# Letter to the Libertarian Party nominating myself to the open LNC position At-Large by the resignation of Wayne Allyn Root.

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I am seeking the LNC at-large position and while I do not have the funds or ability to travel, I could be responsible for attending all meetings via internet. While I would enjoy visiting with everyone personally, I do not understand why this couldn’t work.

I am as new as a person can get. I joined in January 2012 as I assumed the Libertarian candidacy for my district. My Member ID: 12-79313.

I have absolutely no Libertarian credentials whatsoever.

I have no qualifications to present that show that I have any professional experience or training that would suggest that I would have any skills to contribute in this area.

By every angle that we use judge people, there is nothing obvious about me that should merit a closer inspection in order to come to an accurate and wise judgment concerning any role that I should have in the Libertarian National Committee. I was a mediocre student in High School and had only a few months of college. I started a family young and have spent the last 25 years working with audio/video equipment for homes and businesses. Installing, repairing, and maintaining all kinds of electronics from decades old pinballs and jukeboxes to state of the art systems typically only seen in magazines or celebrity owned homes. In January 2011 I was in the hospital with severe pancreatitis with many complications. At one point I was told that nothing could be done and I would die. Obviously, this didn’t happen, but the road to recovery has been difficult. During this time my doctors discovered many drugs that have life threatening reactions for me. I applied and received my State Medical Marijuana card and have found it to be better than the pharmaceuticals I was currently using for pain from many conditions including peripheral neuropathy. Also, another of those complications was a mass found in my liver. We have monitored it with CTs, MRIs, and Ultrasounds for the last year and a half. It has remained unchanged until September 2012, the technician doing the ultrasound could not find the mass and the radiologist confirmed it. I can’t prove that marijuana took the mass away, but since I took no other medication or treatment of any kind for the mass, I do not have a better logical explanation. Due to my physical limitations I will never be able to do the work I have done all my life. I was accepted by VocRehab and have decided to go back to school to become a teacher. I always loved learning, but being a product of our Public School System, I hated School. I went this Friday to take a placement test to see what classes I would need to take in order to catch up to college level courses. I found the English section to be pretty basic and I completed it in a normal time. I was found to be ready to take college writing 101. The math was different. I took twice as long to take the test as others and I found it to be very difficult. Afterwards I found that I had scored 152/153. The test starts with algebra and adjusts difficulty based on your answers. It took that long for me to get an answer wrong. It was a lot of stuff I had never seen before. My last math was 9th and 10th grade algebra and geometry. I never took anymore math because the way that math was taught didn’t make sense to me. The placement test suggests that I take precalculus, but allows me to take any math class except for calculus. I am by no means a prodigy. Due to the fact that I hadn’t taken a math test since Reagan was President, I thought there might have actually been smoke coming out of my ears while taking the placement math test. I am suggesting that I am a person with potential that was skipped over and left behind by our Public School System.

So what? I am a 44 year old grandpa that is going back to school to become a teacher. There’s evidence that I am fairly bright, and to meet me, I am pleasant, easy to get along with, and I have a wonderful family. I figure that I should have died several times and one of those times was medically verified. I feel as though I am living a second life and I have the enthusiasm of fresh “born again believer” with the dedication of a seasoned Saint. I am currently trying to get elected Representative of my district in the State House of Representatives. I have no money. I have no support. I have met Mike Fellows, he is the only Libertarian I have ever met. I am facing many obstacles. I get overlooked by organizations and the local media. When I do get something in the paper, it gets strangely edited or completely omitted. I am running against an established Democrat that the Republicans didn’t even challenge, making it a 2 party race. You should watch me run for office for the first time in my life. I will be mistreated, misrepresented, underestimated, and should have no chance whatsoever. Monitor this and treat it as my application.

If you’re looking for a “yes man”, don’t bother, I’m a bull headed idealist with a vision and even though I am very meek and mild, I have an odd tendency for really pissing people off.

As far as any conflicts, I have no associations with any other groups. I have been accepted by VocRehab and they are going to help put me through college. When I almost died in Jan 2011 I decided to apply for SSI disability and I have my hearing later this month. If approved I would expect to receive $1200 a month until I finished school and found a job. I should also mention that I have vowed to overturn Montana State Law SB11 2011, which would restore the taxes withheld from Lottery Winners over $5000 to 10% from the 6.9% that SB11 2011 changed. Also, I personally believe that abortions past the 2nd trimester are immoral; nevertheless, barring a Constitutional Amendment, I see no reason that it shouldn’t fall under the 9th and 10th Amendments and should therefore be a State’s Issue.

So, yes, I am suggesting that you take a pro-life (I just don’t want government to “fix” it), government program receiving ( I want a hand up, not a hand out), Libertarian that even found a tax to support and place me in an important leadership role in our organization. Thank you for your time.

Tim Martin