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## *From the Chair.....* *by Rodney Travis, SCLP Chair*

Greetings to all Libertarians across our state! Thank you for electing me as your Chairman for 1996-98 at our May State Convention, and thanks to all who made the convention a success. We should all thank Steve Vandervelde for his years of service to the SCLP as chairman. Steve, we owe you a lot and I thank you for your friendship and leadership through the years.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the National LP Convention in Washington in July, along with others from SC delegation (Geb Sommer, Bill Woolsey, Tim Moultrie, Chuck Williams, Wes Mallard and Jo Jorgensen). I knew I was with other freedom loving Americans the first evening, upon leaving the Jefferson Memorial, when we boarded the trolley to return to the hotel, the driver began announcing the points of interest...as he pointed out the un-libertarian government bureaucratic buildings, the streets of DC echoed with boos from our trolley....

But we all know it'll take more than boos from a trolley to end the reign of the occupants of those big government bureaucratic castles.

What will succeed is our efforts to build membership in the Libertarian Party, fill the ballots with candidates, and get those candidates elected!

## *Stop the Browne Out!*

By the time you read this article, we will probably know whether the LP candidates are to be included in this fall's Presidential debates, to be held September 25 in St. Louis, Oct. 2 in Hartford, Ct (VP), October 9 in St. Petersburg, Fla. and Oct. 16 in San Diego, California.

And if the Debates Commission decides to include the LP's Browne & Jorgensen, a large part of the credit for influencing their decision will be due to the grass roots *Stop the Browne Out* petition drive.

Started in mid July on the Internet by Gene Trosper of California, Mary Lou Seymour of SC, Rock Howard of Texas and Tim Barber of California, the *STBO* campaign, totally independent of the Browne campaign and the LP, grew quickly to include hundreds of activists across the nation, on the Internet and in the streets, getting petitions signed

and letters written on & offline to the Commission.

The petition presentation is planned for September 13 in Washington, DC (after the printing of this newsletter) with National Chair Steve Dasbach presenting the petitions. As of this writing, it seems as though *STBO*'s goal of 30,000 signatures will be met!

If the Commission ignores this massive demonstration of public enthusiasm for Browne's inclusion, the *STBO* organizers are planning further actions, possibly culminating in a rally at the St. Petersburg debate site on Oct. 9.

For more info on the *STBO* campaign, you can subscribe to the email updates by sending a message to [liberty@csra.net](mailto:liberty@csra.net) with "subscribe STBO" as subject. or, you may call M.L. Seymour 803-593-6876

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## ***DEFEND LIBERTY!! JOIN THE SCLP!!***

### *From the Chair continued*

Our President-V.P. team of Harry Browne & Jo Jorgensen are doing a fine job of spreading our message throughout America.

Our local and state candidates are just as committed to removing the un-constitutional occupants from their castles.

And it's perfectly clear that the Libertarians are the only ones who will do it. For example, in S.C., 4941 state employees are paid more than \$50,000 year, a 42% increase since 1993...and this increase happened during the "conservative" Campbell-Beasley reign.

Until next time, thank you for your efforts in the cause of freedom...

## *The S.C.Libertarian*

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Articles from SCLP Members are welcome!

Articles may be edited for space

Please send articles to:

M.L.Seymour

Drawer Q, Bath, SC 29816

## *In Memoriam*

*Dick Winchell, long time SCLP activist, departed this life in August 1996. He will be sorely missed.*

## *Freedom Fighter Awards*

Freedom Fighter Awards are given in memory of John Harlee, founding member of the SCLP, and the first recipient of this award, at the 1994 SCLP convention, just prior to his untimely death in 1994. This year (1996), the delegates chose the following individuals as Freedom Fighter Award recipients:

**Tom King** Aiken County LP Chair 1988-96, for his "dedication to the First Amendment, even when threatened with arrest by the Aiken police" (Tom was handing out flyers at a public festival in a public park.)

**Mary Lou Seymour** SCLP Secretary 1992-96, for "her energy, philosophical grounding, and organizational abilities in numerous projects, including the 96 convention, the newsletter, the web page, & the herculean job of secretary"

**Marlon Slater** Anderson County LP Vice Chair for "his work in forming the Anderson Co. affiliate club and planning and executing the 1996 Tax Day protest".

**Dick Winchell** Lexington County, for his "dedication to the cause of eliminating the property tax in South Carolina and other activities on behalf of tax relief."

## *SCLP Delegates Elect New County & State Officers*

The Chair and Vice Chair are elected at the State Convention every two years. (election year) The Secretary and Treasurer are elected by the Executive Committee. The following officers were elected at the State Convention May 4,

**Chair:** Rodney Travis, 27 Andrew St. Charleston, SC 29418: 803-552-9991

**Vice Chair:** Tahirih Gelardi,\*

**Secretary:** M.L. Seymour, Drawer Q, Bath, SC 29816; 803-593-6876;

**Treasurer:** David Morris, 1202 Jessamine Rd. Lexington, SC 29073; 803-796-3161

\*Note: Ms. Gelardi has moved to another state. The Exec Com will appoint a new Vice Chair at the September meeting

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** Each organized county elects a representative (State Committee Person) to serve on the SCLP State Executive Committee which meets the first Saturday each month at 2:00 PM at La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, Charleston Hwy, West Columbia, to conduct state party business. All SCLP members are welcome to attend. The following persons were elected to the State

Executive Committee by their county conventions (March 30, 1996) to serve two year terms of office: (area code is 803 unless otherwise indicated)

**Aiken:** Tom King: 593-6876;

**Anderson:** Doug Taylor: 864- 874-9820

**Beaufort:** Chuck Williams: - 681-8350

**Calhoun:** Tom Arant: 803- 874-2759

**Charleston:** Bill Woolsey: 577-7138

**Horry:** Doc Quillian: -293-6895

**Lexington:** Geb Sommer: -359-5295

**Orangeburg:** Rod Severson, 531-0463

**Richland:** Mark Johnson: -345-5502

★The Executive Committee has also designated the following adhoc position

**Membership Chair:**

Julian Griffith 803-765-1846

### **COUNTY CHAIRS**

Each organized county elects a county chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, and representative to the state SCLP Executive Committee, at its county convention every two years. Acting chairs may be appointed by the Executive Committee for counties which were not organized at the preceding election year county convention. County LP clubs nominate candidates

for county office and hold county meetings. The following persons were elected county chairs at their respective county conventions (March 30, 1996) for 2 year terms of office:

**Aiken:** Tom King 593-6876

**Anderson:** Doug Taylor 864-874-9820

**Beaufort:** Chuck Williams -681-8350

**Calhoun:** Tom Arant -874-2759

**Charleston:** Rodney Travis: -552-9991

**Horry:** Doc Quillian: 293-6895

**Lexington:** Tim Moultrie: 739-1409

**Orangeburg:** Rod Severson, 531-0463

**Richland:** Mark Johnson: 345-5502

The Exec Com has also appointed the following persons as "**Organizing Chairs**" for their respective counties.

Counties can only officially organize every two years. Between election cycles, "organizing chairs" may be designated by the State Exec Com to hold meeting in unorganized counties and elect "acting officers" to serve until the next election cycle.

**York** Wes Mallard, 803-366-1953

**Greenwood:** Scott Hines

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## *S.C. Libertarians Nominate State & Local Candidates*

The following candidates were nominated by the delegates to the SCLP Convention in May for the November 1996 General Election:

### **U.S.Senate:**

**Richard T. "Doc" Quillian**, is a longtime SCLP activist, chair of the Horry Co.LP 1990-94. a Vietnam era Veteran (U.S.Army 1968-70), Mason, and has seven children. "I want to substantially reduce the size of the government, cur all taxes, and put an immediate end to the DemoPublican War on Drugs, which has profited organized crime, is the true cause of the epidemic of violent crime, and is being used by politicians and courts as an excuse to gut the Bill of Rights."

### **SC House of Representatives**

**Dist.70: Marion Hopkins** is a lifelong Richland County resident and farmer for 30 years, Clemson graduate, and Army veteran, member of St.John's Episcopal Church, serves on the Board of Directors of the Richland Co.Farm

Bureau, 3 children, 5 grandchildren. "I am committed to the reduction of government involvement in our lives and want to give Dist.70 residents the opportunity to vote for a candidate who stands for less govt. and more freedom."

**Dist.72: Walter Rolandi** is a research associate (Ph.d. candidate) at USC, a member of St.Peters Catholic Church. He and wife Linda have 3 children.

"I want to introduce Libertarian ideas into the political debate and offer a legitimate alternative to the status quo."

**Dist.74: Julian Griffith Jr.**

is an engineer, and the Membership Chair of the SCLP. "I want to give Dist.74 voters the chance to vote for freedom and less government"

**Dist.81: Sarah Flemming** owns a computer consultant firm in Aiken, where she and husband Lloyd reside, and is the secretary of the Savannah River Rifle & Pistol Club. "I can no longer tolerate the constant erosion of

the rights fought for by our Founding Fathers..our heritage is at stake."

**Dist.89" Timothy Moultrie** is a high school teacher, and currently serves as chair of the Lexington Co. LP.

"I will be the voice in the legislature for limiting government in all aspects."

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### **COUNTY CANDIDATES**

The following county level candidates were nominated at their respective county conventions in March:

#### **★Aiken County**

**Auditor: Ronald D. McCoy**

#### **★Calhoun County**

**Council #1: Ronald Houck**

**Council #2: Tom Arant**

#### **★Charleston County Council**

**North Area: Rodney Travis**

In addition, the following have filed as candidates for the Charleston County Constituent School Board:

**Jim Sims, Bill Woolsey**

We are proud to present such a fine slate of candidates to S.C voters!

**SCLP on The Web**  
(<http://www.awod.com/scelp>)  
**Join our email list!**  
[liberty@csra.net](mailto:liberty@csra.net)

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED FOR  
THE FAIR!!**

**State Fair Oct.4-13**

call Mark Johnson: 803-345-5502

**Anderson Co Sept.19-28**

call Doug Taylor 864-874-9820

**CLIP AND MAIL TO: S.C. LIBERTARIAN PARTY Box 50643 Columbia, SC 29250**

\_\_\_\_ **YES, I'd like to join the S.C. Libertarian Party!** I am enclosing dues of \$25.00, which includes membership in the SCLP and National LP, subscriptions to the LP News (National) and SC Libertarian.

**I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force or fraud as a means of achieving political or social goals**

**Signature (required for membership)** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I'd like to subscribe to the SC Libertarian for \$10.00 year.

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## PLATFORM

### OF THE S.C. LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Adopted at the State Convention. (May 4,1996)

- ☆ We hold that every person has a natural right to life, liberty, and justly acquired property; that liberty is essential to human happiness, progress, survival, and creativity; that force may only be used in defense of life, liberty, and property; and that the organization of the defensive force should be voluntary and limited to the protection of life, liberty and property.
- ☆ Freedom requires responsibility. Each individual has the obligation to respect the rights of others, to accept the consequences of his or her own actions, and to accept the ultimate responsibility for maintaining his or her own life.
- ☆ We hold that no person or institution, public or private, has the right to initiate the use of force or fraud against others.
- ☆ We hold that individuals are entitled to choose their own lifestyles, as long as they do not impose their values on others.
- ☆ We hold that the voluntary exchange of goods and services: the free market system is essential to liberty.
- ☆ We hold that the only moral or practical purpose of government is to preserve and protect individual rights.

### SCLP SEES PROGRESS IN 96

1996 has been a great year for the SCLP!

We have organized four new county clubs (Anderson, Beaufort, Orangeburg and Calhoun), started organizing activities in two more counties (Greenwood & York), published and maintained a home page on the World Wide Web, held regular monthly meetings of the State Executive Committee, and successfully instituted a "fast response" program for getting information to interested persons within ten days.

We presented 2 LP Presidential candidates as guest speakers at our May Convention and our own Jo Jorgensen was nominated as the LP candidate for U.S. Vice President!

We have learned that it takes all of us, as individuals, working together, to make progress towards our goal of defending liberty, without compromise, and to bring the message of freedom, prosperity, limited government, and a return to the principles of America's Founding Fathers to S.C.

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