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Records – Mike Spalding

There were some improvements to records keeping throughout the year. These changes and tools will make operations easier for the next Records Director. Mr. Spalding worked with Caryn Ann Harlos to go through 15 years worth of paper documents. Mike and Caryn Ann removed a couple file cabinets worth of trash and she recovered some priceless historical documents. Mr. Spalding built a minutes template and added a voting block to standardize and simplify the meeting recording process, and he added email motions to the minutes. He also added a spending summary.

As a board member, Mike worked at People's Fair and participated in other outreach and campaign events throughout the year. He also located a budget (\$200) Convention location. He reconstituted his database of 3,000 smaller offices in Colorado, and gave this to Campaigns and others to encourage Libertarians to run for offices that they can win. At the direction of the board, he built and populated a motion tracking database for future reference.

Legislative – Michael Stapleton

As of this report we are 54 days into the 120 day Colorado Legislative Session, 66 days remain. There are many tumultuous days ahead, a looming budget debate with transportation and education funding in question. Legislation to move the caps on Tabor are just around the corner, with bi-partisan support and thirst for increased revenue and spending it could go either way. Many pieces of legislation pertaining to cannabis regulations, both pro and con are still up for consideration and debate.

The wins for Liberty are few and far between; the Colorado Ballot Selfie Bill has passed both chambers and is headed to the Governor for signature. The losses have been many, Civil Asset Forfeiture Transparency, Death Penalty Repeal, Repeal of the 2013 Gun Legislation, Magazine Capacity, just to name a few. With the help of David Aitken, we have e-mailed Colorado Libertarians and asked them to contact their State Senator on over 26 pieces of Legislations in a 6 week period, covering multiple Colorado Senate districts. Hopefully we have had some increased engagement from Colorado Libertarians in the process.

We will continue to send out the Colorado Libertarian Legislative Alerts weekly and grow engagement; Libertarians are in a unique position to have some influence and impact with our Colorado Legislators.

Treasury – John Hjersman

2016 was an eventful year with Libertarian candidates breaking some records and with major party presidential candidates throwing attention to Gary Johnson as the reasonable alternative. This interest is reflected in the level of donations as well as expenses for 2016. LPCO participated in the Gary Johnson Victory Fund PAC and, as such, became registered as a State Party with the Federal Election Commission. Following are the contributions and expenditures as reported to the Secretary of State:

Receipts		Expenses	
Jan	\$1,265.52	Jan	\$1,223.36
Feb	\$4,140.76	Feb	\$828.38
Mar	\$5,816.52	Mar	\$9,802.13
Apr	\$3,121.82	Apr	\$3,250.35
May	\$1,581.71	May	\$993.02
Jun	\$937.76	Jun	\$690.62
Jul	\$2,792.10	Jul	\$1,580.48
Aug	\$1,017.76	Aug	\$1,504.36
Sep	\$1,549.76	Sep	\$1,063.14
Oct	\$1,800.95	Oct	\$1,880.30

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Nov	\$936.52	Nov	\$1,352.76
Dec	\$3,980.52	Dec	\$946.09
TOTAL	\$28,941.70	TOTAL	\$25,114.99

Fundraising – Matthew DiGiallonardo

Money bombs, small events, and phone banking efforts have been used so far in my tenure. All of the donations are greatly appreciated, and volunteer efforts from JeffCo, as well as Nathan Grabau, Ken Wyble, and Bennett Rutledge helped us spread word of what looks to be a very successful convention.

Fundraising is a difficult board position, and the outgoing director recommends anyone interested choose wisely. It takes confidence, organization, and the ability to attend events and make contact with new donors. There are limitations to how much any one donor can give to political parties. Maximizing the Libertarian Party of Colorado's coffers will require reaching out and forming relationships with numerous donors, big and small.

We have a very dedicated pool of donors, the next step is expanding that pool, which will require not only the work of the Fundraising Director and Board, but also the work of numerous volunteers, taking the time to spread the word of liberty, while inviting people into the party with open arms.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Keynote – Real Free Market Transitions

Arvin Vohra – 8:30 AM Saturday – Rm: Standley Ballroom

Today's libertarian solutions often involve elaborate intermediate steps. But are there simple, direct ways to move to a free market? Libertarian Party Vice Chair, Arvin Vohra will explore the fast ways to phase out government and adopt real free market solutions.

Panel Discussion: Approval Voting vs. Ranked Choice Voting

2:00PM Saturday – Rm: Cotton Creek I & II

Does Your Vote Count? A discussion of alternative voting methods, and how they can end the "wasted vote" argument. Steve Kerbel will be moderating this panel, including the following participants:

- Frank Atwood – Approval Voting
- Blake Huber – Approval Voting
- Alex "Skinny" Winkler – Approval Voting
- Christopher Billman – Ranked Choice Voting
- Celeste Landry – Ranked Choice Voting
- Jonathan Singer – Ranked Choice Voting

Truth in Polling: A Solution to a Nationwide Exclusion of Third Parties From Polls and Debates

Steve Kerbel – 3:00PM Saturday – Rm: Cotton Creek I

Truth in Polling was created in response to our exclusion from polls which were used to determine the participants in the presidential debates. While much attention was given to the corrupt nature of the Commission for Presidential debates, their cohorts... the pollsters were left mostly blameless. The intention of Truth in Polling is to organize, analyze, and call out pollsters that unfairly influence elections, rather than simply report current popular opinion.

Government Interference in Business

Brian Rogers – 3:00PM Saturday – Rm: Cotton Creek II

What is business? Business is the voluntary exchange of goods and/or services between two or more individuals. Must government be involved here? What is government? Why does it exist and why should it exist? Do Government and business need to intersect? Why? Must we violate libertarian principles? Is there a plus side to Government regulation of business? What about the down side to Government regulation of business? Is Labor benefited or harmed by Government regulation? Government subsidies of Business, who's affected and how?

Recruiting Liberty: The Importance of a Liberty Machine

Apollo Pazell – 3:00PM Saturday – Rm: Meadowbrook I

Apollo will discuss the proper way to recruit candidates, support candidates and train candidates. How building bridges with people outside the Party can lead to better recruitment, growth, and achieving policy success. The theme will be about building a bold, but accessible, Party.

Through Which Liberty Shall Prevail

Caryn Ann Harlos – 3:00PM Saturday – Rm: Meadowbrook II

The foundation of the Libertarian Party is its core ideology as expressed by the Statement of Principles. But very few people know the history of how it subtly changed during the first two years of the Party and what that means for Party unity and direction today. Libertarianism has its own core identity which is impossible to fully apprehend without a deep appreciation for the Statement of Principles.

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The Failed War on Drugs: A Case for the Elimination of Prohibition

Ron Gowins – 4:00PM Saturday – Rm: Cotton Creek I

Humans have been altering their consciousness through drug use of some sort since the beginning of humankind. Using chemicals to alter one's feelings, emotions, and consciousness is as natural as using chemicals to help with pain, sickness and sorrow. It is so natural, that it even happens in the animal kingdom. How, in the course of human history, has the government has decided to make drug possession and drug use illegal and punishable by incarceration for years and years? For over 100 years the federal government has had failed drug policy that has caused unimaginable suffering for individuals and families all across the country. Government has tried to legislate morality by demonizing drug users and vilifying even the most harmless pot smokers. The result is an infringement on personal liberties and rights, including gun rights, voting rights and employment opportunities. The only possible solution from a libertarian perspective is outright elimination of prohibition and decriminalization of drugs.

Tactics for Defending Your Business from the Regulations

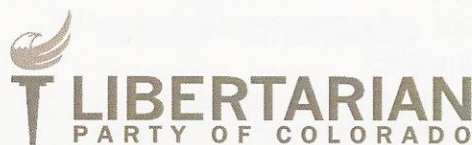
Susan Kochevar – 4:00PM Saturday – Rm: Cotton Creek II

There are so many regulations even the regulators don't know them. The fear is palpable when you receive a notice for an audit or an inspection and for good reason. The many intricate details, real or misinterpreted, can have a devastating impact on your business. Complying can be costly or cause you to close your doors. Penalties and fines can break you. Having a strategy ahead of time is essential for your survival. If we are ever to achieve anything closer to a free market where business owners do not have to ask permission every time they want to make a change or comply with regulations and pursue happiness, we must start to hold regulators accountable. Susan will demonstrate how to fight back through her personal stories dealing with overreaching regulators.

Developing Outreach Skills

Daniel Lutz – 4:00PM Saturday – Rm: Meadowbrook I

With the Libertarian Party poised to make its way to major party status we find ourselves with a unique opportunity to capitalize on. But in order to achieve that goal we need to build a grassroots support base. The purpose of this course is provide you with the skills you need to effectively work an Outreach booth, helping to grow your Local, State, and National Party. If you have ever felt lost at the table in your attempt to spread the message of Liberty we want give you the confidence and tools needed to maximize your effort when you engage with the public.



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Getting Involved at the County Level

Wayne Harlos – 4:00PM Saturday – Rm: Meadowbrook II

Wayne will discuss how to start a local county group, and will delve into topics such as:

- How to get people to look for you, so you don't have to look for them.
- How to motivate people to get involved.
- Development group basics.
- How to build a core group.
- Growing to be a County Affiliate.
- Necessary steps along the way.

Liberty and the African American

Corey Fauconier – 5:00PM Saturday – Rm: Cotton Creek I

Former Independent tells his story about how he joined the Libertarian Party of Virginia, why he jumped into the liberty pool with both feet, and how he uses community activism and the kinetic energy of music to spread liberty to the African American community.

Civil Forfeiture: From its Maritime Roots, to Modern Highway Robbery

David K Williams – 5:00PM Saturday – Rm: Cotton Creek II

Law enforcement now takes more property from people than burglars. They use a process called "civil forfeiture." Police do not even have to charge you with a crime to take your property. There is no presumption of innocence, and even if you get your property back, it may cost you more than the value of what they took. How is this possible in the United States? The process dates back centuries and originated in the English common law surrounding ships. Learn the legal history and modern status of this legalized government robbery and about attempts to rein it in in Colorado and across the country.

Labor Laws: How They Hurt Businesses, Freedom of Contract, Economy, and the Poor

Alicia I. Dearn – 5:00PM Saturday – Rm: Meadowbrook I

How do small businesses cope with the Code of Federal Regulation totaling 175,000 plus pages, government restriction on contract, and how does it impact economy and the poor? Listen in as Ms. Dearn sheds some light on the intrusive world of labor laws.

When Helping is Hurting: Prostitution

Sarah Stewart – 5:00PM Saturday – Rm: Meadowbrook II

The criminalization of prostitution costs American taxpayers over \$200 million annually, yet in countries where it is legal, there have been lower rates of sex trafficking, sexually transmitted diseases and abuse.

Religion and Naturalization

Cecil Ince – 6:00PM Saturday – Rm: Cotton Creek I

Our nation was founded off of the principles of freedom; freedom of religion and the freedom to leave one country and to settle in another. Today the obsession of religion and the oppression of Immigration set the political theater for debate. The exclusion of Immigration in the US since 1882 until today. The U.S. Constitution doesn't grant the president, congress, the senate, or the supreme court powers over Immigration.

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Self-Governance Basics: Navigating Leviathan – the Colorado Legislature and State Government. Guidance Through the Belly of the Beast

Michael Stapleton – 6:00PM Saturday – Rm: Cotton Creek II

To effectively engage with and hold the elected accountable, we as individuals must know the make up and processes of our Colorado State legislature. How to follow, engage and exercise our civic authority in the Colorado legislative and government process.

Lessons Learned from my U.S. Senate Race

Lily Tang Williams – 6:00PM Saturday – Rm: Meadowbrook I

Lily will share what she learned during her 2016 campaign for U.S. Senate, including preparation to run, the nomination process, connecting with the public with clear messages, how to contact the media, podcast interviews, social media posts and ads, organizing committee leaders and volunteers, raising money for your campaign, and the importance of filing government paperwork on time. It is a full time job to run for a statewide race if you are committed!

The Natural Appeal of Liberty

Gregory Faust – 6:00PM Saturday – Rm: Meadowbrook II

Libertarians are a vocal and passionate lot. They have great ideas and are willing to share them. However, the way we spread our message is not necessarily the most effective. If we envision a Libertopia, we must at least promise a means of getting to that place, whatever it may be. And the fact that most Americans agree with us on the fundamental issues, such as less War, end the war on drugs, minimize the state, lower taxes, together with the fact that we are not doing as well as we ought to in elections, means that we are doing a poor job in explaining our message. We need to learn the art of marketing, and not

focus on the fringe elements of our ideology, but rather focus on the many things that we agree with the vast majority of the electorate. This country needs to have a voice that counters the narrative of big government. The current entrenched duopoly system of Republicans and Democrats only serves the powerful and the rich, and not the voices of average Americans. To tap that market, we need to be smarter about how we approach them, because in the end when they hear our liberty message they will be on our side.

On the Road to Liberty

7:00PM Saturday – Rm: Standley Ballroom

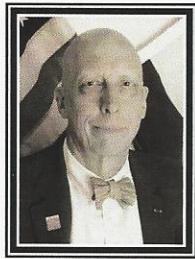
Enjoy a musical performance by Corey "Sage" Fauconier prior to a frank and open discussion on building a libertarian city from the ground up. How will we get from where we are now, to where we'd ideally like to be? The discussion will be hosted by 2014 Colorado Gubernatorial candidate, Matthew Hess, and will feature viewpoints by 2016 LP Presidential nominee, Austin Petersen, and Nebraska State Senator Laura Ebke.

2016 LP Presidential nominee, Steven Kerbel, will kick the discussion off with his plea to "Make enforcement trustworthy again." It is a common and accurate perception that law enforcement to a large degree has become an armed collection force for the state. This reality has created a more violent and angry relationship between the people and the government that we are supposed to control. We intend to create and pass a ballot initiative which addresses and corrects this phenomenon, and if successful, the eyes of the country will be once again upon the state of Colorado for innovation and a real quest for individual liberty.

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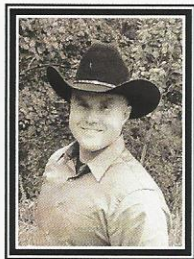
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The Libertarian Party of Colorado would like to thank our wonderful presenters for their willingness to share their varied expertise, collectively spanning several topics for our guests to enjoy!



Frank Atwood officially became a Libertarian in mid 1990, even though he had been a polite libertarian milque-toast Republican advocating gun rights and anti-prohibition drug policies all his life. After retiring and moving to Colorado in 2000 he became vigorously politically active, he has run for State House once, and CD 1 twice. He helped repeal the Littleton grocery tax and other community efforts. He has always been concerned that third parties sabotage their philosophical allies and how to resolve that conundrum.

Atwood served on the Arapahoe County Liquor board for a dozen years and has currently applied to be appointed to Littleton's Election Commission. He was a founding member and still active with Littleton's Sunshine Advocates – community watchdog group practicing transparency, accountability and consequences for Littleton leadership. In 2008 he was introduced to Approval Voting and has been an advocate ever since, being the Approval Voting Party presidential candidate in 2016.



Christopher Billman is an outdoor enthusiast who works for the county full time, is currently enrolled in classes finishing a BS in Mathematics/physics full time, and has 3 very intelligent daughters. Married for 10 years, he and his wife enjoy a homesteading lifestyle where they raise chickens and goats, and try their hand at various gardening techniques each year. Mr. Billman is an avid backpacker, hiker, and obstacle racer participating in Spartan Races or Tough Mudders regularly. Ex-military, with an honorable discharge, Christopher also loves debate, logic, facts, and working out math and physics equations for fun.



Alicia I. Dearn is the founder of Bellatrix PC, a woman-owned, business facing law firm with offices in Saint Louis, Missouri and San Diego, and Riverside, California. Bellatrix PC handles lawsuits and business transactions and gives legal advice in business, employment, real estate, civil litigation and election law.

In 2012, Ms. Dearn served as General Counsel to Governor Gary Johnson's Libertarian campaign for U.S. Presidency and its related non-profits and PACs. Notably, she successfully defended multiple legal challenges to Governor Johnson's ballot access. This earned Dearn a reputation as fearless as she single-handedly defeated some of the nation's top-ranked election law attorneys in multiple eleventh-hour state electoral proceedings simultaneously.

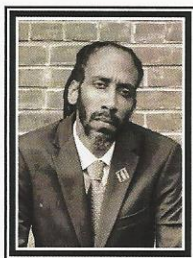
With a lengthy resume in both federal and state courts, Ms. Dearn's litigation practice is multi-jurisdictional, sophisticated and full-service handling trials, appeals, complex litigation matters, as well as class actions. She has obtained seven-figure judgments and full defense verdicts for her clients. She regularly speaks, publishes and appears on radio to discuss law, women entrepreneurship, politics, labor and business.



State Senator **Laura Ebke** is a lifelong Nebraskan, elected to the officially non-partisan Nebraska Unicameral in 2014 for a four year term. Before changing her party registration to Libertarian in late May of 2016, she had served as one of the state leaders of the Ron Paul effort in 2008 and 2012, and was the State Chair and a founding member of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Nebraska from 2008-2015. Her focus on liberty led her to be a primary co-sponsor, and in-committee driver of Nebraska's ban on civil forfeiture in 2016. She was elected Chair of the Judiciary Committee for the 105th Legislature in January, a position she will hold through 2018. She will be up for re-election in the fall of 2018. Sen. Ebke is married, and has three children.

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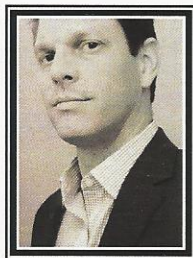
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Corey "Sage" Fauconier is a native of Cambria Heights, Queens, New York who currently resides in Highland Springs, Virginia. He is a graduate of Hampton University with a degree in Political Science (1994) and a Paralegal Studies Certificate (1996). Currently Corey serves as the Communications Chair of the Libertarian Party of Virginia, and he has worked closely with them to bring the Libertarian party platform to the African American community.

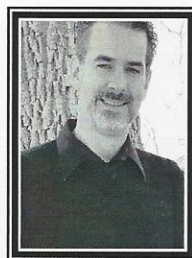
Corey received great feedback from Libertarians from coast to coast for his single "Nice: Libertarian Theme," released in July of 2015. With his witty rap lyrics explaining the major party platform issues, he made fighting for liberty a cool thing to do.

In January 2017, Corey took all that he learned and jumped into politics. Mr. Fauconier was the Libertarian Candidate for Virginia State Senate District 9. Because of his run, Elko is now has a yellow dot on the State Board of Election map for the Commonwealth of Virginia representing the Libertarian Party.



Gregory Faust is the Chair and Pennsylvania State Coordinator of the Libertarian Party Radical Caucus and a coordinator of the Mid-Atlantic Liberty Festival, host of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania 2017 state convention. Greg will be running for Congress in 2018 in his current district, which consists of parts of Philadelphia and its suburbs, and is working on several projects within the liberty movement.

Greg obtained a B.A. in Psychology from McGill University in Montréal, and a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School. He has been a licensed attorney for 17 years, handling at various times both litigation and transactional work. He grew up in New York until moving to the suburbs of Philadelphia for the birth of his son four years ago.



Marc Goddard was born in Portland Oregon and spent his formative years there, becoming politically active at 16 years old. Among his early accomplishments were organizing a fight against using the Willamette river as drinking water, and running a campaign for Mayor of Portland.

This candidate was only 19 (the youngest mayor candidate in the country at the time), and ended up getting 2nd out of 16 candidates. After earning his Associates degree in Portland, Marc earned his Bachelor's degree in political science and philosophy from Marymount University in Arlington, VA.

In 2006, Marc moved to Denver, Colorado and became immediately involved with the LPCO. That year, he ran the Gubernatorial campaign for candidate Dawn Winkler, which unlocked much growth for the LPCO, even getting Libertarians included in the prestigious Club 20 debates for the first time ever. Also in 2006, Marc presided as Parliamentarian over the LPCO state convention. Shortly thereafter, Marc became a NAP Parliamentarian, and has since presided as Parliamentarian over multiple Party conventions. The National Party recognized him for his efforts assisting the 2008 National convention held in Denver Colorado. In 2010, he ran for State House in District 4, where he garnished 5% of the vote – a record for any Libertarian in that district. He also assisted in the campaign for Jeff Schitter for Congress, and in 2014, he was campaign manager for David Williams, candidate for Attorney General of Colorado – a campaign that yielded an impressive total of over 120,000 votes.

Marc now resides in Colorado Springs. He was Parliamentarian and hosted the Presidential debate for the 2016 LPCO convention, which was held in that city. He is back this year to offer his Parliamentarian services once again.

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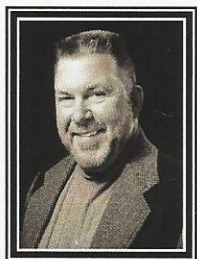
Ron Gowins has worked in the addiction treatment field in Colorado for nearly 19 years. He has a bachelor's degree from The Metropolitan State University of Denver in Addictions Studies. He is a Certified Addiction Counselor III (CACIII). He has worked in outpatient settings, hospital-based

settings, criminal justice settings and currently works in an opioid treatment program. He provides patient needs assessment, direct patient care, clinical supervision for other therapists.



Caryn Ann Harlos became politically active after discovering the Libertarian Party and Libertarian principles. She is a paralegal holding a certification with the National Association of Legal Assistants with twenty years of experience and a Christian author.

In addition to her positions as the Region 1 Representative on the Libertarian National Committee, Communications Director for Libertarian Party of Colorado, and Colorado State Coordinator for the Libertarian Party Radical Caucus, she presently serves in many other volunteer capacities with the Libertarian Party and activist groups on a county, state, and national level, as well as serving as an editor with Independent Political Report. Caryn Ann's passion is to communicate the principles of libertarianism to as wide an audience as possible and to uphold the principles upon which the Libertarian Party was founded.

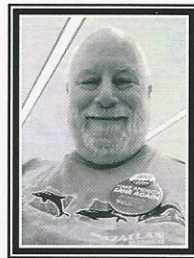


Wayne Harlos is a native of Colorado and after being a Republican for many years, finally realized that no party other than the Libertarian Party stands for the freedoms that our country was founded on. Wayne is the Vice Chair of the LPCO, as well as the Chair of the Douglas County Liber-

tarian Affiliate, with a goal of "spreading the word." He has a significant passion for gaining liberty for the residents of the State. Wayne has been a Real Estate Broker for 30 years with the last 25 in Castle Rock where he now resides. "My goal is to reduce the size and effect of government in all of our lives."



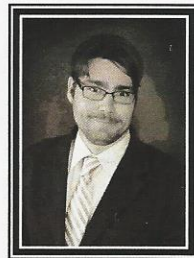
Matthew Hess is a systems administrator by trade working in a variety of industries and capacities, an occasional Libertarian candidate for offices from county commissioner to governor, Liberty activist engaging in frequent promotion of Libertarian principles, and a recipient of the Presidential Volunteer Service award.



From the time **Blake Huber** was in high school he would argue voluntarist/libertarian positions. His American government teacher would constantly tell him, "Blake that just won't work." And his response was, "why don't we simply try?" In 1976, someone mentioned to Blake that the

fellow on the radio sounded like him, and after listening for a few minutes, Roger McBride, the fellow on the radio, *did* sound a lot like Blake. Blake became involved in libertarian politics in the early 80s and was elected State Chair of the Kansas party, and to the National Committee as well.

After many years of working on campaigns to help libertarians get elected, Blake decided there's something else going on here that needs to be changed. He got involved with the concept of approval voting approximately 10 years ago, and is now promoting that concept heavily. Approval voting would give more visibility and availability to alternative parties without creating a spoiler effect.

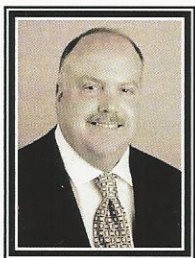


Cecil Ince is a former 2016 candidate for the Libertarian Party nomination of President of the United States.

He has also run for office as a Libertarian at the state, local, and national levels.

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A 2016 Libertarian Presidential Candidate, **Steve Kerbel** is dedicated to the advancement of the cause of Liberty in the United States, and at all levels. Steve spent 20 years at the helm of Multi State Insurance corporations, created hundreds of jobs and produced over \$1 Billion of insurance premiums over his career. Steve wrote the 2014 book entitled, "Take Everyman Down" as an eye opening piece showing who is truly responsible for the condition of our country.

Steve remains active in the pursuit of liberty and the promotion of third party growth with his project entitled "Truth in Polling", a nonprofit which was endorsed by the Libertarian National Committee late in 2016. Steve keeps the possibility open of running for additional offices and creating and supporting liberty based ballot initiatives.

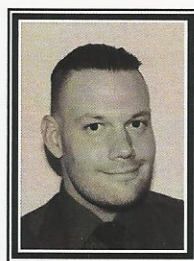


A Colorado native, **Susan Kochevar** grew up in Commerce City and graduated from Adams City High School. She graduated from the University of Denver with a degree in Communications and is also a 2013 graduate of Leadership Program of the Rockies. She is also Chairman of Colorado Republican Business Coalition which advocates for small business by giving them a voice at the Capitol. Her first job was at a drive-in theatre her parents bought in 1976. When her parents retired, she took over the family business and has been running the theatre for the last 20 years. She enjoys keeping a part of American History alive. The theater is a place where families and single parents can still afford to attend every week.

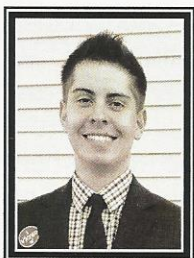
She ran for State House Representative in 2014 and 2016, coming very close to winning both times. Susan decided to run for office after a tough battle with Commerce City to keep the business open. Ultimately the city backed down entirely. She is passionate about sharing her lessons learned with other small business people.



Celeste Landry has been studying voting methods since 2012 as a member of the League of Women Voters of Boulder County Voting Methods Team. She is now the team's leader. In March, the Boulder County League approved a position to support implementing alternative voting methods. Celeste and the team are now in the process of advocating for the state League to adopt the position at their convention in May.



Daniel Lutz was born in Northwest Indiana during the summer of 1986, where he lived until 1995 when his family moved to North Carolina. He graduated from Parkland High School, Winston-Salem NC, in 2005. Three days after graduation he reported for Recruit Training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina. For his first enlistment he was a Combat Engineer, serving one tour in Iraq on the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit from November 2006 until April 2007. In 2009 Sgt. Lutz made a lateral move into Combat Journalism, and graduated from the Defense Information's School (DINFOS) in September of 2009. In November of the same year he reported to the Recruiting Station in Kansas City. While stationed in Kansas City, Sgt. Lutz was trained in Professional Selling Skills (PSS). During that time he gained over \$3 Million in free advertising, reduced the stations advertising costs by nearly %50, and conducted countless Enhanced Area Canvassing (EAC) events. In May of 2013 Daniel left the Marine Corps as a Sergeant to expand his education in Political Science and Law. In 2015 Mr. Lutz moved to Colorado with his traveling companion, Ashley, that he would soon marry, and made a home deep in the Rockies.



Apollo Pazell is a long time political activist. For 15 years Apollo has been a fixture in campaign politics, working on some 63 campaigns in 3 political parties. Apollo's specialty is in candidate recruitment and primary elections. He has worked in some of the

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most unique nomination contests in the country, the Iowa Caucuses, the Texas Caucus/Primary, and the Utah caucus/convention/primary system. Apollo started his own consulting practice in the hopes of recruiting, training, and electing candidates who speak truth to power, exemplify transparency, and understand policy.

Apollo is currently helping form new municipalities based on limited government and cultivating leaders who promote liberty. Apollo is also traveling the country guiding a new crop of campaign operatives how to find and run winning candidates.



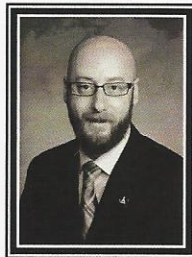
Austin Petersen is a former candidate for the Libertarian Party's 2016 nomination for President of the United States, taking second place in a crowded primary behind Governor Gary Johnson, and ahead of cyber security maverick, John McAfee. Petersen earned many high profile endorsements in his run for the White House, including that of Mary Matalin, Erick Erickson, and Leon Wolf of RedState.com.

Austin Petersen is the owner and chief executive of Stonegait LLC. He is also the honorary Chairman of the Stonegait Institute, LokiPAC and Stonegait PAC, three non-profits dedicated to libertarian advocacy, as well as funding candidates and campaigns dedicated to the cause. Petersen has turned The Libertarian Republic into a powerful online news source for the public, with an average of 1.5 million unique visits monthly. As a publisher and professional pundit, Petersen grew The Freedom Report podcast into a top audio news source, with an average of 1.5 million monthly downloads. As a creative content producer, business executive, and successful political organizer, Stonegait's CEO has a lifetime of activism ahead, with decades of professional experience in a wide variety of industries.



Born and raised on the east coast, **Brian Rogers** lived in Maryland and Pennsylvania until graduating from college in 2006 with a dual major in Industrial Technology and Business Management. Following graduation, Brian moved to Colorado. Having managed restaurants on the east

coast Brian began working at a restaurant in Lakewood where he met his fiancé and business partner Caitlin McGuire. The two opened a medical marijuana store together in Breckenridge, CO that was the center of an eight episode CNN Docu-series titled High Profits that focused on the battle with government officials over their store's location. In 2015 the two sold that store and opened another marijuana company, this time on the wholesale and manufacturing side of the industry. Brian is currently the President and CEO of Kayak Cannabis a concentrates manufacturing company as well as Backcountry Cannabis Company, a retail cannabis store in Crested Butte, CO.

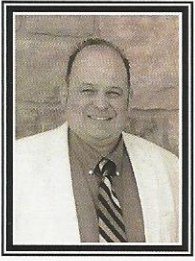


Jonathan Singer is in his third term representing House District 11 in Longmont and northern Boulder County. He is Chairman of the Public Health & Human Services Committee and Vice-Chair's the Joint Technology Committee and the Mental Illness and Criminal Justice System Committee.

Rep. Singer has played a key role in efforts to streamline and expand child welfare services, electoral reform and disaster recovery. He is also the legislature's leading authority on the laws and regulations implementing Amendment 64, the landmark 2012 referendum in which the people of Colorado legalized the recreational use of marijuana. Rep. Singer received his bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from Colorado State University. He has been a volunteer in the community for most of his life, from sitting on the Longmont Planning and Zoning Commission to volunteering for the Boulder County Safe House. He met his wife, Allison, while volunteering at the Boulder Public Library while they were both in high school. They live in Longmont with their daughter, Gwendolyn, who was born in August 2015.

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Michael Stapleton has a great family, Anita, wife and three adult children Coty, Kylee, and Colby. A 25 year career in sales, service and management. Michael has studied applied civics with the Center For Self Governance and has put into practice engaging with and holding government accountable at all levels in Colorado with grassroots lobbying efforts; informing and building relationships with fellow Coloradans. Michael has served as Legislative Director for LPCO since February 2015 and is very engaged and active during the Colorado Legislative Session.

He has successfully argued a death penalty case before the North Carolina Supreme Court and tried civil and criminal cases in state and federal court.

He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on a Morehead Scholarship and received his B.A. in Economics in 1989. He stayed in Chapel Hill and received his J.D. with Honors in 1992. He is also a 2009 graduate of the Leadership Program of the Rockies.

D.K. is a frequent speaker at events throughout Colorado, a writer and contributor at Speakeasy Ideas.



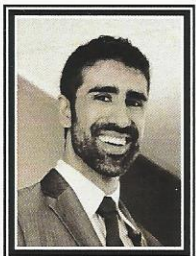
Sarah "Daggers" Stewart is a Libertarian and a sex worker activist. Experiences reporting to the CDC with a health initiative grant, military and working for the DEA Task force opened her eyes to a corrupt government and broken system. Soon after joining the Libertarian Party and speaking out against the drug war she became an advocate for sex workers. Sarah believe like the fail drug war, government involvement creates more victims and is a waste of tax payer funds. She hopes to educate and empower others to speak in favor of decriminalization of prostitution.



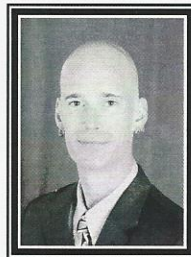
Lily Tang Williams grew up in China under Mao's regime.. In this tumultuous environment, she quickly developed street smarts and compassion, as well as the values of perseverance and hard work.

Lily was nominated as a U.S. Senate candidate by the Libertarian Party of Colorado in 2016. She has also run for State House District 44. She is a former state chair of the LPCO, and is currently State Director for Our America Initiative and Advisory Board Member of USPIE (uspie.org).

Lily is a grassroots activist and professional speaker – outspoken in defending the U.S. Constitution, promoting civil liberties, economic freedom, less intrusive government, parental control of education and other policies that maximize personal freedom.



Arvin Vohra is the Vice Chair of the Libertarian National Committee. He has run for office as a Libertarian several times at both the state and national level. He is the founder of Vohra Method, an private educational service, and is the author of several books, including *Why Hillary Lost*.



Alex "Skinny" Winkler has been active in the political process since his early twenties, and held libertarian ideals for much longer. He got started by helping on Ron Paul campaigns, and eventually becoming elected Vice-Chair of the Adams County Republicans, and running for State Representative,

and Adams County Commissioner. He is a small business owner, and resides in Northglenn, CO with his wife and 3 children.



D.K. Williams is a former State Chair of the Libertarian Party of Colorado, Before serving as Chairman, he served as Legislative Director for the party. He is a practicing lawyer and was the LPCO nominee for state Attorney General in 2014, where he garnered over 120,000 votes, or 6.2%.

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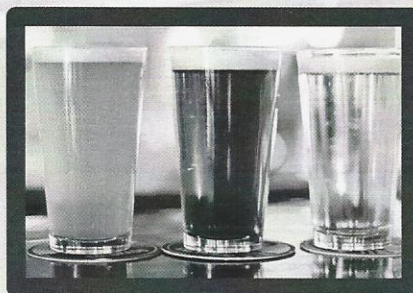
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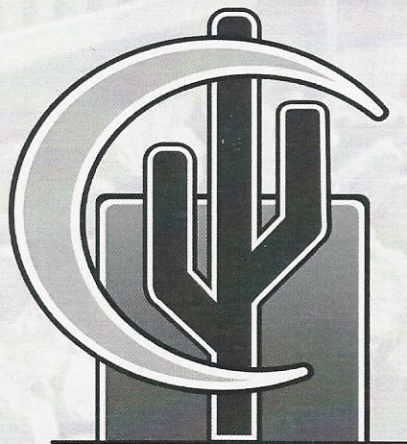
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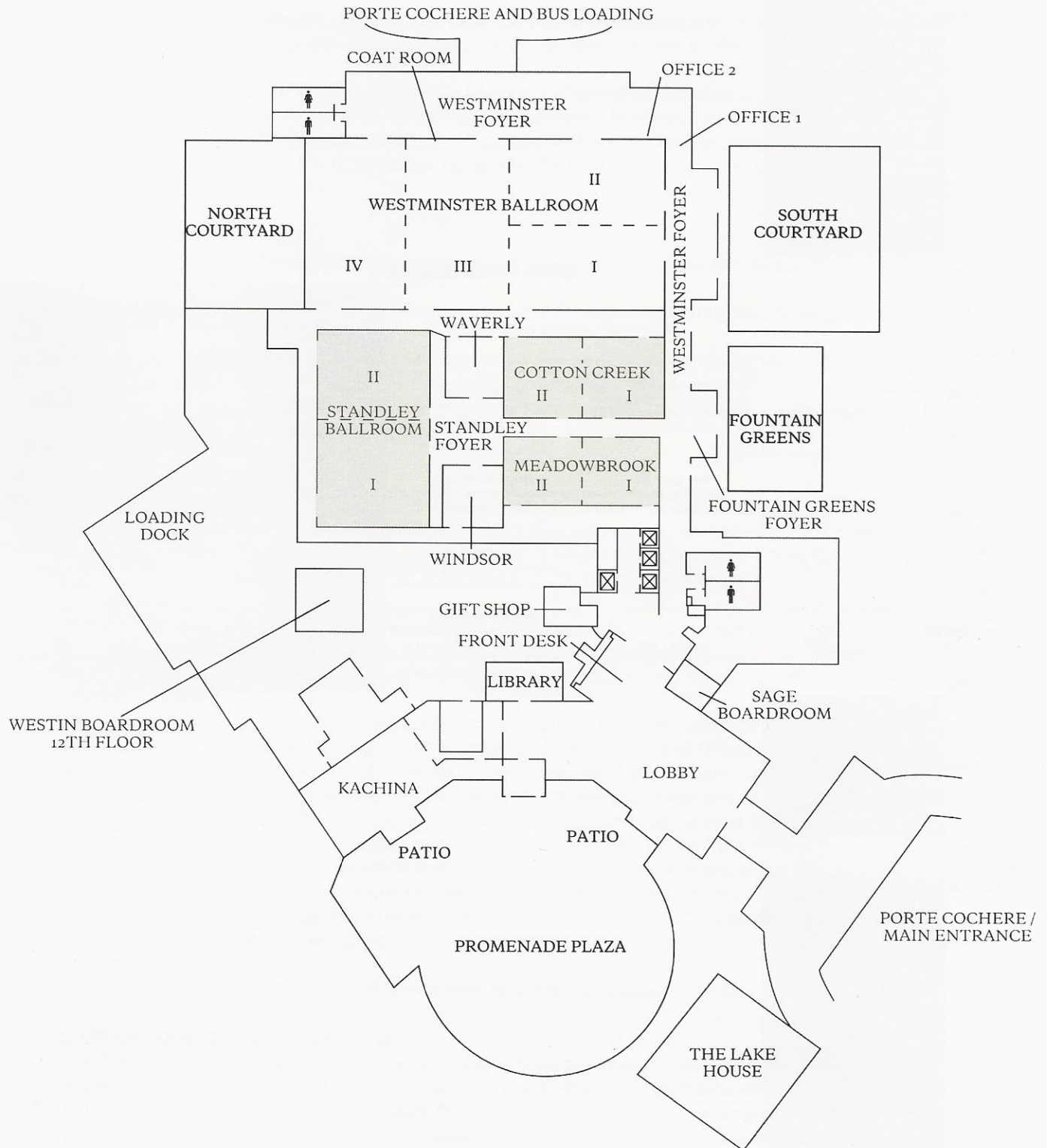
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Schedule of Events

	Standley Ballroom	Cotton Creek I	Cotton Creek II	MeadowBrook I	MeadowBrook II
Saturday					
8:30 AM	Keynote: Arvin Vohra LNC Vice Chair Business Session: Call to Order & Organization Credentials Committee Report Declaration of Quorum Committee on Standing Rules Report Approval of Agenda Approval of 2016 Convention Minutes Board Reports Constitution & Bylaws Committee Report Adjourn to Sunday, March 26th				
1:00 PM	Lunch Break/TANSTAFL				
2:00 PM		ALTERNATIVE VOTING METHODS		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
2:30 PM					
3:00 PM		Steve Kerbel: Truth in Polling - A Solution to a Nationwide Exclusion of Third Parties From Polls and Debates	Brian Rogers: Government Interference in Business	Apollo Pazell: Recruiting Liberty: The Importance of a Liberty Machine	Wayne Harlos: Getting Involved at the County Level
3:30 PM					Cecil Ince Religion and Naturalization
4:00 PM		Ron Gowins: The Failed War on Drugs – A Case for Elimination of Prohibition	Susan Kochevar: Tactics for Defending Your Business from the Regulators	Alicia I. Dearn Labor Laws: How They Hurt Businesses, Freedom of Contract, Economy, and the Poor	Caryn Ann Harlos Through Which Liberty Shall Prevail
4:30 PM					
5:00 PM		Corey Fauconier: Liberty and the African American	D.K. Williams: Civil Forfeiture – From Its Maritime Roots to Modern Highway Robbery	Arvin Vohra: Real Free Market Transitions	Sarah Stewart: When Helping is Hurting: Prostitution
5:30 PM					
6:00 PM		Daniel Lutz: Developing Outreach Skills	Michael Stapleton: Self Governance Basics: Navigating Leviathan – the Colorado Legislature and State Government. Guidance Through the Belly of the Beast	Lily Tang Williams: Lessons Learned From my U.S. Senate Race	Gregory Faust: The Natural Appeal of Liberty
6:30 PM					
7:00 PM	Banquet and Main Event: On the Road to Liberty Arvin Vohra, Austin Petersen, Senator Laura Ebke, and Steven Kerbel Hosted by Matthew Hess Musical performance by Corey Fauconier				
11:30 PM					
Sunday					
8:30 AM	Business Session: Call to Order Credentials Committee Report Declaration of Quorum Board Elections - State Chair - Vice Chair - Regions Director - Campaigns Director - Outreach Director - Communications Director - Fundraising Director - Membership Director Platform Committee Report Resolutions (Time Permitting) LPCO Board Meeting Adjournment Sin Die				
1:00 PM					

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