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Lieberman to Johnson Campaign - Avoid Oregon Ballot Access!

LP Oregon Runs Private Primary

For many years, Libertarians have proposed that party primaries should be entirely private events paid for by political parties rather than suffering taxpayers. Now the Libertarian Party of Oregon has done as proposed, running a primary that generated 43 candidates for partisan office. In Oregon, all elections are conducted by mail, so most voters are accustomed to receiving a letter with enclosed ballot in the mail, and mailing the ballot back.

The Party primary also asked libertarian voters if about the Party Bylaws. The question was: *Shall the members of the Libertarian Party of Oregon ratify the Constitution and Bylaws adopted by the LPO State Committee on March 31, 2011?* The vote was YES 725 (96.5%) and NO 26 (3.5%). Other nominees include:

Oregon Secretary Of State: Bruce Alexander Knight, State Treasurer: (Currently Tied) John Mahler, Mark Karnowski, Attorney General: Orrin Grover. Representative In Congress Steven Cody Reynolds, H. Joe Tabor, Michael Cline, Chuck Huntting, and in the 5th District a tie among 9 candidates.

State Senator candidate (some tied with each other in the primary, and being resolved) include Jeff Adams, Robert Falbo, Donald Hughes, Stacy McLain, Ben Dial, Glen Ewert, Mark Vatanen, Devon Gidley, John Kelly, Herbert Booth, Larry Dennis, Eugene A. Newell, Geri Houser, Tyler Ferrari, and Daniel O. S. Polehn,

And for State Representative Wayne Krieger, Jeff Adams, Johnie W. Scott, James E Risko, Chris Walken, Staci Hill, Jesse Baber, James Robert Baker, Guy Rosinabum, David Hollinger, Suzanne Zerby, Mark Callahan, Sharon Mahler, Rachel Feigner, Jeff Akin, Bed Dial, Chris Roller, Vickie Berger, Kohler Johnson, Angela Carey, Ryan Haffner, Robert Barton, Doug Whitsett, Kyle Markley, Robert Miller, Perry Roll, Devon Gidley, John Kelly, Meredith L Taggart, Garrett Koepping, Blake Holmes, Edward Marihart, William Pickett, Giovanni Zuchelli, Cary R. Laymen, Anne Marie Gurney, Marci Brown, Paul Howard, Roger James Petersen Jr., Donald B. Crawford, Nathan Hovelcamp, and Darien Campo.

The Reeves faction denies the validity of this nominating process and is preparing to stage a state convention.

Starchild's LNCDiscussPublic yahoogroup has circulated an email from LNC Chair Geoff Neale quoting an email from LP Oregon activist Richard Burke, which in turn quoted an email identified as being from LNC Regional Representative Scott Lieberman of California. The message, identified as being from Lieberman to Richard Burke, reads:

"Help!

Starchild is posting most of our lnc-discuss e-mails on the Internet, so I don't feel bad about sending this to you.

I think you work for the Johnson campaign. Please make it clear to them that it is in their long-term best interests to sacrifice ballot access in Oregon if that is what it takes to politically neuter Wes Wagner and his group of misfits.

When will a ruling be issued in your lawsuit against Wagner? Scott Lieberman"

Richard Burke's entirely sensible reported response spoke to the question of Oregon Ballot access, writing

"Starchild and the entire LNC is operating off of bad information.

We are not going to lose ballot access in Oregon no matter what happens. Oregon law says that minor parties may retain ballot status if we EITHER win 1% in at least one statewide partisan race OR if the number of registered Libertarian voters meets or exceeds .5% of the entire electorate (ORS 248.008, Sec. 4, Para B, Subpara. B). We have already qualified according to this criteria and have every year since the law establishing the second criteria was established. I know about this law because I introduced it through Sen. Gary George (R) in 2001 as SB777 and lobbied it through the legislature and the governor's office.

So even if every LP candidate were knocked off the ballot, we would still retain ballot status. Fears to the contrary are utterly groundless.

Regarding the court case, we expect an expedited hearing and ruling by the end of the month or shortly thereafter."

Your editor sees no sign here that Burke had any interest in Lieberman's suggestion. He was concerned with the general ballot access issue.

Response from LNC members soon followed. The above two emails appeared as the trailers on an email from Geoff Neale, responding to Burke with a cc to LNC-Discuss. It seems highly likely that Neale remembered that his message, including the two trailers, would soon be forwarded to interested Libertarians by Starchild.

Neale himself wrote:

Richard – thank you for the information you have provided in your response to Scott & myself.

For the record, I do not think it is accurate to state that the LNC is operating off of bad information, but it would be legitimate to say that we do not have sufficient information for us as a body to make an informed decision. Therefore, your information is additive.

At this time, there is no agenda item scheduled to discuss or act upon Oregon. John Jay Myer has expressed an opinion regarding the need for us to “have this done in Las Vegas”. Without a motion and specific language, I am not clear what this really means.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 6/3/2012 state the following:

“The second Oregon issue is a request by (State Chair) Wes Wagner to be indemnified by the LNC should there be any resulting lawsuits from putting forth Gary Johnson’s name as the LP candidate. Without a clearer understanding of the kind or limits of such requested indemnification, the Executive Committee is unwilling to take such a position. Mr. Neale will talk to Mr. Wagner to get additional clarification and if necessary, will put this item on the July LNC meeting agenda.”

Subsequent to this EC meeting, I communicated the above to Mr. Wagner and suggested that the issue could be brought up at the Las Vegas meeting. I have received no formal request from anyone regarding this issue, and I am prohibited from placing an item on the agenda without 21 days previous notice by our Policy Manual.

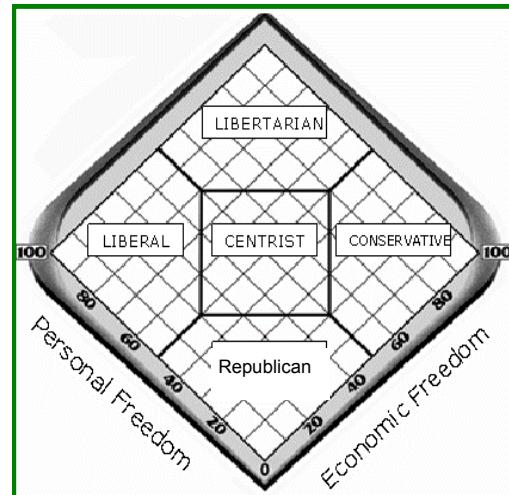
Any member of the LNC will be able to move to amend the proposed agenda in Las Vegas, and it is certainly possible that this issue may be considered.

Of course, you and any other LP member is welcome to attend this meeting. If this issue arises, I feel the LNC would most likely, but is not guaranteed to, allow the introduction of facts of interest during debate by interested parties such as yourself and Mr. Wagner.”

Wrights Condemns Lieberman Statement

We quote:

I can't believe any LNC member would give such advice to any person, campaign or affiliate, particularly our Presidential campaign. Clearly, Dr. Lieberman was not thinking of the party's



A Redesigned Nolan Chart—matching contemporary American political reality.

best interest when he made this statement.

We work too hard for ballot access to toss it away out of spite for one person or a group of individuals. I can only hope the Johnson campaign knows better than to follow such horrible advice.

As for Mr. Burke and Dr. Lieberman, I offer this quote as a friendly piece of advice:

"Resentment is like taking poison and waiting for the other person to die." - Malachy McCourt

My advise to the rest of this board is that we avoid the war started by those who came before us. Let us have Peace.

Lee Wrights

Vice Chair

Libertarian Party

Paulie Condemns Lieberman Statement

Amen Lee! Sacrificing ballot access is not in our interest. I do believe Scott was thinking of what he believes to be the party's best interest but to me it seems ballot access should not be expendable. Anyone who thinks it is should spend some time petitioning in triple digit temperatures as I was doing today in Maryland, or below zero temperatures as I did at times this past winter in North Dakota.

...Paulie

Oregon Ballot Access

So where are we? The LP of Oregon indicated that they were prepared to put Johnson on the ballot. However, there needed

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to be a decision very soon on cash or signatures for the voter booklet — which is mission critical for getting votes in Oregon — and in addition: (1) The LP Oregon is waiting for a signed document from Johnson, and (2) because the litigation creates a legal risk for the LP Oregon State Chair, LPOregon wants the National Committee to guarantee indemnification for legal hazards. We are advised that there has been no progress on this outcome. To quote from the June 3 ExComm Minutes:

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We gather from Oregon that there has been no further contact from the LNC side. Nothing has been placed on the LNC Agenda.

Where Your Money Went — LNC

We return to our most popular article series.

According to its June FEC reports, which cover transactions in May, the National Committee began May with \$341,251 cash on hand, had income of \$130,453, and spent \$235,105, leaving \$236,599 cash on hand at the end in the month. The beginning and end of month numbers include the contents of the building

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fund. The known debt at the end of the month was \$24,695, that being anticipated additional costs for the National Convention. For the year, the LNC has had \$690,981 in income, and has spent \$766,171. Readers may wish to contrast these numbers with Wayne Root's Libertarian National Congressional Committee, which began the year with \$17,787, has for the year had total receipts of \$2655, has spent \$5778, and now has on hand \$14,664.

Where did the LNC's money go?

There is an office. Rent, Utilities, Maintenance, and taxes came to \$11,249. Credit card and payroll processing came to \$8327. Shipping came to \$2389. A copier lease cost \$495. Office supplies cost \$762, plus \$160 for a Postal Meter lease. \$138 went for membership cards.

We put people in the office. Employee net pay came to \$19,212. In addition employee health and dental came to \$1533, while Social Security, Medicare, withholding taxes, and retirement contributions came to \$8753. Staff travel, hotel, and food came to \$2784. An additional \$643 went to air travel.

The LNC also hired technical experts: \$5000 to Frye & Company for Accounting Services, \$3460 to Robert Johnston for telefundraising consulting, \$3000 to Gary Sinawski for legal expenses, \$1500 to Paula Edwards for LNC filing, \$703 for temp staffing, \$500 to Elizabeth Brierly for the LP Solutions Video and \$175 to Andrew Davis for non-candidate writing.

Email marketing included \$2000 to Lyris Tech - Sparklist, \$240 to VerticalResponse, Inc., \$136.42 to iContact, Inc., \$30 to Constant Contact, Inc., and \$14 to Facebook for advertising. Party printing and mailing cost \$4169 to B&B Duplicators, Bigeye Direct, and Southwest Publishing. Supplies for an LP Booth cost \$705.

The LNC uses Information Technology, including \$972 to Broadview Networks for the telephone system, \$687 to Rack-space USA for Website hosting, \$574 to SoftLayer Technologies for email server hosting, 117 to Lexis-Nexis for address and phone verification, \$91 to Comcast for cable and internet, \$42 to TrendMicro for software, \$29 for Telestream video software, and \$10 to Boingo Wireless for internet access.

Ballot Access Petitioning included Illinois \$61,715, Pennsylvania \$14,669, Maine \$5000, West Virginia \$3234, and Kentucky \$700.

Where Your Money Went-Johnson

The Johnson 2012 campaign began the month of May with \$9899 cash on hand, had total receipts of \$218,634, spent \$227,802, and ended the month with \$731. The income included \$100,000 from the Federal government for campaign matching funds. The reported debts remain at \$122,301.

However, as we reported last month, in its legal filings asking that the suit by Jonathan Bydlak against the Johnson campaign be dismissed, the Johnson campaign specified some of John-

son's debts. The amounts claimed are staggering. In a signed affidavit presented to the United States District Court for Eastern Virginia, Ronald Nielson specified under penalty of perjury some of the Johnson campaign debts. Nielson owns NSoN, which manages Johnson's Presidential campaign. We quote in part from a much longer affidavit:

"...At present OAI [Ed: Our America Initiative, Johnson's political advocacy committee] is indebted to NSoN for services rendered and expenses advanced in the approximate amount of \$1.8 million. At present GJ2012 is indebted to NSoN for services rendered and expenses advanced in the approximate amount of \$676,000. The amounts that NSoN is owed by OAI and GJ2012 are by far the largest debts owed by OAI and GJ2012...GJ2012 assumed responsibility for the debts it owed Mr. Bydlak and another fundraiser, Elizabeth Hepworth."

Daines Goodwin and Co of Salt Lake City for Accounting Services was paid the amount of \$6500.

EH2 Consulting of Denver, Colorado for Fundraising and Consulting Services was paid the amount of \$25,000.

Fundly of Palo Alto was paid for Merchant Service Charges the amount \$1581.

Hackstaff Law Group of Denver received \$2000 for legal services.

Media Temple of Culver City, California 90232 received \$150 for web hosting.

PayPal of San Jose, California was given \$1103 for Merchant Service Charges.

Zions Bank of Salt Lake City received \$3096 for various banking services,

and, finally, the big one. Finally, Political Advisors, at 781 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, was given \$171,200 for Media Buys, Candidate Travel, and Campaign ads. It is difficult to understand how so much money could have been spent on the Libertarian part of the Johnson campaign, which are Johnson's deeds since he switched parties. Johnson and Gray have had limited travel schedules since the convention. The Johnson campaign has circulated videos, but we have found no indication of any ad buys yet.

National Committee Finances

It is difficult to campaign with a vacuum. The LNC has some financial issues to consider.

First, consider the last two National Conventions (source - Starchild Reflector)

The 2012 Las Vegas convention had total revenue of \$185,226 (doesn't include banquet fundraising of \$39k which went to ballot access), and total estimated costs of \$158,558, so its estimated surplus to be returned to general funds came to \$26,668.

In contrast, the 2010 St. Louis convention had total revenue of \$110,662, not counting \$68,000 (not quite twice the 2012 number) in banquet fundraising. Total costs of the 2010 convention were \$102,896, so it ran a surplus of \$7,766. Observe that ban-

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quet fundraising crashed \$29K in a Presidential election year relative to 2010.

Now we turn to party income. The objective of the following discussion is to estimate the National Committee's income for this year, based on available numbers. There is uncertainty in this estimate.

The FEC report for June 2012, covering January-May LNC income and outgo, showed \$690,981 of cash raised to date. The National Convention happened at the start of May, so more or less all expenses and revenue for that convention have now been booked, so of that income \$224,000 is National Convention income including the banquet. This is a one-time event. Also, rounded, the LNC received \$30,800 from the bequest, which also happens only once a year.

We subtract the two special events from the income for the year. The difference shows general fundraising over five months by the LNC. That number is about \$436,000. This amount is \$87,000/month, or 1.04 million for the year as expected LNC income. (For March and April, general income was more like \$75,000 for the month, as seen in the most recent Treasurer reports from Bill Redpath, which would lead to \$0.96 million in general income.) To the general income must be added the income from the one-time events.

There is the bequest, a one-time event, and the convention profit, which between them are ca. \$97,000, so the LNC income for this year absent the National Convention is as an estimate about \$1.06-1.14 million. That's well under plan, and this is a Presidential election year.

In addition, LPUS membership is still falling, and is now under 13,000. At the end of the last eight months, the LNC membership numbers are:

November 13691
December 13468
January 13492
February 13538
March 13406
April 13179
May 12923
June 12870

a decline of 820 over a seven month period. Membership is as low as it has been since 2006, the period in which there were directional experiments with zero dollar dues and fifty dollar dues.

National Convention Meets

You can read the minutes at [https://www.lp.org/files/2012 Libertarian Party Convention Minutes.pdf](https://www.lp.org/files/2012_Libertarian_Party_Convention_Minutes.pdf)

Readers will note that the convention started with the credentials committee voting to seat the Reeves delegates, a vote sustained by the convention. After several officer reports, we advance to the Bylaws Committee. Proposals to shorten the time needed for an LNC email ballot, to create an Assistant Treasurer position passed and to guarantee that people can record LNC meetings passed. Motions requiring that delegates be members of national or of their delegation's state party, and that officers or delegates should not be members of other political parties, failed.

Dan Karlan, who was presented the Rules Committee report, then asked to stop business for five minutes to consult with his committee, and declined to say why. The convention declined on voice vote. He then asked to be relieved of his duty to present motions for his committee. The convention agreed. M Carling presented the further motions. He did a perfectly respectable job, with no warning of what was about to happen. If anyone knows what this was all about, they have not talked.

Other bylaw amendments for mail votes of the entire membership were rejected. Jim Lark moved to amend the Bylaws to ban convention floor fees. The vote was 165 in favor and 112 opposed. A 2/3 vote was required, so the bylaw change was rejected. The delegates did pass a resolution "The LNC is directed to establish a National Convention Delegate Fund to reduce the minimum registration cost for convention delegates. Donors may contribute directly to this fund for this specific purpose."

The platform committee made some very minor changes n several planks, which were accepted, but the delegates were not inclined to make further changes, and a long series of platform amendments were rejected.

The Presidential nominees:

Speaking for the Lee Wrights nomination were: Less Antman (CA), Mary Ruwart (TX) and Lee Wrights (TX)

Speaking for the Carl Person nomination were: Christopher Doscher (MD) and Carl Person (NY)

Speaking for the Jim Burns nomination was: Jim Burns (NV)

Speaking for the Gary Johnson nomination were: Bill Redpath (VA), Ed Clark (CA), and Gary Johnson (NM).

Johnson won on the first vote.

The Vice Presidential nominations were:

Speaking for the Jim Gray nomination were: Jim Lark (VA), David Bergland (CA), and Jim Gray (CA)

Speaking for the Lee Wrights nomination were: John Jay Myers (TX), Nicholas Sarwark (CO), and Lee Wrights (TX)

Speaking for the Jim Burns nomination was Jim Burns (NV).

Jim Gray won on the first vote.

At this point, we were way ahead of any reasonable schedule of expectations, but things went down hill from there. We now

reach National Chair.

Rebecca Sink-Burris (IN) and Timothy Maguire (IN) nominated Mark Rutherford.

Nick Sarwark (CO) nominated NOTA.

Pat Dixon (TX) nominated Mark Hinkle.

There was then an argument as to whether someone should be allowed to speak for NOTA. Quoting from the minutes:

Following a parliamentary inquiry about making a nominating speech for NOTA, the Chair stated it would require a suspension of the rules. Mr. Sarwark moved to suspend the rules for 3 minutes to allow a speaker to give a nomination speech for NOTA. The motion was ruled to have failed with a voice vote. After a request for division, the motion again failed with a standing vote. A delegate moved to appeal the earlier ruling of the chair that it requires a suspension of the rules to allow someone to give a nomination speech for NOTA. The motion to sustain the ruling of the chair failed, which had the effect of allowing someone to give a nomination speech for NOTA.

Speaking for the nomination of Mark Hinkle were: Michael Cloud (AZ), Geoff Neale (TX) and Mark Hinkle (CA).

Speaking for the nomination of Mark Rutherford were: Jillian Mack (OH), Carissa Pillow (CA) and Mark Rutherford (IN).

Speaking for the nomination of NOTA was Nick Sarwark (CO). Sarwark gave a brilliant speech. There were already a significant number of NOTA signs up. There were printed in black on yellow coroplast...we are talking high quality signs, not handwritten scrawls.

The results of round 1 of the LNC Chair balloting were :Candidate Votes Percentage

Mark Hinkle 221 40.109 %

Mark Rutherford 228 41.379 %

NOTA 101 18.330 %

Bill Redpath (write-in) 1 0.181 %

Under party bylaws, since no one had a majority, the candidate with the fewest votes was eliminated, and voting repeated. That candidate was Hinkle. Redpath was knocked out at the same time. However, no candidate had a majority, so we advanced to round 2. At this point, there was loud chanting for NOTA.

The vote was

Mark Rutherford 269 49.631 %

NOTA 273 50.369 %

There was then a great commotion on the floor, especially the Ohio chair. The Colorado and California delegations were individually polled. The critique was made that these seemed to be improper revotes, not recounts, because the number of people casting votes changed.

The recounted vote was

Mark Rutherford 270 50.373 %

NOTA 266 49.627 %

Nick Sarwark moved to suspend the rules to redo the entire

vote. That motion passed.

The vote was

Mark Rutherford 278 50.000 %
NOTA 277 49.820 %
Sam Sloan (write-in) 1 0.180 %

Rutherford did not get a majority. Roger Gary made a point of order, asserted that Rutherford was eliminated, by exact copy of the Round 1 vote process. The Chair ruled that Sloan was the man eliminated, a claim that went over poorly with many delegates. I moved to appeal the decision of the chair.

The Chair ignored my motion, which was minuted. Here, in my opinion, we see the last gasps of the gang of ten to preserve its control of the LNC, simply ignoring parliamentary procedure when it was inconvenient.

We adjourned until the next morning. The rules were suspended to allow new candidates. The vote was

Ernie Hancock 21 4.440 %
Geoff Neale 149 31.501 %
Bill Redpath 128 27.061 %
Mark Rutherford 153 32.347 %
Wes Wagner 9 1.903 %
NOTA 13 2.748 %

Wagner and Hancock were dropped. NOTA is never dropped.

On the next round, the vote was
Geoff Neale 167 36.543 %
Bill Redpath 119 26.039 %
Mark Rutherford 155 33.917 %
NOTA 12 2.626 %
Jennifer Lopez (write-in) 2 0.438 %
Emma Dearest (write-in) 2 0.438 %

This time the first round bylaws rather than the third round bylaws were followed, so Redpath was eliminated.

Following Round 5
Geoff Neale 212 47.321 %
Mark Rutherford 205 45.759 %
NOTA 29 6.473 %
Jennifer Lopez (write-in) 2 0.446 %

Rutherford was eliminated. On round 6, Geoff Neale won against one of the largest NOTA votes in recent times

Geoff Neale 264 61.682 %

NOTA 159 37.150 %

Mark Rutherford (write-in) 5 1.168 %.

For Vice Chair, the minutes show
Lee Wrights was nominated.
George Phillies was nominated by Bruce Knight (GA).
Bill Redpath was nominated by M Carling (NY).
Mark Rutherford and Mark Hinkle were nominated, but they declined the nomination.

George Phillies 20 4.608 %
Bill Redpath 179 41.244 %
Lee Wrights 228 52.535 %
NOTA 6 1.382 %
Mark Rutherford (write-in) 1 0.230 %

Wrights won. My position was fairly impossible so soon as Lee joined the race, but backing out would not have made sense at the late hour at which he withdrew as a candidate.

The new Judicial Committee is mostly much better than the old Judicial Committee:

Bill Hall 207
Nicholas Sarwark 192
Rodger Paxton 168
Brian Holtz 141
Rob Latham 129
Lou Jasikoff 127
Rob Power 122.

Root Endorses Romney?

We go back a few months, to April, and the LNC debate over Wayne Root's statements on the Cunningham show. The remarks were widely interpreted as saying that Libertarians should vote for Romney. Root denies this. I start with Mary Ruwart's remarks, in significant part because the remarks identify what Root said. Ruwart wrote:

Wayne,

Take a look at what you said:

"I think the important thing now is to make sure Obama is not elected, and that means in my mind, I would love for a libertarian like Gary Johnson the two term governor of New Mexico would actually get elected President, but I think we all know that's not going to happen so therefore it's got to be Romney there is no choice."

Your endorsement of Gary Johnson was for the LP nomination; however, it appears that you want the public to vote for Romney because Gary Johnson can't get elected. This is a violation of your fiduciary responsibility to the LP.

As Dan Karlan has pointed out, it is inconsistent with our bylaws as well.

This is not the first time that you've done something like this. You head up the LNCC, which is supposed to raise money for LP candidates. You sent out a big mailer to fundraise for a Republican towards the beginning of this term. Some called for your resignation then; if you recall, I did not support this effort.

I gave you the benefit of the doubt, but you have greatly disappointed me.

Guy McLendon wrote:

Wayne,

I must concur with Mary's assessment, and am certain this opinion will be shared by a strong majority of the national delegates. The meaning of the words spoken is self-evident, and all the talk to the contrary is obviously nothing but spin control.

Wayne, I appreciate that you've expended a lot of

effort to benefit the LP. I for one am glad you've been in the LP ... helping our internal "left" learn they must live with our internal "right". In the spirit of helping you with damage control, I advise you to be contrite & repentant. LP members are not gonna swallow spin-control, and you'll dig your hole deeper with such an attempt: IMHO. Ms Ruwart's prediction below is valid.

IF Gary is nominated ... not a given ... IMHO, he'll be the strongest candidate for President the LP has ever offered to the voting public. Given a typical VP, we're likely to break the 1% barrier. If we can pair Gary with a libertarian-billionaire, breaking the 5% barrier isn't totally impossible. Such a wonderful development could put the LP into a position in 2016 for an actual victory ... however surrealistic such an assertion may strike us old-timers who try to manage false expectations.

Right now, the last thing the LP needs is leadership telling the MSM that we can't win.

Guy McLendon
Houston, Texas.

Root's position was:

And Guy, I already apologized for a poorly worded choice of words on Saturday in a public statement.

Did you not see it? I never hesitated. I owned up immediately that the words were just not well said.

Out of thousands of interviews, that will happen.

Perhaps the LP would be less harsh if someone else in our party had done 4000 interviews in the past 4 years.

I'm willing to bet not all of Gary Johnson's interviews are perfect either.

I'm betting he'd like to take a few back.

I'm betting some of Bob Barr's weren't great either.

If I listened to our esteemed Chairman Mr. Hinkle's interviews...I'm betting he has said a few things I would take offense to.

It's time to let it go. What's that famous biblical saying about glass houses.

Anything I said was Unintentional. I would never purposely hurt this party.

Never.

I've owned up to it...and you should accept my apology after 4 years of thousands of hours of sacrifice.

On Sat, 07 Apr 2012 Stewart Flood wrote:

At this time I ask that Mr Root submit his resignation as chairman of the LNCC. His actions earlier today show a bias that clearly conflicts with his duties on that committee, or as a representative of our party in any capacity.

Since we are only four weeks from the end of our term of office on the LNC, I will not ask that any action be taken to remove him from this body for violation of his fiduciary responsibility. I have reviewed the By-Laws, and I do not believe we have sufficient time to deal with this issue properly.

And Mary Ruwart agreed:

I will join you in asking for Mr. Root's resignation from all LP positions on the LNC, LNCC, the Gary Johnson Campaign, and Nevada LP.

Last night, I attended a presidential debate in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. I had quite a bit of time to interact with

Gary Johnson. He was stunned to find out that someone from his own team would tell a radio audience to vote for Romney. I told Gary Johnson that my first reaction in hearing about Wayne Root's comments was sympathy for him. No presidential candidate should have to listen to his small business adviser or whatever Wayne Root's title is, telling a national audience to vote for the opposition.

The LP cannot control what its members say. However, it should not tolerate such betrayal in its leadership.

Dan Wiener wrote:

Mary,

Wayne did NOT tell a radio audience to vote for Romney, and you grossly misinformed Gary Johnson if that's what you communicated to him. I hope that's not what what you really said, because if so it was highly irresponsible and created needless friction.

I listened to the relevant portion of the talk radio show. Wayne expressed himself poorly in one or two sentences (as he has admitted and apologized for) but at the same time he criticized Romney as a bad choice and a big government candidate. There's no way that can be construed as telling people to vote for Romney.

I think Wayne's statement on IPR (<http://www.independentpoliticalreport.com/2012/04/wayne-roots-clarification-of-cunningham-show-comments/>) makes it clear that he is supporting Gary Johnson and not Mitt Romney.

I know that you and Wayne have very strong differences and are backing opposing candidates for the LP's Presidential nomination. But that does not excuse counter-factual accusations.

To which on April 8 Mary Ruwart responded:

I did not have to tell Gary Johnson anything; he was well aware of what Wayne said. He was hoping that I and some of the others present could explain Wayne's behavior. All I could tell him is that he had my sympathy.

and Wiener wrote:

Mary,

You stated in your earlier email that "I had quite a bit of time to interact with Gary Johnson. He was stunned to find out that someone from his own team would tell a radio audience to vote for Romney." That certainly made it sound like you were the one informing Gary that Wayne had told a radio audience to vote for Romney. That was probably just a poorly-phrased combination of sentences on your part, open to misinterpretation. I guess it happens to everyone once in a while. I'm glad that you have clarified that, and that you did not in fact give Gary that misinformation.

Readers will note that Johnson was booed when he nominated Root for LNC, and his fundraising since being nominated has been much less than Bob Barr's was.

Wes Wagner on LNC Activities

Pages 8 and 9 are handouts from Wes Wagner's aborted National Chair campaign. He came in as the chair of a significant state affiliate, but after his delegation was denied the seats to which they were clearly entitled, he concluded that there was no point in trying to run. However, his message remains clear.

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Liberty for America is not currently a political party.

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