All-

 Meet Jason Melehani.  Jason contacted me about considering the at-large position on the LSLA and I think he is the perfect candidate.  For the LPNC he has served as Campus Coordinator, greatly increasing the number of organized campuses in NC.  He is a member of our Executive Committee and is an active contributor to our media efforts.  In addition, he served as Director for Johnson’s NC campaign and was Campus Coordinator for the southeastern US.

 In his spare time he is studying at Chapel Hill to receive dual doctorates in medicine and pharmacology.

 It is with great alacrity that I nominate Jason Melehani to the open at-large seat on the LSLA.

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My apologies for missing the official deadline for this, but with the last week of the campaign in full swing, there wasn't enough time for me to complete my submission for last week. Nonetheless, due to encouragement from several LP folks in Ohio and elsewhere to still submit, I have decided to put my name in as a possibility for this position. The supporting documentation that you requested is in the attached document.

I will be able and happy to attend the LNC Meeting in Washington, D.C. next weekend to speak to LNC Members if you would like. Thanks very much for your consideration and I hope to hear from you soon!

Enjoy this Election Day! I do think it will be a very good one for the LP!

Yours In Liberty,

Travis Irvine  
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From Marc Allan Feldman:

I received notice of Wayne Root's resignation and the call for candidates for the LNC at-large position.  I reviewed the nine candidates previously nominated.  I felt that I could offer more to move the LP forward than the other candidates, and I submitted my name for nomination.  It seemed like the Libertarian thing to do.  
  
I would like to introduce myself for consideration for the at-large position.  If there is another candidate who could better benefit the LP, I would happily support them.  If there is no better candidate, then I am not concerned about whether I have any realistic chance of winning, I would like to be considered.  
  
Top ten reasons to consider me:  
  
10. I can bring a fresh voice to the LNC.  
9. My personal views are very traditional, but I believe to impose these views on others is immoral.  
8. I am a practicing physician with degrees in medicine and health policy from Johns Hopkins.  
7. I have taught conflict management and negotiation.  
6. I am a published scientist in outcomes research – finding out what works.  
5. I have never used marijuana, but I support legalization and ending the drug war.  
4. I have been elected twice as President of my national medical subspecialty organization.  
3. I have experience with organizational information management technology.  
2. I have real expertise in healthcare issues.  
1. I have never been, and never will be, a Democrat or a Republican.  
  
You can be like the GOP and the Dems, work behind closed doors, and choose one of your own on the basis of political expediency.  Or, you can be like a successful business start-up and bring someone in from outside with perspectives, skills, expertise, contacts, and resources that you do not currently have.  
What would be the Libertarian thing to do?  
How Libertarian are you?

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to submit my name for consideration for the open LNC at-large board position. Though I only recently joined the National Libertarian Party (member number 12-85258), I was a registered member of the Libertarian Party in California as early as 1972. I have supported Libertarian principles all of my adult life – principles that include maximum personal liberty, fiscal conservatism, and social acceptance.

My professional career has been in the field of petroleum engineering. Educated at both Harvey Mudd College (BS) and Stanford University (PhD) in California, I have served in academic (tenured position at U. of Texas at Austin), large business (Getty Oil Company) and entrepreneurial positions. I am currently the CEO/CTO of a start-up company developing software for the shale gas industry (Promethean Technologies Group, LLC).

Over the years I have served on a number of boards, advisory panels, and committees in professional, personal, and educational capacities. These include:

* Member of the Helium Reserve Committee, National Research Council
* Chairman of the Education and Accreditation Committee, Society of Petroleum Engineers
* Chairman of the Ad Hoc ABET Program Criteria Committee, Society of Petroleum Engineers
* Chairman of the Reservoir Engineering Program Committee, Society of Petroleum Engineers
* Member of a variety of professional committees of the Society of Petroleum Engineers
* Board member and Treasurer of the Jung Society of Austin (non-profit educational organization)
* Board member of Westlake High School Orchestra parent organization
* Pack Leader and Board Member of my sons’ cub scout pack
* Chairman and member of a variety of university committees at departmental, college, and university levels

As a result of my varied professional career and life experiences I have acquired personal attributes that make me particularly well suited to serve on the LNC:

* Being an avid life-long student of politics, history, and human behavior (in addition to the sciences and engineering), I have a large amount of diverse knowledge that would well serve the LNC’s objectives.
* My personal cooperative style and communication abilities make me well suited for a political organization, where negotiation and give-and-take are paramount to meeting the organization’s objectives.
* I am intensely pragmatic in my outlook, in that I have an well-developed ability for suggesting and encouraging useful approaches for solving difficult (and sometimes seemingly) contradictory objectives.
* As a grandfather, I have a deep and abiding concern for leaving behind a world better for the next generations. My desire to serve on the LNC stems from this concern.

I have no conflicts of interest that would interfere with my serving on the LNC. Should I be appointed to this position, I am fully committed to attending all meetings at my own personal expense.

Thank you for your consideration.  
  
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From Drew Miller:

I am writing to inform you that I am seeking the open LNC At-Large position that occurred from Wayne Allyn Root’s resignation from the Libertarian National Committee.  I understand that this will be a significant investment in both time and money and I will commit to attending all meetings at my own expense.  I therefore respectfully ask that you please place my name in the nomination.

 I have been a registered Libertarian voter for several years, but have been an official member of the Libertarian Party since 8/20/2012.  My Member ID number is: 08-48619.  It should be noted, however, that a review of my voter registration will show that I was registered Republican several times so that I could vote in Pennsylvania’s closed primaries.

**Conflicts of Interest:** None

**Libertarian Credentials/Experience:**

 -          Attorney, licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, Florida and the District of Columbia.

-          Knowledgeable of the Constitution and U.S. Supreme Court cases.

-          Worked three years as a staff attorney for Pennsylvania’s former Senate Majority Whip (government experience).

-          Author of *“Ethical Considerations for Pennsylvania Attorneys Using Covert Online Advertising on Social Networking Sites”*

-          Shared Libertarian views with friends, family and followers via social networking sites.

**Non-Libertarian Credentials:**

 Education:

-          Juris Doctor, Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg, PA

-          B.S. in Broadcast Journalism, Syracuse University

 Past and Present Leadership Positions:

-          Board Member and Secretary of the Community Human Services Corp., Pittsburgh

-          Former Vice President of the Autism Help Network, Pittsburgh

-          Team Leader, Holland Services, WV

Current Attorney/Abstractor for large oil and gas companies.  Knowledgeable about the importance of energy independence and the Marcellus/Utica Shale drilling.

 I am a skilled orator.

**Statement:**

 As the Libertarian Party approaches its 41st year of existence, a new generation of tech-savvy, liberty-minded individuals are poised to carry the message of the Libertarian Party well into the 21st century.  The time has come to pass the torch to this next generation disillusioned by our government’s undeclared and unending wars and burdened by an insurmountable debt given to us by our parents and grandparents.  I feel my qualifications and enthusiasm for Libertarian cause would make me the best suited to fill the At-Large position.

 I first discovered I was a Libertarian in 2001 while attending an American Politics course at Syracuse University.  I come from a long generation of Pittsburgh home builders and have witnessed how corrupt bureaucrats and needless government regulations stifle business growth and commerce.  Washington has intruded into our personal and economic affairs – from the Defense of Marriage Act to the undeclared Iraq and Afghanistan Wars – and as a young attorney, I would like to do everything I can to fight these injustices and help create a more informed electorate.  In simplest terms, I am fiscally conservative and socially liberal.  I believe in gay marriage, the legalization of marijuana, and states’ rights and I also believe America needs to go back to the gold standard, end the Federal Reserve, and to only use war as a last option when all other attempts at negotiating have been exhausted – and if there is a decision to go to war, that a constitutional declaration of war be made.

 I am an attorney who is currently performing title searches and preparing abstracts of title as an independent contractor for firms and large oil and gas companies.  It is a position that allows flexibility with my schedule and causes me to recognize the benefits of hard work and free enterprise.  I do not have “vacation” or “sick” days, so if I do not work, I do not get paid.  The ability to set my own schedule is one attribute that would make me an excellent candidate.  I also believe it would be beneficial to have someone on the Libertarian Committee who works in the energy industry and knows about the importance of energy independence that comes from the drilling of the Marcellus and Utica Shale.

 Prior to working in the energy sector, I was a staff attorney for the former Majority Whip of the Pennsylvania Senate.  There, I learned how to navigate the government and understood who to contact in order to get issues resolved for constituents.  I believe this could be an invaluable skill since the Libertarian Party seeks to get its message across in government.  It was in this position, however, where I witnessed government corruption first-hand and learned about partisan politics.  I routinely saw lobbyists meeting with the senator and I realized that it was the lobbyists and large corporations who were writing the laws and not the elected officials.  Near the end of my employment, I also worked with the District Attorney to put the senator in jail when it was discovered she was using tax-payer money for political purposes.

 I am upset that independent voters are marginalized in Pennsylvania and that Republicans and Democrats continue to make sure the independent voters do not have a voice.  My experience with Harrisburg caused me to officially change my voter registration to Libertarian in 2009.

  I have been described as an efficient leader, who communicates effectively, listens to all sides of an argument and has a clear vision for an organization.  As a young and tech-savvy member, I would like to further utilize social networking sites and sites like YouTube in order to convey the Libertarian platform and recruit and engage younger voters.  In addition, I want to investigate who we need to contact and meet in order to effectuate change in the most expeditious manner.  I have spent the last four years of my life giving a voice to the voiceless and I believe I am the candidate best suited and qualified to fill this vacant position.

 If possible, I would like to speak to the Committee at the next meeting on November 17th.  I can be reached at [412-760-3286](tel:412-760-3286) or [drewgmiller@gmail.com](mailto:drewgmiller@gmail.com).  Thank you in advance for your time, attention and consideration.

 Sincerely, Drew G. Miller, Esq.

From Ronald W. Miller:

My name is Ronald W. Miller Jr. and I am seeking the open LNC At Large position. I have been a Libertarian since 2009, and my ID is 09-55676. I understand that with this position I am expected to pay all of my own expenses for the position- I believe this is especially important given the limited funding for the party.  
  
 I do not have a stellar business career for you. I have just invested and worried about my families assets for decades. I have board experience with my greater families businesses- everything from spanish radio to Napa winemaking. I also have an incredibly free thinking point of view - no conflict of interest . I tend to think ' out of the box', and have a deep concern for the freedom of the greatest  country on earth.  
  
 The extreme polarization of our two party system has always worried me. Our modern state of affairs, where predator drones spy on heartland farmers, where foreign nation building is more important than our own fiscal health, where it is ok to rewrite the Constitution for the political need of the moment, is making me sick. Don't get me started on the U.N. world tax!  
  
 I have the time and desire to help the party. Feel free to call me at [970-376-0714](tel:970-376-0714).  
  
Thank you for your  consideration,  
  
 Ronald Miller

Gary E. Johnson

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Member since 1981, Member M-000025186

Libertarian National Committee:

\* Secretary, 1 term.

\* At-Large Member, 2 terms.

\* Regional Representative, 4 terms.

\* Served on the Advertising and Publications Review Committee, the Ballot Access Committee, and the Mailing List Committee and as Public Relations Manager.

Libertarian Party:

\* Delegate, 14 conventions.

\* Member, Credentials Committee, several conventions.

\* Member, Platform Committee, 1 convention.

\* Monthly Donor, Liberty Pledge.

\* Life Member.

Libertarian Party of Texas:

\* Secretary.

\* Member, State Executive Committee.

\* Delegate, State Convention, 16 conventions.

\* Member, State Convention Credentials Committee.

\* Newsletter Editor.

\* Libertarian of the Year, 1990.

\* Candidate of the Year, 1992.

Libertarian Party of Travis County:

\* Chair.

\* Secretary.

\* Member, County Executive Committee.

\* Newsletter Editor.

Libertarian Party Candidate:

\* U.S. Senator.

\* U.S. Representative.

\* State Senator.

\* State Representative.

\* Presidential Elector.

\* Non-partisan candidate for Mayor, City Council, School Board, and Community College Board.

No conflicts of interest.

I acknowledgment that my travel expenses are my responsibility.

Statement of Paulie Frankel

**Personal background and genesis of political involvement\***

I was born in Siberia, part of the former USSR in 1972. Growing up in the epicenter of the 1980s crack cocaine explosion in NYC, I got caught up in the available business ventures and saw some of my friends die, and then became an activist against the drug war starting in the mid to late 1980s.

Through my involvement in the drug peace movement, and college studies in free market environmentalism, I became interested in libertarianism, and abandoned the Democrats after they picked the military-industrial-corporate-statist DLCer and drug warrior hypocrite Bill Clinton as their nominee in 1992, thus finally disproving the idea that 60s radicals were merely infiltrating the establishment in order to change it.

I’m a 1994 graduate of the University of Alabama in Geography. My immediate family has been living in Tuscaloosa, Alabama for over 20 years now. My stuff lives in their garage; I’ve lived on the road since 1998, and full time since 2000.

As a life long entrepreneur, I have also started hundreds of businesses in a wide variety of fields. Some of these businesses were successful with as many as 70-100 employees at a time, but many have failed, and I am not personally wealthy at this time.

**Libertarian Party**

I first voted Libertarian and attended my first LP meetings and outreach booths in 1992. I became an LP member in 1994/5 and a life member in 2000, and have occasionally been on the executive committee of the Alabama LP since 1998. My involvement in the LP led me into the petition business, which I have been in since 1998.

Since 1998, I have traveled the country as a professional activist/petition contractor. Between that and my earlier travels in the import-export business as a teenager, I have been to 49 US states and about 20 countries, and lived in a number of them.

I have worked on hundreds of campaigns in dozens of states, both professionally and volunteer, gathering hundreds of thousands of signatures, registering tens of thousands of voters, helping start over a dozen libertarian campus clubs, scoring over 10,000 “world’s smallest political quizzes” at over a hundred booths (many, but not all, on or near college campuses), attended hundreds of events such as conventions and demonstrations and so on. I’ve helped qualify parties, candidates, initiatives, referenda, recalls, voter registration drives, etc. I’ve managed teams of both professionals and volunteers in these activities.

I’ve been an LP national convention delegate in 2000, 2004, 2008, 2010 and 2012. My ballot access work for the LP has been in over 20 states, every year since 1998 except 2001 and 2003. I’ve attended dozens of state party conventions in over a dozen states over that same period of time. I’ve also attended several national and state meetings of other parties as an observer, contractor and reporter.

I’ve been active in several LP caucuses and have attended about half of the national committee meetings since 2007 as a reporter for IndependentPoliticalReport.com (where I have posted about half of the nearly 10,000 articles in the last four years and recruited most of the other writers) and several preceding publications.

I have been on the LNC as a regional alternate representing Region 7 (TX, OK, MS, LA, AL) for several months. During that time I have been one of the most active participants in LNC discussions, although I am not a voting member of the committee.

**LNC At Large**

When Wayne Root stepped down from the LNC to campaign for Mitt Romney, a number of people have asked me to seek the At Large position he vacated.

Anyone that favors me can help by:

1) writing the whole LNC to tell them why; click on http://www.lp.org/lnc-leadership – each name is linked to an email address.

2) helping find someone from LA, AL, MS or OK who could win a vote of the state chairs of those states plus Texas (at least 3 state chairs) and would work well with JJM n in filling my regional alternate position if I were to win – the chairs expressed an interest in having a non-Texan in the position.

3) Helping set up and contribute to some sort of fund that would ensure that I would not miss any meetings for financial reasons, something that would be much appreciated even as an alternate, as I would like to make all the meeting if I can.

4) Get the LNC to hold the election using approval voting or some similar method, so that if I run it will not take votes from other good candidates or cause additional rounds of voting to take place.

**LNC Agenda**

50 state plus ballot access  
Project based fundraising  
Field organizers  
New and improved outreach materials and strategies  
More cooperation and training with local and state affiliates  
More emphasis on outreach to young people  
Improving diversity in LP membership  
Membership growth  
More interactivity and transparency in LP governance  
Single check out for national, state and local membership  
Maintaining left-right balance and a strongly libertarian platform  
Taking greater advantage of volunteer resources  
Improving database and data sharing standards  
Running more candidates at all levels  
Improving and expanding social media use by the LP  
Learning and sharing past and ongoing successes and failures  
Speakers Bureau

Contact: 415-690-6352 cell; call anytime, if I’m sleeping or busy I will call you back  
[paulie.frankel@LP.org](mailto:paulie.frankel@LP.org)

Statement of Gigi Bowman:

\*I do not have the resume to fill up two pages. But sometimes you need  
something fresh and new :)

I would like to be considered for LNC replacement of Wayne Allyn Root.

As At-Large LNC I would commit to attending meetings at my own expense  
which I have read is a qualification for this position.

I have been the Suffolk County, New York Chair of the LP and the Suffolk  
County Vice Chair. I am presently the Suffolk County Treasurer. I have  
been a New York State Delegate and attended the 2012 National LP  
Convention.

I am a Real Estate agent with Realty Executives in New York but I also sit  
on the Board as President of the Central Nassau County Long Island Board of  
Realtors. I am also on the NY Legislative Committee for the Long Island  
Board of Realtors.

I have national notoriety as the President of LibertyCandidates  
www.libertycandidates.com  
I presently have a book on Amazon.com titled “How to Run for Office on a  
Liberty Platform”.

I run have run events that have included members of the Libertarian Party:  
LibertyFest NYC 1, 2 and 3 coming up on October 13th which will include  
speeches by Carla Howell and Judge Gray.

I would love to be considered for this appointment because the Libertarian  
Party is the party I choose to be associated with as I am 100% on board  
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with the platform.

I am also willing to help the party in any way possible through articles or  
speeches I might be asked to do on behalf of the party.

If you have any further questions please don’t hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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Statement of Carl Person

By this letter I am applying for the At-Large opening on the Libertarian National Committee created  
upon the recent resignation of Wayne Allyn Root.

If appointed, I would be a voice for having the LNC and Libertarian Party provide leadership in  
creating jobs and opportunities through self-help and private sector activities, as a complement to the LP’s  
position against government programs and spending. Also, I commit to attending the LNC meetings.

**My Background**

I sought the LP nomination for President and put in a substantial effort, from June, 2011 through  
May 6, 2012, at a significant cost in money and time. I spent almost $40,000 in seeking the nomination (at  
my own expense) and spent hundreds of hours in the process. My campaign website remains at  
carlperson2012.com and points out what the U.S. needs to do, in my opinion, to create meaningful, highpaying  
jobs. [I should note that the first of my three proposed reforms was enacted into law on April 5, 2012,  
as part of Obama's Jumpstart Our Business Startups (Jobs) Act.]

I ran as the Libertarian candidate in 2012 for New York State Attorney General and came in 3rd,  
pointing out that this elective office is more powerful than the President in many respects because acting  
alone, without approvals from anyone, the NYS Attorney General has the power to regulate Wall Street  
including securitized mortgages, and to stop the creation of fraudulent securities which are undermining the  
U.S. and world economy.

I’m also the creator of the paralegal field, having set up the first paralegal school in the country that  
was not a training program financed by major law firms and recruiting students only from 7 colleges in the  
U.S. (i.e., the “Seven Sisters”). I owned and ran the school for 18 years and started various cutting-edge  
technical courses (all of which were licensed, accredited and with federal student loans). I know how to  
create cutting-edge, technical training, which is what is needed throughout the U.S. to create new jobs and a  
prosperous economy.

I have a practical, do-it-now, no-new-legislation-needed approach, to provide the self-help offset to  
the desired reduction in government programs and spending.

I have a different perspective, which is needed on the LNC and in the LP. For example, replacing the  
Federal Reserve System with state banks similar to the highly successful North Dakota State Bank, to  
decentralize our monetary system and to give the states more control over monetary policy. Another idea  
that may not be popular is moving LNC headquarters from the current expensive location in the DC beltway  
to more affordable accommodations in New Hampshire, the home of the Free State Project and the center of  
political activity for many months at the start of each 4-year federal election cycle. The LP would be more  
visible and far more effective in New Hampshire.

**Litigation Skills**

The LNC could add litigation skills to its membership, to come to the aid of friends under attack  
such as the present instance of Richard Winger, Ballot Access News, who is facing a $243,279.50 judgment  
for attorneys’ fees in the California courts, as a losing plaintiff in a lawsuit challenging the Constitutionality  
of a recent California referendum (on a “top two” primary election system). The support I would urge is  
publicity, legal advice and possibly legal services.

There are apparent or possible defenses to the award (in additional to a timely appeal of the  
attorneys’ fees decision) including: (i) motion untimely; (ii) award not apportioned between needed services  
(to supplement the legal services of California’s own attorneys) and unnecessary services (legal services by  
an intervenor that were not necessary or were duplicative); (iii) that the award is punitive and  
unconstitutional as cruel and unusual punishment; (iv) that the award is more than 9 digits (or 9 times) the  
amount of legal fees incurred (or value of the legal times used) by Winger and the other plaintiffs; (v) that  
the intervenors acted (as “state action”) in concert with California to conspire to put Richard out of business  
in the exercise of his 1st Amendment rights; (vi) that Richard has an antitrust claim and defense against the  
intervenors under these U.S. Supreme Court “sham litigation” decisions: E. R.R. Presidents Conference v.  
Noerr Motor Freight, Inc., 365 U.S. 127 (1961); California Motor Transp. Co. v. Trucking Unlimited, 404  
U.S. 508 (1972); and Otter Tail Power Co. v. United States, 410 U.S. 366, 380 (1973)]; (vii) look into the  
possibility that the judge (Curtis E.A. Karnow) should have recused himself by reason of past activities  
(such as how did he wind up deciding the motion for reargument – was he selected by the Intervenors?);  
(viii) note that a supersedeas bond is usually not required for an appeal, but only to stay enforcement; and  
(ix) see if there is any motion to belatedly extend the time for filing a notice of appeal as to the original  
adverse decision . We need to protect Liberty by helping Richard and others similarly situated.

**Self-Help Programs to Create**  
**Jobs and Prosperity for Voters**

Currently, as a Libertarian, I am trying to create jobs and prosperity in New Paltz, New York, and  
have meetings set up at Village Hall for Saturday, September 29, 2012 at 1pm and 3pm to discuss my  
proposals to create jobs and prosperity with residents and small businesses. How can this not help to create  
new members for the Libertarian Party? I believe the LNC should make this type of local, self-help activity  
for growing the LP available to its state associated parties.

Accordingly, I ask that you appoint me to the vacancy created by Wayne Allyn Root’s resignation. I  
have always been willing to put my money where my mouth is; and now I would like the opportunity to  
broaden our Party¡¦s appeal, and help find new and exciting ways stimulating the people to embrace  
Libertarian ideals. If we can show them how our ideas can benefit the average voter, we will win. I hope I  
will have an opportunity to contribute to make this a reality.

In Liberty,

Carl E. Person

Statement of Jim Duensing:

To the membership of the Libertarian Party and its national committee:

It was with great joy and libertarian pride that I learned of Wayne Allyn Root’s defection from the  
Libertarian Party. Please consider this short letter to be my self-nomination for the recently vacated  
LNC At-Large position.

As many of you know, I have been involved in libertarian politics for the sum total of my adult life. In  
2004, I ran my first campaign for U.S. Congress as a Libertarian in Nevada’s first district. By 2005, I  
was an officer in my local affiliate, the Clark County Libertarian Party. In 2006 and 2008, I again ran  
for U.S. Congress and by then was serving as the Chair of the Nevada Libertarian Party and the Chair  
of the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance from 2007-2008. When the Nevada Libertarian party  
voted to abolish its local affiliates, I ceased to be Vice Chair of the Nye County affiliate of the LP and I  
became an active part of the successful local Ron Paul effort – one of the more successful Ron Paul  
efforts in the country.

These experiences sharpened my belief that the only way our cause of liberty in our lifetimes is going  
to be achieved, is with strong bottom up grassroots libertarian organization.

There is a strain of “Libertarian Leadership” that seeks to reform our libertarian base to something  
more palatable to the masses of American voters. I would not be that kind of national political leader. I  
seek to make the masses understand the superior philosophy and logic of libertarian policies. In other  
words, I would seek to educate the masses on the specific benefits our libertarian policies would  
provide and why our philosophy of inalienable rights and individual empowerment is the only solution  
to an out of control Byzantine federal government, whose failed policies have caused the great majority  
of problems facing our nation. Our libertarian philosophy of tolerance and responsibility was forged by  
the crucible of America’s frontier experiences and it is the way forward in this new millennium.

But, let me also say, that I am above all else a believer in practical real politics. That is, I don’t care to  
debate a never ending stream of unimportant side issues. It is the responsibility of the national board to  
focus the attention of the American people on the real issues that really affect their real lives. That  
means, I would seek to focus the Board’s efforts on educating the public in all aspects of libertarian  
politics by focusing on a few key issues in the areas of Economic Policy, Foreign Affairs, and Domestic  
Tranquility that are of the utmost importance at the present time. Through the use of key wedge issues  
like those outlined below, we can advance libertarian policies and grow our political base.

Economically, our national party should focus on drawing attention to the differences our party has  
with the two Establishment parties on fiscal and monetary issues. On fiscal issues, we must point out  
to the masses the fact that the unConstitutional overspending of the bi-partisan federal bailouts have  
failed for predictable reasons. On matters of taxation, we should work to inform the American people  
of our position that all direct taxation on the American people should be done at a state level pursuant  
to the Constitution. It’s why we do the census and it is a fundamental check against the growth of our  
national government. On monetary issues, we must work to inform the masses that the printing of fiat  
paper currency has created this current financial crisis and that the solution is not changing the  
management of the Federal Reserve, but following the Constitution and abolishing the Federal Reserve  
in favor of Congress Coining money pursuant to Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution. This strategy  
will help the LP recruit the base of the Ron Paul Revolution, and nothing could be more important for  
the Libertarian Party at this point in our history, but that effort.

On issues of foreign policy, we must lead the masses. The average American has been against the wars  
in Afghanistan and Iraq from the beginning. At best, after years of Establishment propaganda, they  
have come to see these undeclared unConstitutional wars as necessary evils. We must make the case to  
our fellow Americans that our freedom can only be secured by defending it from all enemies, foreign  
and domestic. That means, an end to secret government operations like the c.i.a and the n.s.a. At best,  
these operations were responsible for creating unacceptable blowback. At worst, these secret  
unaccountable unConstitutional unlibertarian efforts were responsible for funding the terror attacks that  
we have spent 11 years fighting at considerable cost in lives and freedom. See Mahmoud Ahmed and  
the ISI. The Libertarian Party has long called for the abolition of these secret government operations.  
Now, that a large segment of the apolitical population is on board with ending these operations, we  
should make an active concerted effort to appeal to that base of Americans which are probably already  
libertarian, whether they know it or not. We must make the case for an end to military adventurism and  
attempts to exert American hegemonic control over the middle east and around the globe. And, it  
means respecting our American heritage and constitutionally protected right of membership in our local  
Constitutional militias. Our founders were right to fear entangling alliances and standing armies. It is  
our responsibility as libertarians to champion these issues so that we can be both safe and free.

On the issues of Domestic Tranquility, we must make the case to the American people that our nation  
can survive our differences, but it cannot survive a police state. At a national level, we must work to  
reverse the militarization and federalization of our local police. We must fight to restore those  
freedoms recently lost and work to preserve, protect, and expand those freedoms we do still enjoy.  
This means taking principled libertarian stands in a way that appeals to the average voter, most of  
whom are currently against the TSA, the drug war, the growing surveillance society, etc. It is on these  
issues that we should actively work to expand our political base. At the same time, we must never  
compromise principle for apparent pragmatism, in a nod to the former holder of this open seat, let me  
quote Reagan “Good policy is good politics.” All our Freedoms. All the Time. Anything less is a  
recipe for political failure.

That would be the perspective, objectives, and approach I would bring to the LNC. In addition to the  
experiences I have had growing local Libertarian parties, I would bring the skills of an Austrian  
economist, a trained historian, and the one I least like to mention, a trained legal mind. It is my sincere  
belief that these talents and abilities would be beneficial to the Libertarian National Committee and the  
membership of our organization.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

In Liberty, with Eternal Vigilance,

Jim Duensing

Statement of Mark Hinkle:

**Mark Hinkle’s Political Resume in the Libertarian Party\***

Chair of the Libertarian Party from May of 2010 to May of 2012.  
• As Chair, I personally raised $148,38 in donations towards the David F. Nolan Headquarters building. That’s more than the rest of the LNC combined for all fund raising projects.  
Total amount paid and pledged: $222,815.80.  
• Appointed by current LNC Chair Geoff Neale to the Outreach Committee. Recently addressed Silicon Valley Chinese Americans as a stand-in for Judge Jim Gray.  
Served 12 years on the LNC as a regional representative or alternate from California and recently as LP Chair.  
• LP of California (LPC) Chair: elected 4 times for a total of 6 years.  
Worked closely with LNC to increase LPC membership from 2,000 dues paying members up to over 7,000 LPC/LNC membership in California (1997-2001).  
Hired full-time Executive Director (Juan Ros) and raised the money to do it  
Opened full-time LPC HQ in Southern California (which recently moved to Sacramento) and raised the money to do it  
Hired Editor for LPC monthly newsletter  
Hired part-time fund raiser and sent out monthly fund-raising letter (all of which made money for the LP)  
Opened a 2nd Executive Suite office in Sacramento for Executive Director to use when lobbying state legislature or meeting LP friendly groups, like the Gun Owners of California.  
Increased monthly pledge amounts to LPC to over $6,000 per month.  
• LPC Executive Committee member for over 25 years.  
• County Chair, County Vice-Chair, and County Newsletter Chair.  
• LPC Northern Vice-Chair.  
• LPC Fund Raising Chair.  
• LPC Newsletter Chair.  
• Chair of the LPC Judicial Committee: 2008-2010.  
• State Assembly candidate 5 times. Earned 10% of the vote in a 3-way race in 2008.  
• State Senate Candidate in 2010 special election  
• Made almost 1,000 phone calls to registered Libertarians urging a NO vote on Prop 14 (Top Two) using Liberty Manager in 2010.  
• Twice winner of the Sons of Liberty Award for the most principled partisan race (State Assembly).  
• Twice a candidate for the Gavilan Community College board of Trustees.  
• LPC’s liaison to the CCRA (California Civil Rights Alliance), and recently named Chair of the CCRA a coalition of mainly Muslim groups concerned with Civil Rights violations by our government. Successfully passed an Anti-PATRIOT Act resolution through both houses of the California legislature.  
• Campaign manager for the very first partisan race after the LPC achieved ballot status: Bill White for State Senate, 1980. He received 13% of the vote in a 3 way race.  
• Authored many anti-Bond and and anti-parcel tax ballot arguments (12 were accepted for this election cycle), successfully defeating many tax increase measures and thus saving taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.  
• Board Member of the Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association, which won it’s 2008 California Supreme Court case overturning an illegal tax increase by the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority. We forced the agency to give money back to the taxpayers. And I’m a chief plaintiff in the next case to overturn yet another illegal tax.  
• Convention Chair for two LPC statewide conventions.  
• LP guest speaker for more than 25 years in local high school Civics classes.  
• Past LNC and LPC Platform committee member and LPC Bylaws committee member.  
• Life member (both state & national) since 1974.  
• Cast write-in vote for Libertarian Presidential/ V.P. candidates John Hospers & Tonie Nathan in 1972.

PROFESSIONALLY, I’m a small business owner in the San Francisco South Bay Area and have increased my sales each year. My business focuses on child safety and drowning prevention.  
My main goal for getting back on the LNC is to finish the job of raising money for the David F. Nolan Memorial Headquarters. We must stop wasting money on leased office space and establish a permanent headquarters in the DC Metro Area. The property prices are ideal and the interest rates will never be this low again. Now is the time to strike.  
Yours in liberty………………Mark Hinkle,  
Retired LP Chair,  
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Chair: California Civil Rights Alliance  
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