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FILING DEADLINES FOR CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED

As of January 26, The S.C. Election Commission has informed us that the filing deadlines for candidates (for the 1996 elections) will be:

March 16 (noon)-March 30 (noon)
for county candidates, State Senate & House districts within one county (file with county chair)

April 16 (noon)-April 30 (noon)
for U.S.Congress & Senate, state wide offices and State House & Senate districts (more than one

county). (file with SCLP Exec Com)
(Note: As in previous years, legal challenges to district lines may postpone these dates, but, based on the information we have now, these are the dates to plan for.)

County candidates are nominated at the county conventions in March, U.S. and state candidates (including State House & Senate) at the state convention. in May. But, all candidates must have first filed with the appropriate party official during the filing time periods or they can not be

considered for nomination.

If you wish to be a candidate, you should contact your county chair or Exec Com rep immediately.

By State law, all county clubs wishing to nominate candidates must run a 5x7 ad 2 weeks prior to March 16, and fulfill other legal requirements. If you need instructions on how to do this and did not attend the Feb. Exec Com workshop, or, if you are in an unorganized county and want to be a candidate, contact M.L.Seymour (803-593-6876) by noon Feb.15 to receive instructions.

★ SCLP CONVENTION PLANNED FOR MAY

Rick Tompkins and Jo Jorgensen to be speakers

The S.C.L.P. Convention will be held Saturday, May 4, 1996, at the Quality Inn in Columbia. Vice Chair Rodney Travis is in charge of planning for the convention, which already is shaping up to be an exciting event for S.C. freedom lovers.

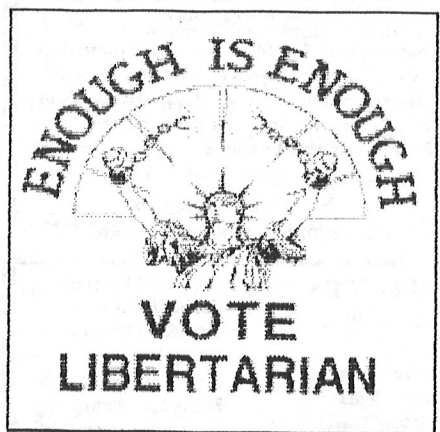
Rick Tompkins, candidate for the L.P. Presidential nomination, and *Jo Jorgensen*, candidate for the LP Vice Presidential nomination, are scheduled to attend. (As of this writing, candidates for LP Presidential nomination Harry Browne and Irvin Schiff have not responded to our invitation.)

The state convention is held every election year, in accordance with S.C. election law, to nominate candidates for state and federal office, to elect

officers for the party for 1996-98, and to take care of any other necessary party business.

Delegates to the state convention are chosen at county conventions (in March), and must be members of the S.C.L.P. as of the date of the county convention. Non-delegates may attend the business sessions, but are not given a vote.

"This year, the charge for the entire convention, including all speakers, and lunch, will be \$30.00 person," Rodney Travis says. "Because of the popularity of our two scheduled speakers, Tompkins and Jorgensen, and limited seating, we urge you to register early to insure you don't miss any of the excitement!" (see pg.4 to register)



ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY CLUBS

Instructions & forms will be available at the March Exec Com meeting. If you want to organize or re-organize a county, be at the March 2 Exec Com meeting, or, contact M.L.Seymour by noon March 1. (593-6876) ★

Blue Laws: An Unnecessary Government Intrusion

by David Morris, Lexington

Most counties in South Carolina still have Sunday closing laws, also known as "blue laws". Of course, Libertarians are against these laws, and have urged their repeal for years.

One important question has been lost in the debate about blue laws: Where in the Bible or in Christian doctrine does it say that we should arrest those persons who choose to do business on the Sabbath? The answer is: nowhere. Jesus never asked his followers to throw non-believers into jail! That

amount of force is as un-Christian as one can get.

Many persons observe the Sabbath on Saturday, but these persons have not asked anyone to force stores to close on Saturday.

I personally often have to work on Sundays. I try to attend church on most of the other Sundays. However, that is my decision. My religious practices are not affected by someone choosing to shop while I am in church.

Law enforcement officials have enough difficulty catching violent criminals. They should not

have to waste their time arresting peaceful, honest citizens who aren't hurting anybody.

As a Libertarian, I have long opposed the blue laws and any other laws that impose particular lifestyles. The government should be limited to its proper function: protecting each person's right to life, liberty, and property. There is no religious or moral basis for the government to use force for any other purpose.

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The SCLP Executive Committee is comprised of representatives from each organized county club, elected at county convention every 2 years, the State Chair & Vice Chair, elected at the State convention every 2 years, & the Secretary & Treasurer (non voting) elected by the Exec Com. The Executive Committee meets the 1st Saturday each month to direct party business and expenditures.

The Exec Com has designated the following ad hoc positions:

Exec Director:

Walter Rolandi

Membership:

Julian Griffith

★ LEGISLATIVE WATCH: Initiative & Referendum

Many states allow their citizens to introduce legislation by petition. (initiative) The proposed legislation is then put on the ballot for a vote (referendum).

In S.C., although initiative by citizen petition is available on the county level (except in tax matters), it is not available on the state level.

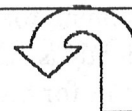
Several bills were introduced last

year in the S.C. Legislature with different versions of initiative and referendum (S.57, 192, 465; H.3077, 3045). This year, a version has been introduced which would allow citizens to petition for the repeal of laws, as well as the passage of laws. (H.4470, introduced Jan.23, 1996.)

For more info, contact Mark Johnson (Richland LP Chair) 345-5502.



COMPUTER CORNER



Join us ONLINE! The following local bulletin boards (BBS) carry **SC-Lib** (SCLP conference)

Aiken: RFR: 663-4856

Computer Workshop: 648-7574

Beaufort: The Abyss: 522-1250

Charleston: Dazed & Confused: 873-5797

Earth Art: 552-4389;

Chas Co Sheriff: 554-2498

Columbia: PMSC Online: 735-6101

Conway: Bloom County: 347-5077

Florence: Lost Child: 669-6571

Greenville: Gas Works: 244-3952

Hilton Head: Magical Mystery: 785-5080

Myrtle Beach: Bloom Co: 293-3830

Sumter: Carolina Connections: 449-4316

St. George: Carolina Cousin: 787-3782

Fayetteville NC: The Jungle: 910-488-1954

□ If you need software to get online, send \$5.00 to Mel Minitor (RFR) at P.O.Box 757, Warrenville, SC 2985 for a disc with 2 Communications programs, an offline reader, GIF reader & compression program.

□ Aiken Co. LP has a "Freedom Database" 3.5" disc with 2 freeware programs, Common Law & Constitution, and a collection of commentaries, articles, stats, legislation etc. relating to freedom & constitutional rights. Send \$5.00 to ACLP, Drawer Q, Bath, SC 29816, or download from RFR [Libertarian Files Section 323.]

VISIT US AT OUR WORLD WIDE WEB HOME PAGE: <http://www.awod.com/sclp/>

Libertarian Activities Around the State

AIKEN COUNTY: Meetings are held the first Thursday each month at 6:30 PM at the Buffet Restaurant, University Pky. Aiken.

ANDERSON : An organizational meeting was held in November, Doug Taylor reports.

LOWCOUNTRY (Beaufort-Jasper counties): Meetings are held the second Thursday each month.

MIDLANDS (Lexington-Richland counties): Meetings are held the

second Thursday each month at the Lizards Thicket, Bush River Rd. Columbia at 7:00 PM.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

✓ We need volunteers to help plan the 1996 SCLP Convention, to be held in May. Contact Rodney Travis (552-9991) if you are interested in helping!

✓ Volunteers needed to work on a campaign to attract more young people (Gen X) to the LP. Contact SCLP Executive Director Walter Rolandi (252-9995)

FOR INFO ON COUNTY ACTIVITIES COUNTY CHAIRS:

Aiken: Tom King: 593-6876
Charleston: Rodney Travis: 552-9991
Darlington: Billy Lynch: 383-5470
Horry: Doc Quillian: 293-1511;477-3090
Lexington: Geb Sommer: 359-5295
Richland: Mark Johnson: 345-5502

OTHER COUNTY CONTACTS:

Anderson: Doug Taylor: 847-9820
Dorchester: Bryne Parker: 552-1103
Greenville: Jo Jorgensen 242-0753
Lowcountry: Chuck Williams: 681-8350

JOIN US!

**WHAT WE CAN'T DO ALONE,
WE CAN DO TOGETHER!**

Jo Jorgensen VP Campaign Update

Jo Jorgensen, former Vice Chair of the SCLP, is the only announced candidate for the LP nomination for Vice President of the U.S. in 1996.

Jo has also worked as Marketing Director for the National Libertarian Party. In 1992, Jo Jorgensen was South Carolina Libertarian Candidate for U.S. Congress.

Jo makes her home in Greenville,

South Carolina, and when she is not campaigning she keeps in top form playing rollerhockey and flying her private plane.

Campaign Manager Howard Lichtman reports: "So far we have campaigned in 24 States and have plans for at least 15 more before July!! We've spread the libertarian message to radio audiences in over

40 States, launched a World Wide Web Page, and have been written about in newspapers all across America including The Washington Post and The Chicago Tribune!"

Jo will be a featured speaker at the SCLP Convention May 4. For more info on Jo's campaign: contact Howard Lichtman at 302-737-3732 (<http://ares.ath.com/~dirasian/jo/>)

★ Register NOW for SCLP Convention May 4

CLIP & MAIL TO:
SCLP, P.O.Box 50643,
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☐ Sign me up! I am enclosing \$30.00 (\$5.00 discount if I register by April 15,1996) to register for the SCLP State Convention May 4,1996.

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 26,1996

SCLP ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

The official S.C. Libertarian Party World Wide Web home page was launched in January! Thanks to Mary Lou Seymour for designing the page, and many thanks to Internet Access Provider *A World of Difference* for providing web space.

Our "address" is
<http://www.awod.com/sclp/>

For those of you who are non computer buffs, a "web page" or "home page" is similar to an advertisement or flyer, except it is "published" in cyberspace on the World Wide Web, the computer network that links computers around the world through telephone lines. Anyone who has a computer

and a modem can get on the web through an Internet access provider.

Customers on the Web increase every day, and we are very excited that the SCLP is now a part of this exciting new technology.

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EXEC COM REPORTS

BRAINSTORMING and CANDIDATE WORKSHOPS

Exec Com members and other SCLP'ers met after the December Exec Com meeting for an exciting and energizing brainstorming session. We discussed several issues, including property tax reform, alternative revenue sources, concealed carry laws, and "choice in taxes", as well as communication techniques from handbills, billboards,

and cable TV access, to cyberspace! The Exec Com plans to put the ideas and recommendations from these sessions into a packet to give LP candidates. In January, we discussed recruiting candidates, and in Feb. we discussed legal requirements for organizing counties & filing candidates. Don't miss our last 2 workshops, in March & April!

ELECTION WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

- ✓ **March 2:** Planning campaigns: from filing required forms to choosing a campaign manager, resources, volunteers
- ✓ **April 6:** Campaign strategies, media, fundraising, reporting requirements, advertising

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