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Help the work for liberty in NC

The LPNC Executive Committee has an urgent & immediate need for **Recording Secretary**. The committee also has vacancies in the **Vice Chair** and one **At-Large** member position. No experience is necessary. All that's needed is a desire to work for liberty. Send inquires to the LPNC Executive Committee at chair@lpnc.org or call Barbara Howe at (919) 690-1423.

A New Year is just around the corner

By Barbara Howe
LPNC chair

It's about that time of year to start thinking about your New Year's resolutions. Lose weight, exercise more, watch less TV. You've heard the many lists, I'm sure.

I encourage you to consider making one of your resolutions to support the LPNC with your time and your dollars.

We've had a frustrating time over the last few years. Struggling to get back on the ballot has drained many of us of energy and dollars. Our battle on the legal front keeps getting dragged on and on. Lobbying the legislature seems to be like beating your head against a brick wall.

The wall cracked a little with the small change in the ballot access retention requirement from 10 percent

of the vote for governor or president to two percent. Something, but not much really.

Simply getting on the ballot is still a huge hurdle.

The upcoming year holds promise. Our suit against NC's onerous ballot access laws should finally make it to summary judgment in late January 2008.

We should complete the ballot drive relatively early in the year, then hold our state convention in April to pick a slate of candidates to run full tilt in the 2008 election. In May, many of us will travel to Denver to help select the LP's presidential candidate.

As you ponder your 2008 resolutions, I really hope you will place supporting the LPNC near the top of the list. Plan now to attend

the 2008 state convention in April.

Arrange some vacation time to join the North Carolina delegation at the 2008 national convention in Denver in May.

Remember the LPNC as you plan your 2008 budget. The best way to help the party financially is to make a pledge. It can be small, medium, or large.

Large, of course, is preferred, but any amount will be appreciated. We have a pledge program with pledges ranging from \$10 a month to \$250. Consider making a \$30 monthly pledge (about \$1 a day). Consistent funding through pledges helps us plan our strategy as we move forward.

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'08 State Convention set for Burlington

Save this date. The 2008 LPNC Convention will be held at the La Quinta Inn in Burlington Friday, April 11 through Sunday, April 13. The convention committee is hard at work organizing an interesting, informative, and fun event.

As always, the Convention will open with an informal family and friends gathering Friday evening. Business sessions will begin Saturday morning and run through Sunday, ending

around noon. Business will include LPNC platform changes, Executive Committee officer elections, nominating candidates for the 2008 general election, and selecting of national convention delegates.

Open Executive Committee positions are Vice-Chair, Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary, and one at-large member.

Registration details should be available in January.

Make your hotel reservations at the La Quinta by calling (336) 229-5203. Please be sure to mention you're attending the LPNC Convention. That ensures you a reduced room rate (\$69.99 + tax). Make your reservations by March 13, 2008 to get the reduced rate.

Hotel guest receive a complimentary breakfast that includes sausage, eggs, and hot biscuits, Belgian Waffles,

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Yet another unnecessary, waste ful annexation study

The NC House of Representatives has formed yet another committee to study the state's annexation laws. House Speaker Joe Hackney announced the committee members Nov. 16.

"It's encouraging to those who support property rights that some of the members have sponsored annexation reform bills," notes Barbara Howe, chair of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina.

"But it's still discouraging that the House chose to study the issue yet again, rather than take action," she added.

Hackney appointed two citizens to the committee. One is Doug Aitken of the Moore County SiTOP group in Pinewild. He's also president of the statewide Fair Annexation Coalition, which has lobbied hard since its inception in early 2007 for an annexation study.

The other is Prof. Judith Wegner, a

former dean of UNC's School of Law. Prof. Wegner was named in the "friend of the court brief" filed on behalf of New London in the Supreme Court case Kelo vs. New London.

It still remains to be seen whether this committee will break with precedent and offer some real reform, rather than just tweaking North Carolina's abusive annexation laws, Howe said.

"Legislators already have all the facts," Howe said. "They don't need to study why we should stop forcing people to become part of municipalities against their will."

The LPNC is the only party that unequivocally opposes forced annexation. "We'll be urging the committee to end this egregious violation of rights that has been allowed for 28 years," said Howe.

"No more tweaks; no more concessions to municipalities. It's time to re-

store property rights"

Cathy Heath, president of StopNCAnnexation is skeptical about this study but thinks the makeup of the committee could produce some surprises.

"If history is repeated in this current study, the results could be some minor tweaking of the laws for the affected property owners that wouldn't amount to much change," she said.

"In these studies, the cities have ended up with expansions of their annexation power as a result of concessions they lobby for in the committee meetings, she said. "Your tax dollars at work folks." Libertarians say: Amen.

The StopNCAnnexation web site (www.StopNCAnnexation.com) has extensive material on past annexations studies and this current study. They are also planning on setting up an online petition.

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Haugh named LP Political Director

Sean Haugh, our vice chair, has been named the new Political Director for the national Libertarian Party. He'll be working out of his house in Durham.

Unfortunately, national rules require that he resign as LPNC vice chair. He has done so, and the Executive Committee has accepted his resignation.

"This is a difficult decision for me, because I take very seriously the two year assignment given to me by our conven-

tion delegates," Sean said.

"However, I cannot deny that keeping both jobs would present a very real and direct conflict of interest, given the LNC's financial support of LPNC ballot access and that my role with the national party will make me an advocate for and administrator of this funding."

Sean said he continue to work as a LPNC volunteer, including working closely on 2008 candidate recruitment.

Begin campaign early, don't compromise message

by David Williams

When I started this race, I had little name recognition and was polling dead last among six candidates at one percent. On election day, I garnered over 5,000 votes and nearly 12 percent of the total votes cast, despite being outspent nearly 12-1 by the best-financed candidate in the race.

There was also a strong anti-growth and anti-development sentiment among the voters in this cycle which hurt me.

I had a strong principled message of lower taxes, less government and property rights from which I did not waver.

While some candidates eschew a clear platform, as it alienates some voters, I embraced it, and believed it actually helped me in my campaign.

In municipal elections where the turnout is often abysmally low a strong and uncompromising message can actually motivate new voters.

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We've had major financial outlays over the last few years. The LPNC has spent about \$42,000 for legal bills and we still have an outstanding and growing balance of about \$6,000, since the lawsuit continues. We've invested \$70,000 over the last three years in the ballot drive.

We enter 2008 with a meager bank account but much hope. The lawsuit is solid and we hope the judgment will go our way. The ballot drive is almost complete, so we'll soon be able focus on the business of letting people know about the libertarian solutions that will improve our world.

It's going to be a bright new year. I look forward to working with each of you as we move forward.

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cereals, pasties, fresh fruit and coffee.

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'08 Libertarian Party presidential candidates

These are the known, declared candidates for the Libertarian Party nomination for president, as posted on the national party website. The nominee will be chosen at the Libertarian National Convention May 22-26 in Denver.

John Finan

Hometown: Litchfield, Conn.
FEC filed: No
Website: www.JohnFinan.com

David Hollist

Hometown: Alta Loma, Calif.
FEC filed: No

Barry Hess

Hometown: Glendale, Ariz.
FEC filed: No

Daniel Imperato

Hometown: W. Palm Beach, Fla.
FEC filed: Yes
Website: Imperato2008.com

Bob Jackson

Hometown: Coloma, Mich.
FEC filed: Yes
Website: www.BobJackson.org

Michael Jingoian

Hometown: Sherwood, Ore.
FEC filed: Yes
Website: www.ResetAmerica.com

Steve Kubby

Hometown: Ft. Bragg, Calif.
FEC filed: Yes
Website: www.Kubby2008.com

Alden Link

Hometown: Newburgh, NY
FEC filed: Yes
Website: www.Link-for-Pres.org

Robert Milnes

Hometown: Camden, NJ
FEC filed No
Website: www.RobertMilnes.net

George Phillies

Hometown: Worcester, Mass
FEC filed: Yes
Website: www.Phillies2008.org

Wayne Allyn Root

Hometown: Henderson, Nev.
FEC filed: No
Website: www.RootForAmerica.com

Christine Smith

Hometown: Arvada, Col.
FEC filed: Yes
Website:
www.ChristineSmithForPresident.com