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## What We Should Do With The National Party

A Program for a National Chair:

(Earlier version sent to Liberty for All! libertyforall.net)  
What do we need in a Chair? A Libertarian National Committee (LNC) Chair needs how to run meetings and adhere to Rules of Order. As a professor active in faculty governance, I've done that under difficult circumstances. An LNC Chair and Party CEO must understand that the Libertarian Party is a voluntary organization, not except for a very few employees a hierarchical corporation. Corporate management techniques (not to be confused with honest accounting procedures) routinely fail catastrophically in volunteer groups. I've seen these failures at close range.

The next LNC Chair needs to purge the LNC meeting practices that helped give the National Party its Decade of Stagnation. The notion that LNC members are there to write management guidelines, but not to get their hands dirty in the shop by doing real work, needs to come to an end. Party Members need to contribute to this end when they decide who to elect to the next National Committee. The notion that an agenda should sometimes leave mission critical-items to late in the meeting (see the December 2001 meeting for an example) should also go. The National Committee should focus on doing politics.

Finally, the LNC Chair is our Party CEO. Potential Chairs should explain what the Party should do.

So, what should the LNC be doing? I offer a twelve step plan, substantially from my book **Stand Up For Liberty!** (<http://3mpub.com/phillies>)

In short:

- 1) Subcommittee Structure for the LNC
- 2) Candidate Support material
- 3) National-scale projects
- 4) Ballot access support
- 5) Incite activism and volunteerism
- 6) Libertarian affinity groups
- 7) Party Newsletter for politics; legitimate libertarian news papers for outreach.
- 8) Make the Party a group people want to join.
- 9) Move the National headquarters out of Washington.
- 10)-12) That would be telling. You'll have to read the rest of the article.

First, subcommittee structure. An eighteen (see footnote 1) member board that is any good has working subcommittees. The LNC has a very few. It should get substantially more of

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## Why the Libertarian Political Action Alliance?

A suggested vision for future libertarian action and organizing

By Gene Trosper

[Editor's Aside: It has long been our policy to cover *strategy for libertarians* as well as *strategy for the current party apparatus*, and this article by a distinguished long-time Libertarian activist is in the highest form of this tradition.]

In October of 1990, I attended my first ever Libertarian Party (LP) meeting. In October 2003, I made the difficult decision to resign my dues paid membership in the LP and resign my position as Chairman of The Riverside County affiliate of the Libertarian Party of California. Years of activism caused me to finally realize that party activism was going nowhere: the rights of individuals were being eroded at an ever-increasing pace, membership was declining steadily (a sure sign of customer dissatisfaction), partisan Libertarian candidates were still losing elections across the board and some well-known LP figures were simply walking away in frustration.

Looking at these developments, I felt that perhaps the LP's internal party culture needed to change. In December 2000, I founded the Libertarian Mainstream Caucus (LMC), my modest attempt at changing the LP's "culture of defeat." Although the LMC remained small, it's influence was felt among our over 120 members. One difficulty we faced was from self-styled "purist" Libertarians who decried any attempt at "mainstreaming" the Libertarian Party. They preferred maintaining an exclusive organization, reminiscent of the "boys only" sign on backyard tree houses because girls were "icky." What they refused to recognize was that not all attempts at "mainstreaming" the LP intended to sell out the Libertarian philosophy, especially in the LMC's case. There are those like myself who do believe that one can maintain their principles while seeking electoral victory. Unfortunately, there are those within the LP — particularly those in leadership positions — who will not even consider such a thought. The concept of "mainstreaming" is abhorrent to them.

This interesting mindset on the part of "purist" Libertarians presented a question: are these purists seriously dedicated to seeing Freedom In Our Time, or are they merely using organizations like the Libertarian Party as their personal hobby or ego boost? Many, like myself, have worked hard at achieving the LP's goals, only to find a sizeable number of Libertarians standing on the sidelines ready to criticize, debate or merely dismiss whatever achievements we made as "insignificant". In the meantime, hardworking, dedicated

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them. To send a message to LNC members, 'subcommittees' should be called 'working groups'. Working Groups exist to do work between national committee meetings.

Obvious Working Groups for the LNC are Elections, Political Action, Outreach, Fundraising, Membership, and Operations. Operations should have internal Working Groups for Budget and Finance, Conventions, Information, and Audit (We have a few of these now.) Some working groups should mostly be people who are not National Committee members. Note that when I proposed which Working Groups we need I deliberately listed the Groups that would do real political activities first, and the Groups that will shuffle paper later.

What do the proposed Working Groups do?

**Elections** recruits candidates at the Federal level, and encourages and supports candidates running for office. Why do Democrats and Republicans reliably have strong Senate candidates? Because when conditions get tough, they can count on the President, Speaker of the House,... to get on the telephone and motivate people of their party to run for office. Our National Chair should do the same.

**Political Action** supports all other sorts of political action, including Referenda, Web Sites, Rallies and Demonstrations, and effective Street Theater.

**Outreach includes** Affinity Group formation, letters to the editor, speakers' bureaus, the publication of pro-libertarian legitimate newspapers,...

**Membership** covers recruitment and retention, arranges for novel membership benefits, generates lists of volunteers for various tasks,...

Second, the National Party should develop and distribute extensive candidate support materials. Actually, I've already done that. With material from Libertarians around the country, and the assistance of Bonnie Scott, I produced a Candidate Support CD ROM. Some of you already have one. If you were or will be a candidate, you have but to ask me for a copy. I proposed this in 2002. However, I did not just talk. I made it happen.

Third, some activities are best done by the National Party. The LNC should foster cooperation with other libertarian groups, including educational and publishing organizations. The LNC is well-placed for lobbying and press relations. Libertarian lobbyists may lose, but lobbying puts ideas before the press and the public.

Fourth, the LNC should support ballot access efforts in the fifty states. Many people have committed to us by voting for our candidates. To retain these people as supporters,

they need the chance to Vote Libertarian! in every election. While many state parties are reasonably expected to gain ballot access by themselves, in a few states the requirements are so onerous as to be beyond the reach of the local state party. The National Party should help them. (However, the LNC should also think about its acts. In the past, the LNC has spent tens of thousands of dollars on "ballot access" projects that made ballot access worse for the recipient.) Fifth, some activities are equally important for National, State, and Local Libertarian groups. The LNC should incite activism by encouraging members to run for office, to work on Libertarian campaigns, and to volunteer to build a strong party. The National Party should consistently ask members to volunteer their time, not just their pocketbooks, should track potential volunteers, and should see that volunteer lists reach local organizers who use the information. The National Party should strive to develop a stronger voter base, for example by encouraging local campaigns and referenda. The National Party should do outreach to put our message in front of voters. The National Party should do legitimate fundraising for sound projects, and account to the members on how their gifts were spent. The National Party should do good information management, so activists can find each other. Federal, State, and Local groups should all do these, with National doing its fair share.

Sixth, the National Party should help develop libertarian affinity groups. An affinity group has members with common interests. Affinity groups include the National Rifle

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Association and the National Educational Association. With great uniformity, each affinity group supports only one political party. An affinity group may also have important non-political activities. The Libertarian Party has had past successes creating affinity groups. Our DefendYourPrivacy web site was a civil liberties protective organization focussed on a single issue of banking privacy. Affinity groups that develop their own clientele, members, and officers, so that they support our candidates without needing continued National party intervention, are preferable.

Seventh, the National Party newspaper should focus more on activist incitement and support. Non-Party libertarian legitimate newspapers, such as the excellent Free Liberal described by Dr. Milsted, should discuss Libertarian policies and how they will benefit America. Web printing is cheap. The National Party usefully supports good non-party newspapers by arranging for copies to go to the membership as a membership benefit. The LNC should create a support fund to pay for sending libertarian legitimate newspapers to school and public libraries, coffee houses, and old age homes, among other places, across America.

Eighth, membership recruitment and growth will occur when we have a strong party. We cannot build a strong party by recruiting members. When the Libertarian Party does well, when our candidates are heard with respect and draw serious vote totals, Americans will flock to join us. Bulk mail recruiting letters sent to rented lists are a waste of money. For a bigger party, first create a better party.

Ninth, the National Headquarters should leave Washington. I am proposing that we move far from DC, not to a suburb. We pay well over \$30 per year per square foot for our current space(see footnote 2), or close to \$100,000 per year. In New Hampshire, comparable space is \$4-8. Moving to New Hampshire would save the National Party \$75,000 per year, roughly enough over a four year cycle to pay for 50-state ballot access. Furthermore, DC has an extremely high cost of living. The pay scales that give marginal middleclass life in DC will give a far higher standard of living when paid in other parts of the country, letting us afford a superior staff.

Notes: Consider Branch headquarters in major tourist locations, so that the party faithful can visit while the children are on the roller coaster. Our lease means we probably cannot move in less than several years. And if you read claims that I want to shut down the National Headquarters, well, it's not true.

You'll notice that I just listed a twelve step plan with nine steps. That's not an accident. I have my nine steps, because I've listened to lots of Party members from around the country. The other three steps are waiting for all of you to create.. That's my last change in the way the National party is run. I think that members from all around the country have good ideas for us.

George Phillis **PVLA Member**

<http://3mpub.com/phillis> (1) Actually, read the Bylaws: The number is not fixed at exactly eighteen, but other values are less likely. (2) Or so an LNC member told me, and the rent and space match.

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Libertarian activists — activists in the true sense — are demoralized and made to feel that their accomplishments are meaningless in the fight to regain our inalienable liberties. This is wrong. Very wrong! Purists certainly do have an important place in their respective movements, but not at the expense of killing or crippling said movements. At the very least, a suffocation is taking place in the LP. Leaders focus on supper clubs, dues-paid membership recruitment, bylaws and platform changes, Tax Day protests and various other outreach activities. The only real political activity LP members see is signing petitions, running paper candidacies, fundraising and a presidential campaign every four years. It is not often you will see serious campaigns for local or partisan elections or seeing an LP-sponsored initiative on the ballot. In essence, the Libertarian “political” Party is not very political at all, although it does seem that way superficially.

For philosophical libertarians who share these frustrations and truly do believe we can successfully turn the political debate from statism to liberty, we wonder: How can we accomplish our goals if the Libertarian Party internal culture refuses to actively engage the statist establishment parties? We cannot count on Democrat and Republican parties to take up the mantle of freedom. Neither can we count on the many third parties that exist in the United States. What can we do?

Simple: do what the Libertarian Party refuses to do: act as a serious clearinghouse for real world political action on the local, state and (hopefully) national levels; go toe-to-toe with the statist politicians and their groupies; set aside endless philosophical debates in favor of action! In the spirit of a popular WWII Rosie the Riveter poster slogan, libertarian political activists will now be given an opportunity to say “We Can Do It!”

### **How to do it? The Libertarian Political Action Alliance**

In the following, I will outline what I believe this organization should focus on and what it should set aside. Of course, these are merely suggestions and open to modification. There should be no “victory for the sake of victory”, only “victory for the sake of liberty”.

Sincerely,  
Gene Trosper  
November 16, 2003

### **1. Purpose of the Libertarian Political Action Alliance**

The Libertarian Political Action Alliance (LPAA) will exist to challenge and defeat statist politicians, their allies, and the organizations that give them aid and comfort. Statism is a political and philosophical evil that we intend to confront, expose, and neutralize in the political arena. We refuse to be sacrificial lambs, but rather effective defenders

of liberty and its many benefits.

Some of us are former dues-paid LP members; others will be current LP members. Some may not have any affiliation with the LP or any political party whatsoever. In order to enjoy flexibility and independence, the LPAA is not officially connected to any political party or organization

## 2. Activities of the LPAA

The LPAA will endeavor to undertake targeted, effective political action that will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Offering activist alerts for coordinated action on issues of immediate urgency.
- b. Soliciting campaign support by publicizing qualified candidates in winnable races (both partisan and non-partisan) to our members and interested others in the libertarian movement. These campaigns may or may not be LP related.
- c. Developing and distributing professional-quality literature that address issues of immediate concern to the average American voter from a libertarian viewpoint.
- d. Issuing frequent, timely news releases.
- e. Writing and distributing Op-Eds.
- f. Organizing state affiliates of the LPAA.
- g. Training candidates and potential campaign managers in effective campaigning.
- h. Organizing lobbying efforts.
- i. Encouraging and organizing petition drives, letters to the editor campaigns and involvement with issues-oriented organizations like NORML, the ACLU, and the NRA.
- j. Creating a database of libertarian-friendly campaign consultants, campaign managers and campaign vendors.
- k. Establishing a speakers bureau.
- l. Supporting libertarian-oriented high-school and campus organizations
- m. Encouraging and supporting the creation of affinity groups such as “Seniors for Liberty,” “Hispanic Freedom Caucus,” etc.
- n. Authoring an annual “agenda for liberty” that focuses on timely issues.

## 3. What the LPAA is not about

The LPAA will remain focused on real-world political action and not get bogged down in philosophical debates (anar-chism vs. minarchism) or exercises in “mental masturbation.” The fight for liberty is too important to waste time on needless things. We do not object to philosophical debates and believe that philosophy is important, however we must not become distracted by misplaced priorities. Libertarian philosophical debates are best left to more appropriate forums.

## 4. A free market alternative to the Libertarian Party

Simply put: the Libertarian Party has failed. Although the LP claims to be serious about regaining liberty, its membership is not only divided on what to do, but also in disagreement over the LP’s reason for existing. This extreme lack of focus coupled with an “expect little, gain little” culture of defeat offers nothing of substance for the serious political activist. The LPAA wishes to offer serious political activity in direct competition with the LP’s failed culture. Our goal is not to destroy the LP, but to increase the quality of libertarian political activity, thereby resulting in greater levels of success for libertarian ideas.

Those who are active in the LP, yet remain frustrated are our initial target audience. We will ask them to compare what the LPAA offers in comparison to the LP and let them make their choice.

## 5. Being taken seriously

It can be rather frustrating for libertarians to be associated with “lost causes.” Those involved with the Libertarian Party have unfortunately become accustomed to being called “Looneytarians” or “Losertarians.” This can be attributed to a number of causes:

- a. Constant electoral loss by Libertarian candidates.
- b. A tendency of libertarians to focus on issues that either don’t concern or simply confuse the average voter.
- c. Communicating libertarian ideas in a hostile, shocking, or overly intellectual manner.

The LPAA aims to turn this perception around by communicating libertarian ideals in a way that resonates with voters. This means focusing on issues that interest voters and have them presented in a manner that does not insult or challenge their intelligence. I believe this is one of the building blocks it will take for voters to understand and embrace libertarian policy solutions.

Another building block toward understanding is how we present ourselves to the public. There is a tendency for libertarians to wear their “alternative lifestyles” (whatever that lifestyle may be) on their sleeves. For example: An LP candidate for governor in California publicly displayed his Druid religion by posing for photographs in his Druid robe! Never mind that separation of church and state is a divisive topic in America - the majority of American voters just cannot identify with religions outside the Judeo-Christian sphere. They view anything beyond the norm as “strange,” “occultic,” and “dangerous.” Candidates wearing Druidic robes are not exactly the path toward building a political majority. Another example: In the mid 1990’s, the Libertarian Party held a national convention that was aired on C-Span. During this convention (which I happen to have videotaped), a woman stood up and asked to be recognized by the chair in order to speak. Once she had the floor, she then proceeded to declare herself a “bisexual polygamist.” Personally, I have no problem with alternative lifestyles.

My tolerance and acceptance levels are quite high. However this statement lent itself to reinforcing the stereotypical image of libertarians as “outside the norm” of society, thereby scaring and revolting the very people we need to help turn the tide from statism to liberty. The true, dedicated libertarian activist will be able to discern what is (and what is not) appropriate to say, do or wear depending on the intended audience. The LPAA wishes to not stifle one’s free expression, but we will respectfully encourage that discretion be observed at appropriate times. It is a small personal sacrifice for the advancement of liberty!

Once we can vanquish the “looneytarian” label, it will be infinitely easier to rid ourselves of the “losertarian” label.

## 6. In conclusion

There is much to accomplish if we wish to become a successful political movement. It will be difficult! However, with dedication and focus, we can begin making positive change for liberty and basic human dignity. This paper is not a comprehensive listing of everything that should - must! - be done, but it helps to lay a basic vision for an effective libertarian political movement. It is my sincere hope that all who read and consider this will think of the great good we can bring others and ourselves. The possibilities for success exist. All it takes is for us to seize the day!

## State Projects You Can Use

Writing some months ago on Liberty for All! ([www.libertyforall.net](http://www.libertyforall.net)) LNC Member Sean Haugh reported on projects in various states, projects that may still be applicable to your state.

Howdy all! Members of the Libertarian National Committee receive regional reports before each meeting. These may be read by some, and then are dutifully filed away into oblivion.

But now, thanks to LFA, we have a venue to publicize some of the interesting projects noted in these reports. What follows are excerpts of the reports for the June meeting, with links and contact info so you can learn more about how to implement similar projects for your state or local LP. I've added an item that wasn't in the reports, but is still well worth mentioning.

### CANDIDATE TRAINING - Florida

LPF sponsored a two-day intensive workshop for candidates and activists the last weekend of August in Orlando. This is the same core training used for the highly successful Operation Full Slate that resulted in an average 14% Libertarian vote in State House races. A voluntary donation beginning at \$15 per day is asked, but no one is turned away. It is co-sponsored with [www.libertariancitizen.uni.cc](http://www.libertariancitizen.uni.cc). For more info, contact Ralph Swanson [rkswanon@earthlink.net](mailto:rkswanon@earthlink.net).

### COMMUNICATION SEMINAR - Massachusetts

Michael Cloud, with assistance from Carla Howell and Sharon Harris, was to be offering a seminar in "The Secrets of Maximum Impact Libertarian Speaking." It was held August 2-3 at the Sheraton in Framingham. The cost is \$195 for the seminar, with the proceeds to benefit the LPMA Permanent Ballot Status Fund. On a personal note, Mr. Cloud has taught me as much as anyone about Libertarian communication and fundraising, and while the cost may seem high to some, I would rate this training as a bargain. For more info, check out <http://www.lpma.org/maximpact/>.

### CONFERENCE CALLING - Florida

LPF is making expanded use of conference calling to conduct their business. The cost is \$100 a month for unlimited calls, making meetings easier in such a large state. Contact LPF Chair Doug Klippel [dougklippel@aol.com](mailto:dougklippel@aol.com) for more details.

### ONLINE LOBBYING - Georgia

LPGA lobbied for HB748, which would end illegal searches of rental properties. Results include excellent media coverage, and creation of ties with the real estate community. LPGA's effort can take some significant credit for this bill being signed into law on June 4th. LPGA is applying the online petitioning strategy to other issues, which can be seen at their special website, <http://www.404-freedom.com/>.

### LEGISLATIVE WATCH - Vermont

Scott Berkey [berkeyscott@hotmail.com](mailto:berkeyscott@hotmail.com) has published the first issue of the "Legislative Watch" column in the April edition of the state party newsletter, which can be found at <http://www.vtlp.org/VT%20Libertarian%204-2003.pdf>. Over 250 bills were reviewed and rated. Another issue is due in July.

### LOCAL TAX ABOLITION INITIATIVE - Massachusetts

Rich Aucoin is heading a local petition to cut spending in Waltham by 25%, or \$40 million. As of mid-June, Aucoin had collected more than 700 signatures of the needed 3,000 to qualify the ballot initiative. Reports from the street are that the citizens are even more enthusiastic about this proposal than they were about last year's State Question 1, the income tax abolition. The tax reduction amounts to an average savings of \$1,000 per household. Note that many states which do not have statewide public initiatives still do have a process for local ones. Contact: [raucoin@lpma.org](mailto:raucoin@lpma.org).

### PLEDGE PROGRAM - South Carolina

LPSC has instituted a new pledge program, without credit cards. The Christopher Gadsden Society is run by a volunteer, Michael Carmany [parrot-dise-aviary@worldnet.att.net](mailto:parrot-dise-aviary@worldnet.att.net) who will do monthly follow-up with each club member to collect the checks and keep in touch. The minimum dona-

tion is \$240 a year, or \$20 a month. Club members will receive extra benefits and goodies. As of mid-June, there were six Gadsden Society members. Even at this beginning level, it has already resulted in greater financial stability for LPSC.

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## Minor Parties Changing Elections

In the Oct. 2003 Libertarian Party News, I had an essay that minor parties had tilted the outcome of 7 US presidential elections. 1844, 1848, 1884, 1912, 1916, 1992 and 2000. That's only 7 elections out of the 52 presidential elections in US history. The Socialist Party never tilted the outcome in any of them. But the Prohibition Party tiled two, 1884 and 1916. Both times the Prohibition Party's presidential candidates were ex-Republican governors. In 1884, that ex-Governor of Kansas was hanged in effigy (by furious Republicans) in hundreds of towns across the north. If Cleveland had lost New York, Blaine would have won. The NY margin was only 1,100 and St. John got 25,000 in New York.

Similarly, in 1916, the Prohibition Party, the ex-Governor of Indiana, polled 32,000 votes in California, and Wilson beat Hughes by 3,000 votes in California. If Hughes had carried California he would have won.

So what did "spoiling" two presidential elections do for the Prohibition Party? It got them what it wanted, prohibition. The prohibition amendment to the Constitution had first been introduced in congress in 1875, but it had never passed, until the spring of 1917, when it did pass. The amendment had never been endorsed in the national platform of either major party. They didn't like it. But the Republicans finally got sick of losing votes to the Prohibition Party.

...Richard Winger

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## Worcester County Libertarian Association

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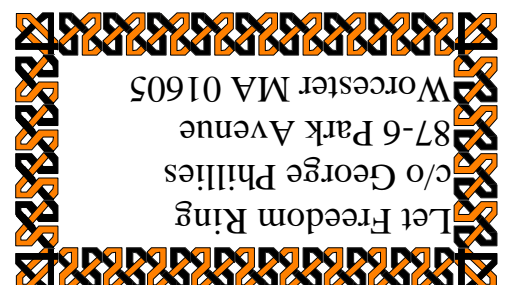
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## National Party Membership 2000-2003

Let's look at the record since 2000. I give for each state the party membership now and then, and the percentage of members who are left in the party.

CA, 3541, 6138 58%  
TX, 1059, 1634 65%  
FL, 1044, 1745 60%  
GA, 952,1587 60%  
MI, 859, 1525 56%  
PA, 770, 1398 55%  
IL, 724, 1086 67%  
NY, 693, 1091 64%  
OH, 678, 1140 59%  
WA, 675, 1149 59%  
VA, 644, 965 67%  
CO, 548, 829 66%  
IN, 538, 624 86%  
MA, 536, 823 65%  
NJ, 496, 764 65%  
NC, 472, 694 68%  
OR, 389, 558 70%  
MD, 368, 606 64%  
AZ, 361, 683 53%  
TN, 323, 491 66%  
MO, 299, 520 58%  
MN, 280, 448 63%  
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AK, 125, 150 83%  
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AR, 97, 190 51%  
ID, 96, 144 67%  
HI, 81, 130 62%  
MT, 79, 119 66%  
VT, 74, 123 60%  
NE, 72, 123 59%  
WV, 69, 118 58%  
MS, 66, 124 53%  
DE, 59, 94 63%  
DC, 58, 87 67%  
WY, 57, 84 68%  
RI, 42, 68 62%  
SD, 33, 46 72%  
ND, 27, 41 66%

Note the positive successes of the Iowa and Indiana Parties in

maintaining membership numbers.

## Yet More Victories !

Aaron Biterman has reported an extended list of Libertarian victories, elected or appointed Libertarian public officers, in 2000.

California: Scott Lieberman (San Jose Advisory Commission on Rents Chair)

Colorado: David Aitken (HAVA Implementation Board)

Georgia: Jerry Meyer (Hoschton City Council), David Lockhart (Forest Park Board of Ethics)

Florida: Ed Heaphy (Volusia Election Board), Dr. Timothy Moriarty (Seminole County Agriculture Advisory Committee), Michael Gilson-De Lemos (Pinellas Home School Board), Julie Chorgo (Pinellas Home School Board)

Idaho: Bill Anderson (Congressional Business Advisory Council), Rob Oates (Caldwell City Council Seat 4)

Illinois: Jerry Kohn (Acorn Public Library Board), David Kelley (Rockford School Board), Kathy Kelley (Rock Valley Community College Trustee), Jeff Glaser (Batavia School Board), Alma Read (Elk Grove Township Elementary Board District 59), Jeff Trigg (HAVA State Planning Committee)

Indiana: Christa Klopfenstein Adkins (HAVA State Planning Team), Ed Dilts (Needham Twp. Advisory Board), Anita M. Amspaugh (Union City City Clerk-Treasurer), Susan Bell (Hagerstown Court Judge), Darren Nolan (Universal Town Council), Susan Pyle (Union City Council District 1), Russell Reichard (Union City Council District 2), Jay Thompson (Gosport Town Council)

Iowa: Christy Ann Welty (Fairfield City Council Ward 3), Roger Fritz (Roland City Council), Bill Lynn (Davenport Alderman Ward 5)

Kansas: Larry Manes (Allen County Community College Board of Trustees)

Massachusetts: Chuck Ormsby (North Andover School Committee), Arthur Torrey (Billerica Selectman Chair), Kamal Jain (HAVA State Planning Team)

Michigan: Bill Bradley (South Haven City Council), Andy LeCureaux (Hazel Park City Council), Mark Owen (Owosso City Council), John Stempfle (Grosse Pointe City Council), Erin Stahl (Saint Clair Shores City Council)

Minnesota: Colin Wilkinson (Minnesota Academic Standards Committee)

Missouri: Mike Ferguson (HAVA Implementation Board)

Montana: Christian Hur (State Board of Regents Vice Chair)

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## **Libertarian Public Policy Questions For the Coming Year**

Public Policy Question A -- Decriminalize an ounce or less of marijuana

Shall the (representative/senator) be instructed to introduce and vote for legislation that would make possession of marijuana a civil violation, like a traffic ticket, instead of a criminal offense, and requiring the police to hold a person under 18 cited for possession until released to a parent or civil guardian, or brought before a judge?

Public Policy Question B -- End the Sales Tax

Shall the (representative/senator) be instructed to introduce and vote for legislation that would end the sales tax in Massachusetts?

Public Policy Question C -- Pharmaceutical Pricing

Shall the (representative/senator) be instructed to introduce and vote for legislation that would protect the right of a patient and her or his physician to purchase a medical drug from any source, so long as the patient's insurance company is not obliged to pay more than the price for which the medical drug is available for sale in Massachusetts?

Public Policy Question D -- Construction Projects

Shall the (representative/senator) be instructed to introduce and vote for legislation that would require all contracts for civil construction projects to include a penalty price, not larger than twice the estimated price of the project, with the condition that if the penalty price is exceeded the contract is automatically terminated and re-bid for completion, with the original contractor being disqualified from entering a new bid?

Public Policy Question E -- Tax Incentives for Better Education of Children

Shall the (representative/senator) be instructed to introduce and vote for legislation that would establish tax credits for persons and corporations that support the education of a child in a private, non-sectarian school or in a home schooling environment?

Public Policy Question F -- Binding Civic Unions

Shall the (representative/senator) be instructed to introduce and vote for legislation that would establish a uniform process for residents of the Commonwealth to join in legally binding civic unions, and identify marriage as a rite not within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth?

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