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## New York Libertarians Convene In White Plains

- Delegates to National Elected
- Brooklyn Chapter Okayed

Approximately 50 people attended the Libertarian Party of New York's 1996 annual convention at the Esplanade Hotel in White Plains on April 27 and 28. Speakers included Irwin Schiff, Mark Tuniewicz, John Famularo and Bill Winter.

The convention elected new officers for the coming year, 29 delegates to attend the national

convention in Washington, DC in July and 33 electors for the presidential nominee in this November's election.

### Chair Reports

LPNY chair, Blay Tarnoff, reported that hundreds of names have already been collected from OPH booths and many more OPH booths are planned. Dottie-Lou Brokaw reported that national chair Steve Dasbach says that the national LP will contribute up to \$30,000 to this

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## Eastman Running for School Board

- Saratoga County Libertarian in 7 way race for 2 slots

Sally Eastman of the Capital District Libertarian Party is running for school board in the Shenendehowa school district. The district is in Saratoga county and includes the towns of Clifton Park, Waterford, Halfmoon, Ballston and Malta. It has an annual budget of almost \$74 million.

Eastman, 38, had been active

in Libertarian politics in Cincinnati, prior to moving to New York in March of 1994. In New York, she became active during the Stern campaign. She is licensed to practice law in New York State but is currently working in sales. Terms on the school board are 3 years, and she says that during that term she would like to cut school taxes by ten percent.

To get on the ballot for school

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## Convention

year's presidential petition drive in New York. Members of LPNY who collect signatures will be offered the opportunity to get paid for their time or have money donated to LPNY in lieu of pay.

### LP on the Move

Bill Winter, the LP Director of Communications, was the speaker at lunch on Saturday. He told the audience that national LP membership has reached 14,000. That's an increase of 5,000 members in the past two years. He also said that there are now 174 Libertarians holding elected office (a 130% increase since 1993) and there are 123,000 voters who are registered as Libertarians (a 13% increase since 1994).

During the Q&A period, Winter was asked about the chances of the LP candidate being included in the presidential debates. He said that debate organizers will only accept candidates who meet the following criteria: (1) they must be on the ballot in enough states to theoretically win the election, (2) they must qualify for federal matching funds and (3) they must show up in national public opinion polls at a "credible" level. He also said that to attain ballot status in all 50 states in 1992, Ross Perot spent \$18 million; the LP spent \$600,000.

### Cisewski Seeks National Chair

Gene Cisewski, head of the LP Council of State Chairs,

addressed the convention on Saturday afternoon. Cisewski, who is running for chair of the national LP, told the crowd that, "Libertarian candidates should first show the voters that you have a heart--that you care. Then give them the facts and figures."

### Beware the FEC

John Famularo, secretary of the national LP, told all LP candidates for public office to be very careful to comply with all government regulations. "The FEC has us on their radar screen and they have an unlimited

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Irwin Schiff

ability to fine," he warned.

### Committee Members Elected

Bill McMillen was elected as the platform representative from New York to the national convention. McMillen said that he would like to "keep the platform as is or smaller with no drastic changes." Chris Garvey was elected as alternate representative. Kevin Delaney was elected as representative to the credentials committee and Mark Tuniewicz was elected as alternate.

### Schiff Stumps for Nomination

Irwin Schiff addressed the convention during the brunch on Sunday. Schiff who is seeking the LP nomination for president told the crowd that the first thing he would do if he were elected would be to "abolish all tax liens

and pardon everyone convicted of a tax crime." He said that the IRS admits that compliance with the income tax is only 82% and he believes that it would drop to 75% if he receives the LP nomination. "A nation of sheep begets a government of wolves," he told the crowd.

### Brooklyn Chapter Okayed

The new State Committee met right after the convention adjourned and discussed the situation of the newly formed Brooklyn chapter. Andre Soleil and Ernest White were present from the Brooklyn chapter. They reported that the Brooklyn chapter had made good on all checks that bounced including the bank penalties incurred by LPNY. Since all the problems of the Brooklyn chapter seem to have been resolved, the State Committee voted to continue recognizing the current chapter.

## Queens to Meet

The Libertarian Party of Queens County continues to hold its monthly meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Meetings are from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Shaheen Restaurant in Jackson Heights. The topic for the May 11th meeting is "Dealignment--Is the Two-Party System Finished?" The topic for the June 8th meeting is "Banning the Banning: The State of Censorship in New York."

LPQC has set up its own page on the Internet at <http://members.aol.com/lpqc>.

The mail address is LibertyQNY or LPQC@aol.com.

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## Eastman Running

board required 99 signatures. On April 23, Eastman turned in 160 signatures. Altogether there will be seven candidates competing for two slots on the school board. The election will be held on May 22. Laddie Stahl, Eugene Brousseau and Jeffrey Russell have been helping Eastman with the campaign.

School spending has been a hotly contested issue in Shenendehowa the past few years. Last year the budget was voted down three times forcing the district to adopt a contingency budget. The public schools in Shenendehowa spend over \$8,100 per student per year. The average homeowner in the district pays almost \$3,000 annually in school taxes.

### Van Firebombed

The Superintendent of Schools in Shenendehowa, John Yagielski, had his van firebombed on April 14 while it was parked in the driveway outside his home. It is believed that students angered by a lengthening of the school day may be responsible, but so far no arrests have been made in the case and police have no suspects. Shenendehowa recently extended its school day by 40 minutes for 9 days. This was done to make up time that was lost for snow storms. The district had enough days to meet the state's minimum attendance requirements, but without the extra time, would have suffered a reduction in state

aid.

### Project Better Schools

No other Libertarians are known to be running for school board this year, but Robert Goodman sent out copies of the questionnaire developed by Project Better Schools to candidates for school board in the Bronx. In all he sent out 90 copies. He received 21 replies, and two of them had perfect scores. They were Uriel Burgos in district 11 and Luis Torres in district 7.

## Harry Browne Campaign Diary

*The following is reprinted from Harry Browne for President e-mail announcements.*

Buffalo, New York, Thursday, March 28

3:30pm: We arrive in Buffalo, with the trip off to a bad start. The plane is late, and we have an appointment at a newspaper. (I knew we never should have lent the campaign 707 to Bob Dole.) As soon as we check in at the hotel, we call a taxi. A man drives up to the hotel in a Chevy Blazer with his three children in the back seat, announcing that he's the taxi. His son has to ride in the back compartment to make room for Pamela and me. But we make it to the newspaper.

4:30pm: At the *Buffalo News* for an interview with political editor Bob McCarthy. He seems sympathetic, but you never know.

6pm: We have dinner with a group of local Libertarians, committed to fighting the good fight in a state not known for small government. Afterward, I speak to a small gathering of libertarians.

Friday, March 29

The *Buffalo News* article appears; it's lengthy and 100% favorable.

8:30am: A TV interview with Brian Kahle at Channel 7. He's enthusiastic about libertarian ideas, and -- as with many interviewers -- we'll make sure he gets our press releases by fax once or twice a week.

Wednesday, April 3

The usual lineup of radio shows. A lot of encouragement from hosts and callers. Host Scott Lonsberry in Albany says, "I'm so glad there's a third alternative this year. You are raising issues that need to be discussed." A man in Santa Cruz, California, says, "My friends and I had just come to the conclusion we weren't going to vote this year, but hearing you has changed my mind; you have my vote." Shortly afterward, a woman says, "I'm a disaffected Democrat, and I can't join the Republicans, but now I see I can vote Libertarian to bring about real change."

Visit the LPNY Web  
page at:  
<http://www.gfr.com/~lpny>

## Delegates

The following people were elected as delegates to the national convention in Washington, DC this July.

Bradford Arter, Steven Becker, Arthur Beiley, Gail Bova, Dottie-Lou Brokaw, Audrey Capozzi-Pappaeliou, Peter Carl, Kevin Delaney, Sandy Feld, Robert Flanzer, Chris Garvey, Robert Goodman, Douglas Greene, James Harris, Gary Johnson, Jodie Kahn, Vicki Kirkland, Timothy Marleau, Harry McArdle, William McMillen, Vincent O'Neil, Eleanor Rosenblatt, Jeffrey Russell, Norma Segal, Ene Susi, Donald Silberger, Blay Tarnoff, Elliott Werner and Lloyd Wright,

Norma Segal was elected as chair of the delegation and Audrey Capozzi-Pappaeliou was elected as secretary.

The following people were elected as alternates to the national convention:

Mark Axinn, Suzanne Becker, John Driscoll, Mark Myers, Wendy Ng, John Sproul and

## OPH Booth

The Mid-Hudson Valley LP will set up an Operation Politically Homeless booth at a Renaissance Fair in Woodstock the weekend of May 18 and 19. For more information call Dottie-Lou Brokaw at (914) 679-8340.

## Electors

The following people were elected as electors for the LP presidential candidate:

Bradford Arter, Mark Axinn, Steven Becker, Arthur Beiley, Gail Bova, Dottie-Lou Brokaw, Audrey Capozzi-Pappaeliou, Peter Carl, Kevin Delaney, Sanford Feld, Robert Flanzer, Christopher Garvey, Robert Goodman, James Harris, Gary Johnson, Jodie Kahn, James LaBarre, Timothy Marleau, Harry McArdle, William McMillen, Vincent O'Neil, Mark Myers, Eleanor Rosenblatt, Jeffrey Russell, Norma Segal, Donald Silberger, Andre Soleil, James Strawhorne, Blay Tarnoff, Elliott Werner, Ernest White and Lloyd Wright.

The committee of vacancies will be: Dottie-Lou Brokaw, Audrey Capozzi-Pappaeliou, Eric Gruber, Jim Harris, Blay Tarnoff, and Lloyd Wright.

## State Committee to Meet May 12

The State Committee of LPNY will hold its next quarterly meeting on Sunday, May 12 at 10:00 AM at the Sloatsburg service area on the NYS Thruway. The meeting room is on the second floor. All LPNY members are invited to attend. Call Lloyd Wright at (914) 339-2613 for more information.

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