

# Center Section CONVENTION NEWS

## CLP Slates Convention in Boulder, Memorial Day Weekend

by Len Jackson

The 1982 State Convention will be held in Boulder, at the Broker Inn, a hotel and restaurant just off US 36. This convention will include a little of everything: business (Constitution & By-Laws and Platform revision, nomination of candidates, election of officers); learning and thinking through exposure to various speakers and presentations; and, one of the LP's important functions, partying.

Business sessions are scheduled on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Reports from the Constitution & By-Laws and Platform Committees are included in this issue of the *Liberty*, and copies of the committee reports are printed in this issue. As many of you know, business goes much more smoothly if these reports have been at least scanned before discussion begins. There are some substantive changes in both the Constitution and the Platform of which members should be aware.

An important part of any Convention is the opportunities it offers to participants to attain new knowledge. This convention will present several such opportunities in the

form of two groups of presentations. The first, on Saturday afternoon, will include LP notable Stormy Mon, whose topic will be "Diversified Unity; Ten Ways to Cut Government in Half." Biz Kajunju, a leader of the anti-government underground in Zaire, will speak on the "Cleptocratic" dictatorship in his native country. This presentation is sure to infuriate others as much as it did the CU Libertarians/Objectivists. Biz details how the dictator of Zaire attained power and how he keeps it with — you guessed it — American help.

The second group of presentations, on Sunday night, has an anti-militarist theme. The Fran & Charley Show, a comedy team from San Francisco, will highlight the evening by performing what they term "nuclear comedy." Their idea is that people can open up more to combat the threat of nuclear annihilation if the process is begun with humor. When I heard them earlier this year in Boulder, they were profound, and poignant — and very funny.

As everyone knows, partying is one of the attractions of any gathering, so we're planning two parties, just to be sure that everyone is satisfied. The first, a reception by the Boulder County Libertarians'

Association, is on Friday night. This will be a chance to relax, get acquainted, start discussing the issues that will come up, and generally have a good time.



National Chair, Alicia Clark,  
to keynote convention.

The big party is on Saturday night. It introduces an element that the LP hasn't given much thought to in the past:

and lots of conversation. The Broker's upstairs bar (The Gazebo Lounge) has to be seen to be believed — it's full of out of the way corners and comfortable places. This year, we've expanded the costume idea — you can come as anyone else (not necessarily a Libertarian) or dressed as you would in Vegas or Monte Carlo (which means, dress anyway you want). Don't stay away because you hate dressing up — there'll be people attending in all varieties of dress. There may even be prizes for costumes (or non-costumes).

Another part of the available entertainment will be the movies offered. Each one will be run at last twice, so that everyone will be able to see them. We've scheduled *The Children's Story*, about indoctrination by a teacher; *Sacco & Vanzetti*, the story of the trial of two anarchists condemned for their politics; *THX 1138*, about a totally regimented world and an attempt to escape it; and, finally, *The Fountainhead*, from the book by Ayn Rand.

The cost in individual events (subject to change), is: each movie - \$2; each speaker (no charge for keynote speaker, Alicia Clark) - \$4; Saturday Night Party (no "funny money" included, charge extra) - \$6.50; "The Threat of War; the Hope of Peace" (Sunday Evening) - \$5; and Friday evening reception - \$5. An activities package on the other hand, is only \$50. It includes admission to all events, and "funny money" to use

## Report of the 1982



# Report of the 1982 Colorado Platform Committee

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(Note: Planks are reported in the revised order voted on by the Platform Committee. Italicized words denote additions, parenthesis denotes deletions. "Majority Plank" indicates the section passed by a majority of the committee.)

## INTRODUCTION

### Majority Plank — New Plank

We affirm the right of all individuals to live their own lives in whatever manner they choose subject to the equal right of others. No person or group should initiate force against peaceful individuals or take their justly earned property. No government, no majority or its representative; no legislation or government bureaucrat should abridge these rights of the individual.

All goods and services can and should be earned and traded voluntarily in a truly free market — including those services now monopolized and regulated by government. Advocates of any program or product should persuade users, not elected officials with the power to impose their will on those who do not agree with them.

Continuing reduction of taxes and regulations, toward their eventual elimination, should accompany the return of government services to the private competitive marketplace. This will result in the expansion of freedom, creativity, flexibility and productivity. Individual effort will be

rewarded and natural resources treasured, in relation to scarcity and value to others.

## TAXES

### Majority Plank

All taxation is a (flagrant) violation of the fundamental right of individuals to keep the fruits of their labor. We, therefore oppose all forcible collection of money or goods by government and call for the disbanding of all enforcement agencies associated with tax collection.

As an interim measure, we support mandatory tax reductions *and oppose any new tax or tax increase.*

## GOVERNMENT SPENDING

No changes from last year.

## PUBLIC SERVICES

### Unanimous Plank — Substitution

We oppose governmental ownership and operation of any so-called public services such as water and sewer, transportation, fire protection, trash collection and health care.

We favor the immediate public auction of all such services now owned or operated by government to the private sector including voluntary charitable organizations. We also advocate immediate elimination of any government restriction on competition for such services.

The transfer of such services to the private sector does not include any present governmental authority to violate individual rights.

## COST SHARING

### Majority Plank — New Plank

We oppose the control of state and local activities by the federal government through cost sharing. We propose that the state and local governments and any other agencies refuse to participate and refuse any and all distributions of federal funds.

We oppose any increase in state and local taxes to replace federal funds.

introduces an element that the LP hasn't given much thought to in the past: gambling. Since the State won't let us gamble with (or win) real money (isn't that a laugh? We *have* to use their funny money), we'll be trying for prizes, instead. Some of the things that have been donated so far are an original watercolor by a Boulder artist, music lessons, dinners (at private homes and at restaurants) and photographs.

For those of you that might not be interested in gambling, there will be a cash bar

other hand, is only \$50. It includes admission to all events, and "funny money" to use at the Casino Night.

The hotel manager has given us a deal on rooms: singles are now the same price as doubles, \$37. Get your reservations in early, to be sure of a room.

If you have any questions about the Convention, please give Len Jackson a call at 665-3413, in the evenings.

See you there!

## GOVERNMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

### Majority Plank

We advocate repeal of all laws creating and protecting government-sanctioned monopolies, and demand an end to all licensing requirements and regulatory activities because they interfere with the individual's right to enter into voluntary contractual arrangements.

In Colorado, this includes abolishing the Public Utilities Commission, eliminating the monopoly status of Mountain Bell and the Public Service Company, and allowing unregulated access to local broadcasting by cable, satellite and pay television companies. *We condemn the granting of cable television franchises in Colorado.*

We also advocate elimination of the 55 mph speed limit, all vehicular inspection requirements and licensing, and licensing of drivers.

*We believe that health, safety and consumer protection can be effectively assured* (We believe that public safety can be more effectively assured) through a strict application of liability laws.

## JUSTICE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL

### Majority Plank — Replacement Plank

Justice for the individual will be achieved within systems for enforcing rights and obligations. Court systems are meant to provide non-violent means of settling disputes among individuals, as well as requiring restitution from those who violate rights. Thus, we support the free development of legal systems that further the rights of the individual while providing forums where disputes can be settled.

Currently, criminal law is based on punishment with little concern for the victim. The present system of "criminal

justice" does not provide justice because crime is currently defined as unlawful acts against the state, rather than unjustified acts against the lives, property and rights of specific individuals. Restitution to victims must be emphasized at the expense of convicted wrongdoers. We do not approve of the existing state Victims Compensation Fund which socializes restitution rather than providing for specific restitution from specific wrongdoers to specific victims.

We call for the repeal of all victimless "crime" laws, since they are no more than one group's imposition of its moral standards upon the voluntary action of individuals. We favor unconditional pardon of persons convicted of or detained for victimless "crimes".

In particular, we condemn continuing Colorado legislative attempts to control or eliminate obscenity, pornography, massage parlors, escort services and use of any chemical substances and drug paraphernalia.

We advocate an immediate end to the doctrine of "Sovereign Immunity" which implies that the State can do no wrong and holds that the State, contrary to the tradition of our common law, may not be sued without its permission or be held accountable for its actions in civil suits.

## INDIVIDUALS IN GOVERNMENT

### Majority Plank

*Present laws limit both the civil and criminal liability of government officials and employees for violations of individual rights. Therefore, government officials and employees should be held strictly and personally responsible for their actions.*

(We favor voluntary means of financial support, instead of tax-financed salaries, for

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FRIDAY MAY 28	SATURDAY MAY 29	SUNDAY MAY 30	MONDAY MAY 31	
				8 a.m.
	Convention Rules		Nomination of Candidates	
	Keynote			9 a.m.
		Platform Debate		
	Constitution and By-Laws Debate			10 a.m.
			Election of Officers	
				11 a.m.
	"The Fountainhead"			12 p.m.
		"Incredible Bread Machine"		
	Constitution and By-Laws Debate	Candidates' Forum "THX 1138"		1 p.m.
	Colorado Issues Panel "Childrens Story"	Platform Debate		2 p.m.
	"Incredible Bread Machine"			
	Biz Kajunju			3 p.m.



	Biz Kajunju "THX 1138"	"Childrens Story"	3 p.m.
		"Sacco & Vanzetti"	
	Stormy Mon		4 p.m.
	Immigrants Panel "Childrens Story"		5 p.m.
	"Sacco & Vanzetti"	"Incredible Bread Machine"	
Registration Opens			6 p.m.
BCLA Reception Intro to Libertarianism	Party		7 p.m.
"The Fountainhead"		The Threat of War: The Hope of Peace	
10:00 "The Fountainhead"	10:00 "THX 1138"		

## Convention Help Needed, No Pay, But Everybody Smiles Alot

People make a convention work, and in a volunteer organization like ours, we can't pay much but our undying gratitude. So far, *Tracy Harms* and *Pat Herringer* have done a huge amount of work — but they can't do everything. I still need help both before and during the Convention.

Before it happens, I need people to work on the program book (selling ads and layout) and to donate prizes for the Casino Night. If you sell a service, how about donating an hour of your time? If you sell a

product or have a hobby, think about donating a sample. If there's anyone who can letter signs, I'd be willing to make you a great deal.

At the Convention, I'll need people to run movie projectors, help with registration, and act as dealers for the Casino Night. Experience won't be necessary for any of these jobs — just enthusiasm.

If you're interested in working at the Convention and helping to make it a success, please let me know. Thanks, Len Jackson.

## Free Market Space Still Available

The Hotel will provide 3' by 8' tables, exhibitors provide their own signs and security.

Price for two days is \$25.

Of course, you can share a table and split the cost.

## Are You Close To Boulder And Willing To Provide Housing?

To keep our costs down we're trying to find housing for the three members of the Fran & Charley Comedy team. Please let Len know if you're interested.



**Colorado Platform Committee***(Continued from Page 5)*

candidates elected to public office and oppose all laws restricting such voluntary financing.)

**POLICE POWERS****Unanimous Plank**

We favor drastic reductions in the discretion currently accorded to police and other government officials to take threatening or violent action against others on whim and with impunity. In particular, the virtually complete immunity from criminal prosecution for acts such as theft, breaking and entering, false arrest [kidnapping], strip searches and the like committed against innocent people, which police officers enjoy, must be changed. We specifically repudiate the doctrine that anyone's suspicions or belief, whether or not held in good faith, constitute an entitlement to take violent action against others, unless supported by demonstrable facts.

We particularly condemn the use by various Colorado public agencies of entrapment techniques; such as the use of decoy prostitutes and the placement of undercover agents in high schools. These practices violate basic individual rights, and often result in a high degree of danger to the general population.

**EQUAL RIGHTS****Unanimous with Abstentions**

We deny the right of government to discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, creed, age, national origin, disabilities, sexual or political preference. Nonetheless, we oppose legislative or judicial attempts to regulate discrimination in private relations and transactions.

Individual and cooperative efforts, not government coercion are the only just solutions to the problem of "equal rights". No human need, no matter how legitimate, justifies the initiation of force through taxation. (We particularly deplore the oppression of handicapped persons by government through token social programs, the government-medical complex, mandated architectural changes or any laws which institutionalize discrimination.)

**RIGHT TO PRIVACY**

No change from last year.

**ELECTION LAWS***(Unanimous Plank)*

shale development, surface mining and toxic waste disposal.

**WATER****Unanimous Plank**

We favor the recognition of private rights to ownership of water. Any residual claims of the State to water or its use should be returned to private ownership.

As an interim measure, we advocate water user fees to finance the administration of water rights and water courts, rather than taxation. (for all Colorado residents so that water becomes subject to the same supply and demand factors as other resources and commodities, except where individual water rights presently are being exercised.)

Public utility monopolies in the area of water storage, distribution and use must also be abolished and water as a resource returned to its proper place as a privately owned commodity in a free market.

We call for the termination of the monopoly held by the Denver Water Board and similar local government agencies elsewhere in Colorado.

Since government uses tax money to finance water projects, we urge termination of such subsidized engineering jobs in Colorado as federally funded water projects, mine drainage abatement and the Foothills Water Treatment Facility.

In addition, we oppose the exercise of federal reserve rights and interstate compacts to the detriment of any Colorado water right. To the extent that downstream water users claim the right to Colorado water, disputes should be settled through stipulation, arbitration, or litigation.

(We oppose manipulation of the environment by the State and call for an immediate end to taxpayer-financed weather modification experiments and programs.)

**PUBLIC LANDS AND LAND USE****Unanimous Plank**

Land use planning is properly the responsibility and right of land (the) owners. (of the land.) We oppose government ownership of land, and laws that restrict the right of private property owners to use, dispose of and covenant with regard to their property as they see fit. We advocate private operation of parks and preservation of wilderness through privately owned conservancies.

With respect to private property, we urge an end to government control of land use through such devices as zoning laws, building codes, eminent domain, regional planning, growth control and urban renewal. We insist that real costs of new development be borne by the developer or the purchasers, rather than by (all) taxpayers. (within that municipality.)

**TRANSPORTATION****Unanimous Plank — Substitute Plank**

Government attempts to provide transportation services interfere with voluntary exchange and promote costly and inefficient transportation systems. A free market in transportation will provide a diverse selection of alternatives, and, in all probability, increased employment opportunities.

To achieve this, we favor the repeal of laws prohibiting the operation of private transportation systems. Specifically, we call for the elimination of the monopoly granted to the Regional Transportation District, the licensing of taxicabs, trucking companies and chauffeurs.

We favor a freeze on further expenditure of taxpayers' money for new roads and highways, and the conversion to private ownership of existing government facilities.

**GUN CONTROL**

No change from last year.

**UNIONS AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING****Unanimous Plank**

We support the individual's unrestricted right to free contract and voluntary association including participation or non-participation in a labor union — and oppose the use of government as a tool or weapon in labor relations.

We insist that a difference exists between private employers and government entities as employers. Accordingly, we deny the right of any government agency to accept any labor union as an exclusive representative for its employees.

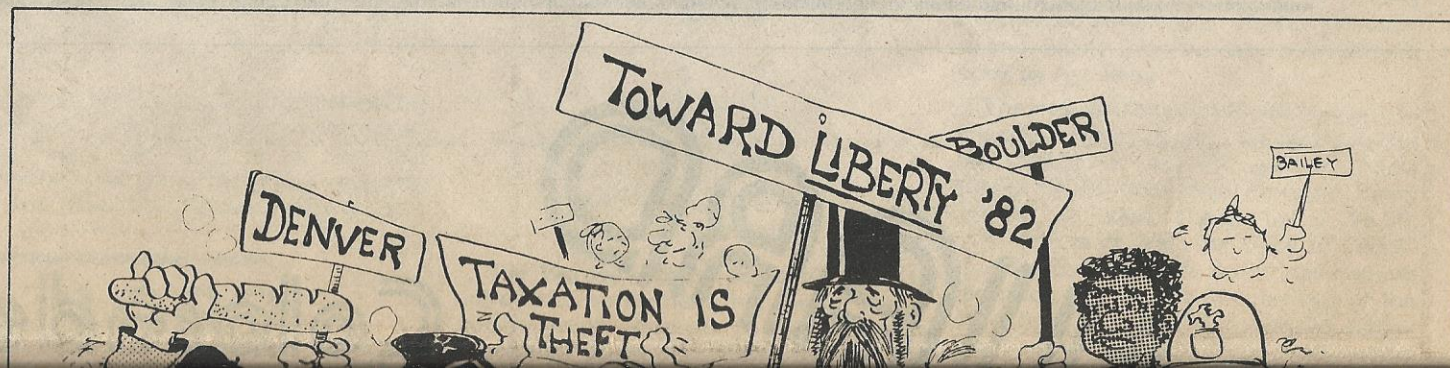
**FREE MARKET ZONES****Unanimous Plank**

As a (transition) step toward (establishing a) universal free markets, we favor the establishment of free market zones, i.e., areas in which all federal, state, and local regulations, taxes, services and subsidies (would be) are permanently eliminated. We support the right of individuals in any geographic area to establish free market zones.

We are however, opposed to "Enterprise Zones" by which governments manipulate investment with artificial and temporary incentives to achieve political ends.

**UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS****Unanimous Plank**

People should be allowed to immigrate to the United States and move to any state for political, economic, or any other reasons. Accordingly, we condemn any and all round-ups of individuals not possessing required government documents as restrictions on





## ELECTION LAWS

### Unanimous Plank

We favor greatly increased access to the ballot for initiated issues, referenda, political parties and independent candidates. We oppose all attempts to limit access to the general election ballot for independent candidates or candidates of small political parties. *We deny the right of the state government to define what constitutes a political party or to dictate how political parties must operate.* We further oppose the current merging of the business of the Democratic and Republican parties into the area of governmental action, and call for an end of the "open primary" system, under which parties recognized by the State are required to accept any and all voters into their ranks in return for the State's running of their candidate selection process.

We oppose any attempt to restrict the voluntary financing of campaigns or the range of choices available to voters in a general election.

So that voters may express dissatisfaction with the political system, "None of the Above" should appear as a choice in every election. If "None of the Above" wins a plurality, the office for that term would remain unfilled and unfunded.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Unanimous Plank

The present system of regulation fails to prevent the deterioration of our environment, wastes tax dollars, and arbitrarily (limits) *violates* individual rights. Regulations are misleading, since they permit the government to establish arbitrary "tolerable" levels of pollution.

We advocate the development of an objective system to establish individual property rights to air, water and other natural resources. Present legal principles which provide for the preservation of individual rights through the institution of civil actions should be expanded so that the principles of trespass, nuisance and negligence fully protect individual rights regarding damage done to air or water, or by noise, chemical or radiation pollution.

This would create incentives for development of less polluting, and therefore, less costly, technologies. Holding polluters fully responsible for their actions would also promote much more careful handling of problems important to Colorado such as oil



## ENERGY

### Unanimous Plank

We advocate a free market in energy production and consumption. (We demand that all government interference within the energy market be eliminated, as such interference)

*Government interference with the energy market* is the primary cause of the so-called energy crisis. Only through a free market in energy can we encourage a rational use of resources, conservation through the pricing system and development of alternative energy sources.

Therefore, we favor decontrol of prices, and deregulation of allocation, distribution and production. We advocate the abolition of all government attempts to develop or restrict [by eminent domain, subsidies, or otherwise] energy production or consumption.

Specifically, we call for an immediate end to government financed oil shale and syn-fuels projects, and the Solar Energy Research Institute. We also demand the removal of all roadblocks to energy development, such as the mineral severance taxes, and we demand the transfer of all government held mineral rights and lands to private hands.

## EDUCATION

### Unanimous Plank

We advocate separation of education and the State. Government schools interfere with the free choice of individuals and severely limit educational alternatives and progress. The proper solution to our educational ills is a free market in education so that individuals can choose the manner [and the language] in which they will be educated.

*We advocate public auction of all educational facilities now owned and operated by government to the private sector including voluntary charitable organizations.* As interim measures, we support tax credits for tuition and other educational expenses, with no restrictions placed on the manner of their use, and repeal of taxes levied against private schools.

We call for elimination within the state education system of forced busing, forcible administration of drugs, corporal punishment and compulsory education laws. Requirements of a state license or other certification to offer educational services must also be ended.

## ABORTION

No change from last year.

the fundamental freedom to work and move about unmolested.

State support of national policies restricting immigration, such as attempts to keep Cubans and Asians out of Colorado, should be withdrawn.

However, we oppose tax-financed welfare and transfer payments to aliens just as we oppose them in general.

## MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

### Majority Plank — New Plank

Violations to individual human rights by the government routinely occur as a result of the operation of military installations in Colorado. Accordingly, we oppose any current plan to deploy MX missiles in Colorado, and support the closure of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal and Rocky Flats nuclear facility. We also oppose the condemnation of private land for the expansion of military installations such as Fort Carson.

## SAFETY CLAUSE

### Unanimous Plank — New Plank

We adamantly oppose the routine attachment of a "Safety Clause" to every bill approved by the legislature in order to limit or circumvent the ability of the courts or the electorate to review or reject improper or unconstitutional bills.

## STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

No change from last year.



# Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report

The 1982 Constitution and By-Laws Committee met and approved proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Colorado Libertarian Party. The members of the committee chaired by Charles Jackson were: Ruth Bennett, Suzanne Canlon, Tracy Harms, and Dave Tyson. The committee report is printed below in its entirety.

## Report of the 1982 Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Charles Jackson, Chair

The following changes were passed unanimously in committee:

Global change: Whenever 'national Libertarian Party' appears, capitalize 'n' in the word 'national.'

### Constitution: Article II

Interchange items b and c. Replace ', and' with '.' in item b. Replace '.' with ', and' in item c.

### Article IV, Section 2

Strike last two sentences.

### Article V, Section 1

Replace 'one District Representative from each U.S. Congressional District' with 'four at-large members.'

### Article V, Section 2

Replace entire section with 'At-large members shall be elected by a majority of Party members at the Annual Convention. Nominations for at-large Board positions

shall be received from the floor. Members may nominate themselves.

'Each member registered and in attendance at the convention may cast a single vote for the at-large candidate of his or her choice. The total votes cast by each Party member shall not exceed four. The highest vote totals shall be elected.

'The powers and duties of the at-large members shall be as specified herein and in the Party By-Laws.'

### Article V, Section 3

Renumber to Section 4.

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Insert new section to read, 'Any member of the Board of Directors may be suspended by vote of two-thirds of the current Board of Directors. Any member of the Board of Directors absent from two meetings of the Board shall be automatically suspended at adjournment of the second meeting. The Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds vote of the current members, appoint or reinstate officers or at-large members if vacancies or Suspensions occur, such members to serve until the next Convention.'

### Article VI, Section 2

Replace 'elected' with 'elective' and strike 'and U.S. Senator.'

### Article VI, Section 3

Replace 'Libertarian Party national' with 'National Libertarian Party.'

### Article VII, Section 1

Replace 'a committee designated thereby' with 'the Board of Directors.'

### Article VII, Section 4

Strike 'or' and add ', or by the Board of Directors' at the end of the sentence.

### Article VIII, Section 3

Strike 'District Representative and'.

### By-Laws:

#### Article I, Section 2

Strike 'each affiliate shall select its representative in a manner consistent with that affiliate's governing documents.'

#### Article II, Title

Replace 'OFFICERS' with 'THE BOARD'.

#### Article II, Section 6

Renumber to Section 7.

#### Article II, Section 6 (New)

Insert 'The duties of the at-large members shall be as follows:

- a) to organize and coordinate affiliates, and
- b) to work with the Directors in establishing efficient committee structures for fulfilling the Directors duties.'

#### Article III, Section 3

Strike.

#### Article III, Section 4

Strike.

#### Article VI, Section 7

Insert 'and alternates' between 'Representatives' and 'to'.

Strike item a and b and insert 'If the number of representatives to National Libertarian Party Committees is known at

the time of the Party Convention and the committees are to convene after the Convention, the Convention shall elect representatives and alternates in the same manner and immediately after the election of at-large national convention delegates; otherwise the Board of Directors at a regular meeting at least one month prior to the National Libertarian Party deadline, shall elect the committee representatives and alternates by majority vote.'

The following changes were approved by a majority of the members of the committee:

### Constitution:

#### Article VIII, Section 2

Insert 'annually' at the end of the sentence.

### By-Laws:

#### Article I, Section 1

Insert '.' after 'Principles' and replace 'and' with 'The petition and the ratification'.

The following change failed to receive a majority vote and was submitted by Ruth Bennett as a minority report:

#### Article VIII, Section 1

Insert new paragraph 3, 'In order to vote at Convention a person must be a member of the Party at least 30 days prior to Convention.'

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Jackson  
Ruth Bennett  
Suzanne Canlon  
Tracy Harms  
Dave Tyson

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## STOMP STATISM

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us achieve freedom? Become one of us and help  
yourself and others to be free.  
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