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Freedom Team Ready for the November Test

By Paul Miller

A Libertarian candidate from a race years ago told me how the trail could be a lonely place. That was the first campaign I worked - then and more recently, I've had ample opportunity to observe the truth in that statement. Many of you have as well.

Things are a little less lonely now. Sometimes it's hard to see, but we have made some gains -- at least I'm pretty sure I can see a difference in the five years I've been involved. It's a little better now. However, it still takes a fair amount of gumption to pick up and carry the Libertarian banner as a candidate.

It's still a lonely business at times, like when sitting in front of that microphone at a debate, next to two people who don't even think you belong at the same table. Or like when trying to answer your 18th candidate questionnaire, and having no one to call for a little assistance because everyone you know in this timezone is asleep.

This year four Libertarian candidates for the Virginia House of Delegates are carrying that banner. In order of their respective dis-



Donny Ferguson



Chuck Eby

tricts we have Donny Ferguson battling an entrenched Democrat for the 36th, Scott McPherson in a crowded race for the 37th, Chuck Eby in a contest already full of surprises (like the incumbent going down in the primaries) for the 67th and Matt Martin contesting the Republican-held seat in the 73rd.

These are candidates in whom you can and should be proud, not only for the simple reason they are willing to run on our behalf, but also because this group of first-time candidates continues the effort to transform ourselves into a more effective political party.

A recent editorial written for our state website argues that more than anything else we need to develop campaign skills. I couldn't agree with that basic point more. What the author may not realize is the strides being made by these candidates to do just that.

Though a first-time candidate himself, Donny leads the pack in experience. The former campaign manager turned candidate is working an effective

campaign plan and has the incumbent looking over his shoulder, which in itself is a significant accomplishment.

Donny also has willingly shared his experience and ideas with our other candidates. Almost a year ago we set up an e-mail ring between the campaigns to facilitate this sharing. I have to admit I was skeptical of it amounting to anything, but I've seen these four candidates use the tool with positive effect. They review one another's campaign materials and offer encouragement. And we've seen a good flow of useful tactics from Donny to the other three -- ideas that in at least a few instances have translated into action.

These campaigns are striving to do things that are beyond the traditional ex-

By Marc Montoni

What is a Libertarian to do when there is no limited-government candidate on the ballot? Fortunately, you may vote according to conscience by writing in.

This year, I have three write-in suggestions to take into the voting booth with you:

Normally I look within the LP for good write-in names. However, though Philip Van Cleave is not a member, most Libertarians would be quite comfortable with him. He is in favor of smaller, limited government and

is the president of Virginia Citizens' Defense League, a hard-core gun rights coalition. He has spoken to many local LP groups and aggressively promotes the rights of Virginia citizens to have the means of self-defense.

Gun-rights groups in Virginia are already suggesting a protest vote for Philip rather than the Three Elves -- it would not hurt us a bit to stand alongside.

As for Jim Lark, many of you already know Jim Lark well. Besides attending liter-

ally hundreds of LP meetings every year, Jim is a professor at the University of Virginia.

Does anyone even remember the names of the same-o DemRep candidates for LG?

Jeff Bowles is the sitting chairman of the Mountain Castles Soil and Water Conservation District and a tireless advocate for liberty in Botetourt County.

While not an attorney, for this sort of write-in campaign, that doesn't matter unless he wins. On a more practical level, the AG doesn't practice a lot of law while in office -- instead, he manages a bureaucracy of dozens to do the work!

In any case, all of these fellows have experience in crafting and influencing legislation. They know what needs to be done to restore liberty to citizens of the Commonwealth.

I encourage all Libertarians in Virginia to write these fellows in this year.

The Board of Elections will have the numbers ready in January, I will report the vote totals our slate received in the January issue.

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Steve Damerell

Memo From The Chairman

Pitching In

Your candidates are out there doing real politics - pounding pavement, shaking hands, and voicing Libertarian views in debates and interviews. This is how Libertarians are going to transition away from powerlessness: With hard work that is well-directed and well-supported.

"Well-supported" is where you come in. All year, I have asked you to donate to the LPVA's House Victory Fund. You've responded, and I thank you for that with all sincerity. We've allocated the funds you've donated based on the requests and performances of our campaigns to date.

Now I'm asking you to reach deeply, one last time, and donate directly to the campaign(s) of your choice. The last push is a critical time for funding, with each candidate in serious need of your support for the final weeks on the campaign trail.

Please make your best donation to one or more of the candidates. Learn more about them from the article on

page 1 of this issue.

For all of the support that you've provided to the 2005 candidates, again, I thank you, as do they.

Now, give our candidates that last boost to carry you away from powerlessness. This is a team effort, and every penny you provide makes us that much more successful.

The campaign addresses for all of our candidates are all listed on the front page of this issue; or you may donate to all with one check by using the form on page 5.

Yours in Liberty,

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There's no sugarcoating one fact about supporting a third party in the U.S. It's easy to feel powerless sometimes. Libertarians frequently find themselves underfunded, understaffed and underreported before Election Day, and as a result, underrepresented afterward.

Why would I start my pre-election article on such a down note? Not to depress you in advance, but to realistically assess our past before I tell you how 2005 can be different.

The LPVA has set itself up to make a difference this year by recruiting quality candidates - candidates who are connected to their communities, and speak to issues that resonate with voters, all from a Libertarian perspective.

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Reviewed by Marc Montoni

Fundraising by LP candidates and their opposition. NOTE: All numbers are current as of August 31, 2005, on the Virginia Public Access Project website at www.VPAP.org.

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House of Delegates District 36			
LIB	Ferguson, Donny	\$9,124	\$1,385
DEM	Plum, Kenneth R	\$129,493	\$76,892
House of Delegates District 37			
LIB	McPherson, Scott	\$2,800	\$2,423
DEM	Bulova, David	\$204,146	\$44,647
IND	Haugh, Daniel	\$0	\$0
REP	Mason, John	\$215,944	\$84,322
House of Delegates District 67			
LIB	Eby, Charles	\$5,596	\$4,363
DEM	Caputo, Chuck	\$140,089	\$110,600
REP	Craddock, Chris	\$174,526	\$92,349
House of Delegates District 73			
LIB	Martin, Matthew T	\$1,877	\$316
REP	O'Bannon, John	\$124,222	\$85,826

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November 8, 2005

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SCC Set to Meet on December 3 in Richmond

The next meeting of the State Central Committee (SCC) will take place in Richmond, with an exact location to be announced in the next issue of this paper.

The actual meeting date is dependent upon whether certain ballot access matters are unresolved at the District Committee level by mid-November.

If the issues have already been resolved by then, the SCC will not meet until January 14, 2006, with a snow date of January 21.

The ballot access concerns center around deficiencies in the rules of the 8th and 11th Congressional District Committees, which may render the LPVA unable to claim to be a valid, recognized political party under the laws of Virginia.

If the December 3rd meeting proves necessary, the SCC itself will then reorganize the noncompliant District Committees to assure conformance with state law.

The decision as to whether the SCC will meet on December 3rd rests with a Committee headed by Steve Damerell.

PLEASE NOTE: under LPVA rules, only LP members have the right to attend State Committee meetings.

The Richmond Libertarians are eager to host their Libertarian friends from around the state and hope that everyone will have a pleasant visit.

There is a lot to do in Richmond, so SCC members should feel free to attend with

By Marc Montoni

This is the seventh in a series of articles designed to recognize the efforts of volunteers who are relentless in their work for liberty.

The intent is to literally change the culture many of our "best and brightest" face within the Party, to one which gives stellar volunteers the praise and appreciation they are due.

This issue, *Virginia Liberty's* editorial staff hopes all Libertarians will join in a loud round of applause for:

Roy Scherer

Scherer is the "unknown Libertarian hero" in Virginia. Quietly and methodically, year after year, Scherer appears at the General Assembly to make the case for restraining the drug war and other issues with delegates and senators.

Back in the nineties, when California passed a referendum restoring the right of medical patients to use marijuana, the vote surprised many. But eventually, shocked reporters "discovered" that Virginia had beaten the Californians by well over a decade: due in no small part to Scherer's lobbying in the late seventies, Virginia law already provided for medicinal marijuana!

Nowadays, Scherer sends regular up-

families in tow. Various area attractions and great restaurants are within a short drive of downtown.

At this time, an agenda has not been assembled, but some of the items that may be discussed include:

- *The 2006 campaign season;*
- *Campaign funding*
- *Incorporation issues;*
- *The 2006 state convention;*
- *Outreach opportunities such as the 2006 State Fair*

Other topics might include a continued discussion on the National LP's switch to dues of \$0 and the fallout it may have for the LPVA, as well as discussion of the impending end of the Unified Membership Plan.

If you are an LP member, please consider visiting Richmond for this meeting. SCC members are looking forward to seeing you at this event.

For more information about the SCC and matters that may come before it, please contact Chairman Steve Damerell.

Damerell's contact information is included in the box on the right side of this page).

VL Hero Award



Shown here after he had spoken to a very receptive crowd at an "EqualityVirginia" rally in Richmond last year, Scherer (center) mugs with fellow LPVA volunteers Anne Soffee and Jim Lark. Photo by Leonard Harris.

dates to the LPVA on pending legislation that our membership might be interested in following or commenting upon.

Scherer achieved that rarified territory few others claim: his activism is so constant and so reliable, and the hours spent in his chosen area of work are so incredibly numerous, that he can only be described as a "superactivist".

You know those votes that are sometimes taken in the middle of the night by legislators who don't want their actions reported by the media? Scherer is often there,

watching carefully -- and speaking out if he can.

From the staff of *Virginia Liberty*, congratulations, Roy!

Freedom Team (cont'd)

riences of most prior Libertarian campaigns.

Perhaps the most noteworthy development is the use of voter data to better target mailed and volunteer-distributed materials. Scott, for instance, sent 5,000 mailers to registered voters in his district.

Chuck has experimented with one of the more sophisticated techniques for using this data to target voters, albeit in a smaller mailer from his campaign.

I know these kinds of things weren't done in the first couple of campaigns I worked. Now, we've reached the point where it's almost taken for granted that our campaigns will purchase and use voter data.

Publication space doesn't allow for a full accounting of what these candidates are doing on our behalf.

They're out in their communities fighting for votes, and along the way adding significant new experiences to our collective base of campaign skills. There's still a long way to go. A long way. But these four are doing what they can to move us all along in the right direction.

They deserve our thanks and our support. Maybe between now and election day, more of us can get out there with them and make their campaign trails a little less lonely.

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By Walt Thiessen

It's All About Precincts!

There has been a lot of talk lately about what's "wrong" with the Libertarian Party, focusing on everything from the platform to the pledge to membership dues to "anarcho-libertarians." However, as I read what other contributors have written, I am disturbed by a continuing theme that has existed since the party was first founded in 1971.

We do not know how to win elections. I can understand frustrations with lack of progress and slippage, but we've been blaming the wrong stuff and the wrong people for far too long. I disagree with those who claim that we're too radical for the mainstream. On the contrary, we are too unknown by the mainstream. The reason we fail has very little to do with the national media not paying attention to us. It has very little to do with our platform. It has nothing at all to do with "the pledge." And it has precious little to do with "anarcho-libertarians."

To be sure, it's important to know when to push what message. One doesn't argue atheism to a Baptist. But blaming all our problems on the message is misdirecting our anger and frustration in the wrong direction.

Instead, our failure as a party has to do with the fact that our party has done next-to-nothing when it comes to reaching out and organizing voters on the precinct level.

On the plus side, we have the Operation Politically Homeless booths offering visitors to take the quiz. This year, we also have some candidates for the state house who are getting minimal volunteer support from the rank-and-file. We also have a handful of activists who do terrific things in their local chapters regarding local and state issues.

On the minus side, those who cry the loudest in the online editorials are often (but not always) the ones doing the least amount of actual volunteer work. Instead of blaming ourselves for our own lack of grass roots efforts, some of us choose to blame everything and anything else but ourselves.

However, the problem is even worse than that. Even our pluses have minuses. We rightfully feel good about all the quizzes we urge people to take each year at fairs, shows, etc. But we do an inadequate job of compiling that information, and we do nothing at all to match up the information garnered from those quizzes against voter lists.

On the plus side, those who score as libertarian are included in the national database, which Marc Montoni manages for us here in VA.

But on the minus side, the only times we ever use that list (to the best of my knowledge) is when we're trying to raise money and membership. That's it. None of the information in that database is cross-referenced against voter registration lists. Heck, the information isn't even maintained to keep the list clean. I recently did a postcard mailing to persons on the list in Fauquier County, and over 25% were returned undeliverable. That's not a very clean list. Marc told me via email that he wishes chapter chairs would keep their parts of the list clean. I've been taking the information I garnered from that mailing and using it to update the Fauquier

County part of the list. I urge other chapter chairs to do the same.

Further, none of those who score other than libertarian on the quiz have their results recorded anywhere at all. This is foolish, because even a conservative or a liberal or a centrist could potentially support us on certain issues ... provided we knew where to reach them.

The fact is that regardless of a party's stands on any issues (no matter how "far out" those stands might be) the basics of how to win an election have never changed in well over a century. Our problem is that we Libertarians have not yet learned to do them.

I recently went on a book-buying spree at Amazon, acquiring books by Republicans and Democrats about how to win elections at the local and state levels of government. I ended up buying and reading four books by highly successful politicians from the two major parties. In all four cases, the authors had used the methods they described to win at least one election and two reelection cycles for their respective offices. Those offices were: mayor, judge, state rep, and state rep again. As one might expect, there are differences of opinion on some methods and strategies between the four authors, but it's surprising how many methods and strategies are common to all four, and indeed are common for winners from all parties for all offices.

The successful campaign has all of the following in common, according to all four authors:

(1) Candidates should not run their own elections by themselves. They need, at a minimum, a campaign manager, a director of volunteers, and volunteers themselves working under the direction of the campaign manager and the director of volunteers.

(2) The campaign must have a copy of the list of registered voters for the office being contested. This list should be cross-referenced, preferably (although it's not a requirement) in a computerized database, against other information about individual voters acquired via party outreach, the campaign itself, other campaigns, and other outside sources.

(3) The candidate must be willing to "dial for dollars" under the direction of the campaign manager to raise money in targeted fundraising. However, there must also be other volunteers willing to raise money too, also under direction of the campaign manager. There should also be alternative fundraising methods used, such as cookouts, socials, etc.

(4) The campaign must know how many votes it needs to win. The campaign must identify the numbers for success in an election as specifically as possible, based on past election results for that office. Then, it must identify which voters, on a precinct level basis, are possible supporters of the candidate, and it must work out a strategy for reaching those voters individually. Finally, it must be certain that the number of voters targeted by the campaign are sufficient to win the race!

(5) Once the potential supporters are identified, they must be reached. All four books agree that this includes some form of canvassing by the candidate and/or by the candidate's volunteer group.

(6) There must be some form of marketing campaign to help spread the candidate's name and convince the voters that this is a serious campaign. The four books disagree to some extent on how to accomplish this, but there's one thing they all agree upon: yard signs. A successful campaign must have as many yard signs posted around the district as possible. They all agree that yard signs are a cost-effective and voter-effective way to get

your candidate's name out where the voters can see it.

(7) There must be a GOTV plan for the campaign to implement. GOTV means Get Out The Vote. There are a variety of ways to do this, but the bottom line is that your candidate can't win if his potential supporters don't get to the polls. In particular, there need to be precinct captains in each voting precinct, whose job it is to make sure that the potential supporters in those districts are educated about the candidate and get to the polls. Successful candidates have extensive plans in place for GOTV.

As you can see there are a lot of things that a successful campaign must do. How many of them does the LP do? Very, very few of them. That's why we don't win. That's why we always do so poorly at the polls. It's not the platform. Heck, most prospects don't even read the platform. It's not the pledge. It's not the national media's lack of coverage.

It's simply that we don't do the nuts and bolts work necessary to win campaigns. That's why we get blown out every time.

How many precinct captains do we have lined up? None. In fact, how many libertarians even know what a precinct captain is or what his/her function is? Very few is my guess.

I do know that Donny Ferguson has implemented a number of the items in the above must-do list, although even he has not implemented all of them. That gives him at least a shot at unseating his big spending Democratic opponent. I also know that there aren't a whole lot of LP volunteers knocking on his door, emailing him, or phoning him to offer their assistance. At least, there weren't many a month ago. Maybe he has experienced a massive increase in volunteers. One can always hope.

I have already given some time to Donny's campaign, and I've promised to help him some more when it comes to the GOTV phase. All he'll have to do is call or email me to let me know when he needs me. I have also previously contacted the other three campaigns to offer my assistance, but so far they have not taken me up on my offer.

But even Donny, who is running a terrific campaign for the most part, is pretty much managing it himself. While I commend him for that, I have to wonder...why can't

anyone volunteer to manage his campaign? Why isn't there anyone willing to coordinate volunteers? Where's the party effort?

If Donny loses, it won't be his fault. It'll be the fault of the party's rank-and-file.

I recently called Tom Cantrell of the Tidewater chapter to ask him how they managed to get 43% of the vote for Robert Dean in last year's mayoral contest. He told me that they did it by emailing a link to a short video about the Dean campaign. That was it! To think we came so close. Yet, even Mr. Dean didn't win, despite having big name-recognition in his area. I say it's because he didn't have a party behind him doing the seven things I listed above. If he had, he'd be mayor today. I don't say this as criticism of the Tidewater chapter. To the contrary, I commend them for their efforts. I make these comments to point out where our party is failing as a whole.

To my amazement, I learned recently that the LPVA doesn't even have a copy of the state registered voter list. I was told it's "too expensive." I was told the same thing about why it is we don't usually buy yard signs for candidates.

We need to straighten out our priorities.

How about you? How about those in the leadership who aren't directly involved in a campaign? How about the average rank-and-file libertarian? How about the editorial writers? If all these people became involved in at least one of the four House of Delegates campaigns this year, I'm sure the candidates would be very grateful. I know for a fact that it would put us a step closer toward winning.

Until we actually throw all our efforts as a party into the basic nuts-and-bolts of running campaigns for our candidates that address at least every single one of the seven points I mentioned above, none of us have any right to criticize the LP for its past failures. We are the LP. It's not "their" fault. It's ours.

And to those who have quit paying their dues because they didn't like what the party has been doing, I have one question. What have you done at the grassroots level to help build an organized, winning campaign at the local or state level?

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By Marc Montoni

The editorial staff is pleased to relay the news that Richmond LP volunteers Tad Hill and Anne Soffee welcomed a new arrival on July 12th. Suleiman Clarkson Soffee-Hill weighed in at a healthy 7 lbs 7 oz and was 20" long at birth.

May this family of libertarian stalwarts enjoy many moments of joy and happiness as Suley grows into adulthood!

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In Spite of Government

By Perry Willis -- Downsize DC Foundation

Human Innovation: Many voluntary sector prices in free fall

Politicians talk about free education, free medical care, free this, and free that. But the price tag for these "free" things always seem to be measured in the billions of dollars. Meanwhile, in the voluntary sector . . .

The blog software this site uses was free. I wrote this entry using OpenOffice, a free office suite. I am running OpenOffice on the Linux operating system. It was free. And it works perfectly. I never have to reboot. I will view this blog post on two different

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browsers to see how it looks: Firefox and Epiphany. Both are free. And they're about to be joined on my hard disk by another one, Opera, which is now also free.

Technological innovation and business competition is making more-and-more things really-and-truly free. You can, for instance, make an increasing number of phone calls for (yes, you guessed right) free.

And even where things are not free (and most things probably never will be unless nano-technology really revolutionizes the world economy), prices are still dropping steadily. Wal-mart has innovated a powerful distribution system to dramatically reduce the prices on thousands of consumer goods. CostCo has done something similar for higher quality items. Computers are famous for constantly becoming more powerful, but less expensive, and now big screen high-definition television sets are following the same trend. Brash new airlines like JetBlue are bringing cross-country air travel within reach of everyone. And innovative businesses like NetFlix have increased the convenience of renting movies, while reducing the cost dramatically.

Have you noticed? Look around. And while you're looking, take note of something else. The industries that perform the poorest in terms of providing better-and-better services for lower-and-lower prices, tend to be those that are the most heavily

regulated, and/or heavily subsidized or protected by government. Health care, insurance, energy, and cable television are just a few examples.

Want better products and lower prices? Downsize DC.

Social Power vs. Government Failure: First, do harm

Physicians operate under the principle that their first obligation in treating a patient is "to do no harm." Big government seems to operate by an entirely different standard.

Dr. Mark N. Perlmutter traveled from Pennsylvania to Louisiana to help the victims of the failed federal levees there. He was in the midst of applying chest compression to a dying woman when FEMA officials stopped him. He begged them to let him continue, but they refused. Why? Because he wasn't an official FEMA physician. See:

<http://snipurl.com/hugg>

We are at pains to stress this point again and again. Government is force. It is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is not compassion. It is force. And as the proverb goes, "When the only thing you have is a hammer everything starts to look like a nail." This is why, for government, every situation boils down to a question of control. It was more important to control the doctor's actions, to force him to stop doing what he was doing, than it was to save that woman's life. Force is the government's hammer. And we are the nails.

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September 10 SCC Meeting

Summarized by Marc Montoni

The State Central Committee is the policy making body of the LPVA.

The most recent regular meeting of the State Central Committee (SCC) was held on Saturday, September 10, 2005, in Virginia Beach, VA. The meeting was called to order by vice chairman Leonard Harris (the chair was absent) at 1:02 PM. Other LPVA officers in attendance or represented by a designee included M Montoni, designee for the Secretary. The Treasurer was absent.

Under LPVA rules, Libertarian Party Congressional District Committee Chairs are entitled to a voting seat at SCC meetings; or they can delegate the SCC duty to any other LP member. District Representatives in attendance included: L Bowles (proxy for CD1 chair); T Cantrell (CD2 chair); T Blanton (CD3 chair); D Tabor (proxy for CD4 chair); J Curtis (CD5 chair); J Bowles (CD6 chair); G Marchenko (CD7 Chair); J Lark (CD9 chair); W Wood (proxy for CD10 chair).

Other LPVA members in attendance included D Ferguson (LPVA Financial Development Committee Chair), and S Whelden (LPVA Communications Committee Chair).

The following is a list of actions taken at the meeting.

• **Approved** the Draft Agenda and the Draft Minutes from the June 25 SCC meeting; both PASSED without objection. [Editor's Note: *Official Minutes are available by download from the LPVA web site or by requesting a printout from the Secretary.*]

• **Approved** a request to offer thanks to the Tidewater LP for their gracious and generous hosting of the meeting.

• **Approved** a motion to create a selection committee to locate & recruit someone

to serve as Interim 11th CD Chair to re-organize the 11th CD. PASSED on a voice vote. [SECRETARY'S NOTE: The Acting Chair immediately named W Wood, M Montoni, J Lark, J Bowles, S Damerell to the Selection Committee.]

• **Appointed** Steve Damerell as the Interim 11th District chairman pursuant to §04.01.01.02 of the LPVA Bylaws.

• **Approved** a motion to purchase new accounting software. PASSED on a voice vote.

• **Approved** a motion to accept the 6 months UMP dues phaseout option. Item PASSED on a voice vote. J Lark abstained due to his position on the NATCOM.

• **Approved** a motion to define a "contributing" member of the National LP to be a member who has given at least \$25 to either the state or national LP during the last year; if not to national, then the LPVA will forward \$1.00 of their contribution to National. Item PASSED on a roll-call vote. AYES - L Bowles, Cantrell, Blanton, Tabor, Curtis, J Bowles, Marchenko, Whelden, Lark, Wood, Montoni. NAYS - none. The meeting chairman cast no vote.

• **Approved** a motion to create a "LPVA Constitutional Amendments Study Committee". PASSED on a voice vote. The Acting Chair immediately named Cantrell, Lark, Montoni, Harris, J Bowles to the new committee.]

• **Approved** an official Resolution of the SCC, to wit: "The Libertarian Party of Virginia State Central Committee recognizes the tremendous suffering of those who have been affected by the acts of September 11, 2001, and Hurricane Katrina, and other disasters, and express our admiration to the many volunteers and contributors who have come forward to help their neighbors in their time of need. We denounce the violation of Con-

stitutional Rights by all levels of government in response to those emergency situations." The Resolution PASSED on a voice vote.

• **Approved** a motion to set the next SCC meeting date for December 3rd in Richmond in case a meeting is required for ballot access purposes; otherwise, the next meeting will be scheduled for January 14, with a snow date of the 21st. Item PASSED without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 3:41p.m.

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The Treasurer reported that as of August 31, 2005, the LPVA's checking account held a balance of \$40,302.89. This amount included balances in several funds, as follows:

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Political Development	3,224.00
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Convention	0
Targeted Contr - Holding	184.50
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HENRICO COUNTY: BiWeekly meeting at Fuddrucker's, 8205 W Broad St in western Henrico, at intersection of Broad and Parham. Dinner at 6:00, then the group travels to the Henrico Government Center to attend the County Board of Supervisors meetings. Meeting info, LP-Henrico and BOS agendas, and maps to the restaurant are all found on RichmondLiberty.org. George Marchenko, <Henrico@LPVA.com>, or 804-421-9136.

RICHMOND: City of Richmond LP. Meeting time & location varies. Jon Walker, <RichmondLP@LPVA.com>, or 804-915-7175.

Roanoke Area

BOTETOURT COUNTY: Botetourt County Libertarians. Monthly meetings, 3rd Thursdays, Sept through May (no summer meetings), 6:30 p.m., Fincastle Library, 11 Academy St., Fincastle. Liz Bowles, <Botetourt@LPVA.com>, or 540-473-3510.

CRAIG COUNTY: Libertarian Party of Craig County. Doug Lucas, <CraigCounty@LPVA.com>

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ROANOKE COUNTY: Roanoke Valley Libertarian Party. For members residing in Roanoke, Salem, and Roanoke County. Monthly meeting, 1st Mondays. 6:30 p.m., Roanoke County Public Library, Hollins branch, 6624 Peters Creek Rd. Directions: 540-561-8024. Charles and Angell Pasley, <Roanoke@LPVA.com>, or 540-767-1776.

COLLEGE: VWCC: Libertarians of Virginia Western Community College: <VirginiaWestern@LPVA.com>

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GLOUCESTER&MATHEWSCOUNTIES: Local LP Now forming. Kevin Arden, <Gloucester@LPVA.com>.

NEWPORT NEWS: Peninsula Libertarians. David Casey, <Peninsula@LPVA.com> or 757-877-1122.



NORFOLK: Tidewater Libertarian Party. 2nd Monthly meeting, every third Saturday, 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, 9 a.m. for the meeting. Picadilly Cafeteria in Norfolk by the Military Circle Mall. See the TLP web site TidewaterLP.com.

Tom Cantrell, <Tidewater@LPVA.com>, or 757-460-4017.

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COLLEGE: UVA University Libertarians. ALSO: UVA Students for Individual Liberty. Contact the Liberty Coalition, <Liberty@Virginia.edu>, or 434-982-5016 (voicemail).

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COLLEGE: JMU Libertarians. - see info for Harrisonburg, above, or write <JMU@LPVA.com>.

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