



LPWC Quarterly

Three Candidates Elected at LPWC Nomination Convention

by Adam Mayer



On Sunday, May 23, 2010, the Libertarian Party of Washington County held the first Libertarian nomination convention for the 2010 elections for districts that are wholly within Washington county. During the process of this convention, the LPWC made history. Three

candidates were elected to run for office on the Libertarian ticket, and two of them are the first fusion candidates to be elected for the 2010 election. Moreover, they are also the first in modern Oregon history under its new fusion law.

Katie Eyre Brewer, Republican for state House District 29, became the first fusion candidate in modern history by winning a write-in vote by the delegates in District 29. No Libertarian candidate from District 29 was running, so "None of the Above" was nominated, and the delegates unanimously wrote in Katie Eyre Brewer. Shawn Lindsey, Republican for state House District 30, became the second fusion candidate to win a write-in vote where "None of the Above" was also nominated for District 30. Finally, James Foster, a longtime Libertarian activist, won his nomination by unanimous vote of the delegates of state House District 34.



The Libertarian Party of Oregon will be holding their statewide nomination convention on Saturday, June 12th, in Salem. At this convention, Marc Delphine, LPWC member and public office holder, will be making his bid to become Oregon's next Libertarian nominee for US Senate. All partisan races will be eligible for nomination by delegates who live in those respective districts, including the remaining

unfilled districts in Washington county; Senate 15 and House 28. I encourage all registered Libertarians attend the nomination convention, and to support and vote for our candidates.



LPWC Prepares for 2011 May Elections

by Adam Mayer



Check your mail in a few months: you'll be receiving a special letter. Open it, read it, fill out the questionnaire, and send it back.

Following the very successful Operation Breakthrough executed by the Libertarian Party of California ten years ago, the LPWC is trying the same plan but on a smaller scale. The original Operation Breakthrough was a way to get more Libertarians elected into public office. The Libertarian Party of California (LPC) mailed a questionnaire out to all its registered voters asking them to run for public office. Thousands replied, hundreds ran, and dozens were elected. In

addition, they raised a lot of money.

My goal as campaign director for the LPWC is to elect ten Libertarians into public office next May. This would more than double our election victories of 2009 when four Libertarians were elected, including two of them by write-in votes. As a political party, our main focus is to get people elected into public office - that is the reason why we exist.

This is where you come in. When this mailing arrives, take your time to look it over, think about it, fill it out, and send it back. Most municipal offices take just a few hours of your time each month. It is a great resumé builder if you are planning on running for a partisan office. Further, it gets another Libertarian in office whom I trust, much more so than any Democrat or Republican.

If you don't have the time to run for office, then your generous contribution will help those who do run. If you don't feel confident to run but want to help, every candidate can always use campaign staff and volunteers. If you want to learn, there is no better way than working on a campaign for public office. It doesn't take a lot of time or money to get a Libertarian elected into office at the municipal level, but it does so much to help our party grow.

Nationally to Locally, Coast to Coast, Diversity Exists in the LP

by Curry Taylor

As a somewhat recent transplant to Oregon (about 2 years ago now), and as someone who has lived in four different states over the past decade while participating in LP groups in each, I have had the opportunity to observe how different LP groups behave and organize themselves. It is quite interesting that there is so much diversity in how party affiliates as well as casual libertarians tend to self-organize! For

the curious, I'll tell a little about my adventures with different LP groups.

I was born and raised in Texas, and learned fairly early on that I did not agree with either the Democrats or the Republicans. Of course, I agreed with parts of each party's "on-paper" positions, but on some issues, with neither of them, and so of course I was confused. Then I found the LP platform online and I was immediately hooked. I was excited to find a party which was aligned with my thinking 95% of the time. I wanted to meet some local people who also thought like me, so I found the LP of Dallas County in Texas. Although my time with them was sort-lived because I had to move, the excitement and commitment of this large group of people was contagious.



Next, I attended college at UIUC in Illinois and got to help lead the College Libertarians group there. This was a rag-tag group of people from all walks of life who were furious at the government on many levels. (9/11 happened not long after I joined this group, so we had a lot of things to say to the campus.) We picketed against the Patriot Act, spoke out against wiretapping, and generally united against invasions of privacy and further losses of freedom. We also met and joined with the LP of Illinois, which at the time was large and had lots of support. This was great, because they were able to have a dedicated representative and cash allowance for every major college in the state. Can you say "free stuff"?

I moved to upstate NY for grad school at Cornell, and there started another College Libertarian group in the wake of Michael Badnarik's presidential candidacy. This was a very intellectual group which discussed the gross details of political theory ad nauseum. The Ithaca Libertarians made up the local LP, and it was an extremely firey group of activists. Meetings consisted of about 30 minutes of business along with about 2 hours worth of testimonials and anger directed towards undesirable legislation and absent politicians. Although the latter time was probably not very efficiently spent, it always put a smile on my face to hear how passionately the people yearned so desperately to have more of their liberty returned to them. In Ithaca, I never saw party infighting -- instead, resentment was always aimed, correctly, at the iron fist of the state.

Many different groups, varying both by region and by scope (local, state, national), have wildly different strategies and ideas as to how to achieve more liberty in our lifetime. What each group shares in common is a desire to live a more free existence in this short life. We may each prefer different means of achieving that liberty -- whether it be through political, educational, activist, or other means -- but what brings us together is the recognition that compulsory force should always be called into question when a policy is proposed.

The LPWC is a local, non-profit branch of the Libertarian Party based in Washington County, Oregon. Regular meetings are held every third Sunday, unless otherwise stated, at 11:00am at Sequoia Park Condominiums. The meeting place is located on the 5400 block of SW Alger Avenue in Beaverton.

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