exclude corporate and other group donations. This was seconded and discussion ensued. The motion passed with 23 votes. Clint Jones moved that we strike the paragraph and heading of the Secession subplank. The motion was seconded and discussed. The question was called and discussion was ended with a voice vote. The motion failed 14 votes to 16. Michael Stapleton moved to refer the Secession subplank to committee. After a second and discussion the motion passed with 20 votes.

The body voted to approve the slate of State subplanks via a voice vote.

Jeff Orrok moved to suspend the rules in order to elect the 9 presidential electors. After a second this passed with a voice vote.

### Presidential Delegate Nominations

Eva Kosinsky	Joseph Thompson	Steve Gallant	Michael Stapleton	Michael Seebeck
Michelle Poague	Kevin Gulbranson	Lance Haverkamp	Kim Taverndale	

The slate was approved via voice vote.



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### Substitution Committee Officers

Whip - Nathan Grabau  
Chair - Steve Gallant  
Vice Chair - Jay North

### Bylaws and Constitution

Allowing board members to vote via email: Kim Taverndale moved to change the word email to electronic communications. After a second and discussion, Jeff Orrok moved to amend the amendment "as specified in the standing rules adopted by the state board" to allow greater flexibility. This was seconded. After discussion it passed with a voice vote. The original amendment also passed via voice vote.

Mike Seebeck moved and Caryn Harlos seconded an amendment to exclude committees from this language. The motion failed via voice vote. Judy Darcy moved to remove "and committees" and add "committees appointed by the board have the authority to transact their own business by electronic communication as specified by their own standing rules." Richard Longstreth moved to add, "as approved by the board" to the text. This was seconded. Richard withdrew his amendment. The question was called on the amendment. The amendment passed with 18 votes. The question was called on the main motion. The main motion carried with a voice vote.

*Quorum 25, half 13, 17 2/3rds*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm with a vote of 16 to 8.

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## **ANNUAL BOARD REPORT**

*Some of the Annual Reports below, submitted by the Board of Directors, may be in summary.  
Full reports may be inspected upon request.*

### **Chair – Jay North**

April started our year out with a bang and an incomplete board. A few of the board members put out feelers and searched for people who were capable and willing to fill board positions. Outreach filled up pretty quickly while the Fundraising position took us a couple attempts.

During the month of April the board completed the implementation of a database that is Customer Relation Management oriented and has worked very nicely for the State Party. Some county affiliates are using the database for their membership management and are loving it. We also started the State Convention Committee and would like to thank Bill Arnett for taking on the challenge of chairing the committee.

At National Convention we have 32 delegates filled with 2 alternatives. Thank you to the delegates who attended National Convention and attended all of the business meetings.

We had many events and activities that spanned from outreach to candidate forums and events from the Western Conservative Summit to Mosques and from Grand Junction to Burlington.

The committee members who participated in the Constitution & Bylaws and the Platform Committees were fantastic. There was plenty of discussion and thought put into each resolution that will be presented during the business meeting.

Please support the next chair of the Libertarian Party of Colorado. The job doesn't pay and they will be spending a lot of time away from family and other activities in order to lead the LPCO board. Your support will not only encourage them to work hard but will also show the work they do is appreciated.

Lastly, Mr. North would like to thank the many volunteers that put a lot of work, blood, sweat, and money into spreading the message of liberty. He would like to ask those of you who have put a lot of work into the cause of liberty to not give up. There is movement and the message is getting out to those who need to hear it. Even though he doesn't plan to be Chair in Colorado, he will continue to convert hearts and minds to liberty.

### **Vice-Chair – Wayne Harlos**

This last year has been a great year. The LPCO has experienced fantastic growth and has set the stage for even greater growth in the following year.

Mr. Harlos was elected mid-term to fill a seat vacated by the previous Vice Chair, Jay North, when he was elected Chair.

It has been a busy year as Wayne attended most of the events along the front range, as well as staffing many outreach booths and helping many county groups get started.

Mr. Harlos had the opportunity to Chair four monthly meetings when Mr. North was called away for business. In the first few months of the year, we had some vacancies in the board and Wayne helped reach out for donations, answer questions about membership, and helped get new development groups started. Mr. Harlos had the great opportunity, for this convention, to serve as a member of both the Platform Committee and Bylaws and Constitution committee.

It has been a great year for him, and he hopes to serve, if elected, another 2 years.

### **Regions – Jorge Zogaib**

Campaigns Director Richard Longstreth transitioned the Regions seat as interim Director with all records and responsibilities up-to-date and in exceptionally good order. Jorge Zogaib was appointed to Regions Director September 2016. There was an increase in volunteer interest during the lead up to the 2016 Presidential Election which translated to



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new leadership in several development groups. In an effort to address the problem of burnout among county contacts, a model was piloted whereby the responsibilities of new development group leadership was shared between more than one volunteer according to their talents.

The Development Group and Affiliate Handbook has been updated for 2017. Facebook pages for development groups without county contacts have been maintained with periodic posts. Most recently, affiliate board meetings attended by the Regions Director have been in El Paso, Douglas, and Arapahoe Counties.

It should be recognized that the Libertarian Party of Delta County supports party members from all over the Western Slope Region. The Metro Region has strengthened with the recent welcoming of Douglas County as an active LPCO Affiliate. Development groups and affiliates are seeking ways to utilize inexpensive platforms to communicate with the public and otherwise become more visible.

There is an opportunity for a closer relationship between affiliates and the State Board by way of the Regions Director. The nine-region party structure will allow the Libertarian Party of Colorado to sustainably scale into a much larger organization. As it stands now however, regular affiliate updates are generally always prompted by the Regions Director and subsequent responses from Affiliate Representatives to these requests are not consistently received. Without an advanced level of communication between affiliates and the Regions Director, feasibility of our regional structure comes into question.

The strength of our party comes from our principles. County leadership is dedicated to ensuring voices for liberty are present in their communities. In addition to hosting a regular forum for libertarian discussion, these individuals are attuned to valuable information regarding their communities' events and political opportunities. It is wise for the LPCO to continue developing its relationships with affiliates and not allow their autonomy to be interpreted as silos.

### **Campaigns – Richard Longstreth**

Richard Longstreth was glad to assume the role of Campaigns Director following Jack Woehr stepping down in May of 2016. As the Campaigns Director during the 2016 season, Richard communicated regularly with candidates in order to keep the Board and the Party informed of races happening in their areas. He also sought out opportunities to share get information on our candidates out to the public by contacting various newspapers and online publications about surveying our candidates. This year, a Facebook group was created for all candidates and the intention is to continue this group for future races; building our collective campaign knowledge each year and providing a way to quickly share tips and advice.

Our Party ran 26 candidates this year and, while none of our candidates were elected, nearly every race broke records for Libertarian votes. Two of our Candidates, John Hjersman (State House 16) and Michael Seebeck (State House 21) each received over 25% of the votes in their districts and Gary Johnson (President) received 5.18% of the vote in Colorado! It was truly a fantastic year in which we saw our message resonate with more people than ever before.

Looking forward to November 2017: This is a year of local races. Make a difference in your community and speak with your neighbors about the ideas of liberty. The wave to changing this nation begins in your own backyard and by getting local libertarians in office who understand that without liberty, we are all slaves. If you intend to run for a local race this year, please be sure to get in touch with the Campaigns Director by emailing [campaignsdirector@lpcolorado.org](mailto:campaignsdirector@lpcolorado.org) and finding out how the state party can help you make a difference.

### **Outreach – Position Currently Vacant**

Though the Outreach Director position is currently vacant, 2016 was a busy year for the Libertarian Party of Colorado! Outreach events that we hosted this year included the Tanner Gun Show, Peoples Fair, Western Conservative Summit, Open Carry BBQ, Pride Fest, Douglas County Gun Show (hosted by DC Affiliate), Douglas County Fair (hosted by DC affiliate), Zombie Crawl, Riot Fest, and the Pueblo Chili Festival. All of the outreach supplies have been distributed and updated. The Party is always looking for volunteers for our outreach efforts so if you want to join us, please visit [lpcolorado.org](http://lpcolorado.org).



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### **Membership – Ken Wyble**

The year saw another grand period of growth in membership and while there was a priority focus on drawing members to campaigns, many new and seasoned Libertarians are searching for new ways to get involved. Mr. Wyble is thrilled with the dynamic launch of the Douglas County Affiliate and so many new development groups forming. With a renewed effort to develop a business directory of Libertarian business owners and professionals, Ken stepped into the vacant Membership director role a few months before the election. As such, he made renewed effort to attend Liberty on the Rocks, which is a fantastic group of some newer members of the party, and use their soapbox to promote the state party activities and begin drawing interest in the business directory. Mr. Wyble also became a regular attendee of the Center Right Coalition, because that group contains some of the best special interests that align with the Libertarian principles. This next year, he hopes to continue to serve in the department, dedicated to the business coalition effort but stepping down from the director role. Each Director is a department and he hopes to help find more people to fill these departments. As we do better reaching out to our delegation, let's not only encourage participation, but bring a friend along.

### **Communications – Caryn Ann Harlos**

Ms. Harlos was appointed to this position in January 2016 and confirmed at the 2016 State Convention. In May 2017, she was also elected at the National Convention as the Region 1 Representative representing Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The past year was focused on continuing to expand our social media, traditional media, and web presences to increase the visibility of our Party and principles. This report is broken down into various areas of focus for this position.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA and WEBSITE**

Facebook continues to be an astounding success, with likes totaling 21,800 and ranking number 4 in the nation at the time of this report. Colorado continues to be a leader in this area as Ms. Harlos is now a Page Administrator of the National Facebook page. A dedicated volunteer, Robert Bentley, has been cultivating Twitter's growth over the past year with over 1,350 followers. The decision was made to migrate to NationBuilder, and Ms. Harlos oversaw the complete overhaul of the front end and content to the present website. She also spearheaded the move to greater Party transparency and participation so that all of our Board meetings live-streamed with public access to Board reports and minutes.

#### **BRANDING AND MATERIALS**

Ms. Harlos oversaw and/or assisted in the building of a graphics team and the production of fresh branded items for publication and distribution including bumper stickers, brochures, platform pamphlets, and t-shirts. She has a goal to create a Style Guide over the next year if re-elected to this position.

#### **PRESS, MEDIA, and MAILERS**

Engagement with the Press was a high-water mark with multiple interviews and many press releases sent. The LPCO received a great deal of attention through her civil rights suit against the State of Colorado on the issue of illegal "ballot selfies" and the obtaining of an injunction. Her appearances have included several news TV segments, Colorado Public Radio, Westword, Colorado Springs Gazette, the Denver Post, the Liberty Radio Network, and the Tom Woods Show amongst others. Engagement with the membership has taken place routinely with the NationBuilder and MailChimp platforms. This has also helped supplement fundraising with the total amounts she has raised being around \$2,000.00.

#### **COMMITTEE SERVICE and MISC INVOLVEMENT**

Over the length of Ms. Harlos' service on the Board, she has also served on many committees both with the LPCO and elsewhere, including the honor of being asked to serve on the Gary Johnson Advisory Committee. Ms. Harlos believes it is vital for the growth of our message and Party to be involved as we can in other areas outside of State Party duties. In furtherance of this, she helps administer multiple Libertarian groups, is a member of the National Committee, is the State Coordinator with the Libertarian Party Radical Caucus, and is an editor with Independent Political Report to name a few. Caryn Ann often mentors newer Libertarians to become more involved and was invited to be the featured LNC speaker in a national orientation call to new National Party members. She also regularly assists other Board members in other areas, particularly in Outreach, and county development, assisting in bringing the Douglas County group from Development Group to Affiliate.