



The Connecticut Libertarian

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Legislative Opportunity

The Libertarian Party, represented by Dawn Lincoln, Vice-Chair, voiced its support for Bill 123 in a public hearing at the Capitol recently. The bill would provide statewide ballot access for all offices for any minor party that achieves 2% of the vote total on a statewide office. Alternatively, the party could register voters to a total of 1% of all registered voters.

"This bill has a very good chance of passing", states Mike DeRosa of the Green Party. The bill is the result of the combined efforts of the Connecticut Green and Libertarian parties.

Let's get rid of the costly petitioning process. Contact your legislator today to voice your support for Bill 123.

Are You A Libertarian Party Candidate?

by Richard C. Connelly Jr.,
Political Director

The 2004 elections are just around the corner. We will need your help and support if we want to make an impact.

We have seven electors for the Presidential election. We also have two candidates for federal offices. Len Rasch will be running for U.S. Senate and Walter Generally for U.S. Representative in the 5th district. We are looking for individuals to run in the remaining four Congressional districts. You do not have to live in the district.

We are also looking for as many candidates for State Rep as possible. Campaign training will be offered.

To get more information, to volunteer to help, or to suggest someone else who may be able to help, please email me at rconnelly@juno.com.

Libertarian Party of Connecticut Goal: **All Federal Offices**

by Linda Rasch

This year the Libertarian Party of Connecticut State Central Committee has adopted the goal of attaining ballot access for all Federal offices on the Connecticut ballot. This includes President, Senator, and all five Congressional districts.

Having at least three appearances on all the ballots in the state will increase our votes significantly. This effort would be even more effective where a Libertarian is running for State Rep or Senate as well.

To accomplish this, a petitioning structure has been created that requires at least eight volunteers for each Congressional District. Two teams of

three people would alternate - three hours every other Saturday - to actually gather names. Another person would identify and coordinate the locations. A validation coordinator would submit sheets and follow up on validations.

Thus a network of only forty volunteers averaging a couple of hours a week could complete the petitioning before the August 5th deadline. Paid petitioners, depending on the level of donations, will fill some specific petitioning positions.

For further information on this project and/or to volunteer, please contact Linda Rasch at secretary@lpct.org.

MEETINGS

State Central Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 16, 2004

The monthly Libertarian Party of Connecticut State Central Committee meeting will be held at the Town Hall in Wethersfield on Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to members and to the public.

Agenda:

Minutes - Secretary
Treasurer's Report
Chairman's Report
Political Director's Report
Membership Report
Communications Report
Convention Report
Petitioning Report

Old Business:

Post Office Box Change
Voice Mail Retrieval
Petitioning Fund-raising Letter
Mailing List Distribution to Candidates
College Recruiting

New Business:

Working with Taxpayer Organizations
Cable Access Distributions

First Class Option on Mailing

Tax Protest

Fair Arrangements

Directions:

From North: I-91 South to Exit 28 (See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

From South: I-91 North to Exit 28 (See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

From East: I-84 West to Exit 57 (See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

From West: I-84 East to I-91 South, to Exit 28

(See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

Route 5 & 15 South: Take Exit 85 (Route 99/Silas Deane Hwy) South.

At the 4th traffic light, turn right onto Church St. Turn into first driveway on left.

The **March Strategy Meeting** will be held at the Ming Restaurant on the Berlin Turnpike in Newington, March 13th from 11am to 2pm. See lpct.org for directions.

The Libertarian Party of Connecticut presents

Campaign for Liberty

Libertarian Party of Connecticut 2004 State Convention

Saturday, April 24th, 2004 • 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.

(Business Meeting at 2:00 p.m. – see lpct.org for agenda)

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Names of additional guests _____

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