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Newsletter of the LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MARYLAND

August 8th MdLP Picnic in North East



Finally we get good weather! Dave Sten barbecues and provides the picnic venue.

NEWS FLASH!

The *Washington Beacon*, a newspaper directed at seniors (over 50 years old, not high school or college types), published **Jay Baker's** letter in its August edition. Jay reports that it's essentially about economics, and explains the cause of the very weak recovery from the "Great Recession" that we're currently experiencing under President Obama.

Gerald Schneider's letter was published in the September issue of the *Washington Beacon* about gun legislation: "The most practical way to deter violence on trains is to have armed unknown responsible riders aboard..."

Doug McNeil had a pro-gun letter to the editor published online (only) in the *Baltimore Sun* on October 12th.

Congratulations to our public advocates. Please send in reports of your success, too!

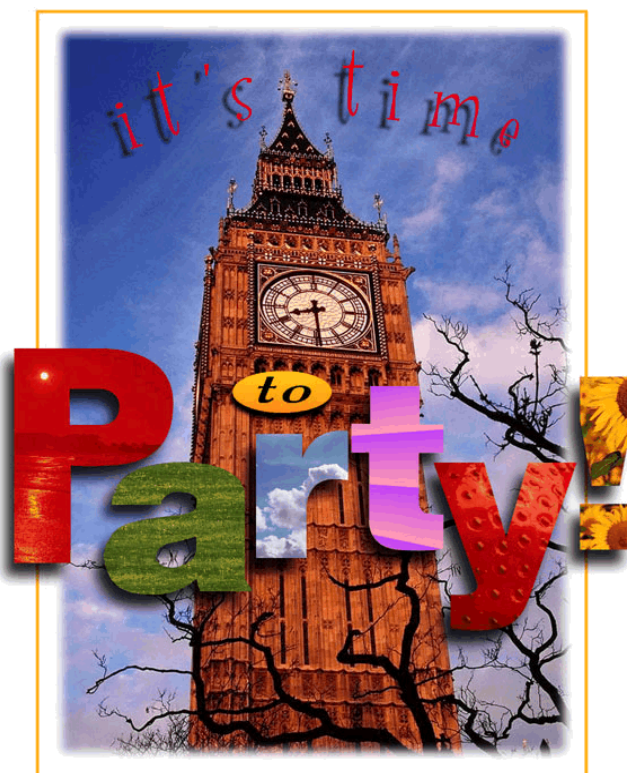
Darren S. Wigfield reports that a noteworthy event is coming up: *Repudiation Day* is a state holiday celebrating the first official act of resistance to the British Stamp Act. It predates the Boston Tea Party, took place in Frederick MD, and was in opposition to the same Stamp Act. This Nov. 21st will be its 250th anniversary.

Annual Holiday Party

We will be having our annual holiday party at the home of Stu Simms on Saturday, December 5, from 6:30 to 9 pm. The event is pot luck, please bring a fresh food item. Juice, soda, and water will be provided. BYOB.

Address: 11614 Arden Court, Laurel, MD 20723
From the north head south on 29 and make a left on Old Columbia Pike just past the exit for 216. From the south get to 29 and make the first right in Howard county (after 198). There is a golf driving range on the northeast corner of Old Columbia and 29. Once on Old Columbia, travel 0.2 miles to the first right on Arden Court.

Please RSVP Stu by emailing him at
StuSimms*LPmaryland.org



Chair's Report



Several Maryland Libertarian Party events are coming up in the next couple of months. The annual holiday party will be held at Stu Simm's house on Saturday, December 5. All are welcome to attend. If possible, please RSVP Stu and let him know how many people will be attending. In addition, we

will be conducting a brief Central Committee meeting to nominate candidates for office. The holiday party is always a good time, and I hope to see you there!

We will also conduct a full Central Committee meeting at Stu's home on Saturday, January 9. We will be nominating candidates for office, dealing with outstanding amendments to the state party constitution, and any other business pertaining to the party.

The state party convention will be taking place in a few months on March 12 (again at *Squire's*). In addition to nominating candidates, we will be electing members of the Executive Board. We will also be selecting delegates to the national party convention, which is being held in Orlando, Florida over Memorial Day weekend. Hopefully, we'll be able to send a full delegation to the convention, since it's being held on the east coast. Details for the convention are now available on the LP website:

www.LP.org/event/lp-2016-national-convention

Do you want to help spread the message of liberty? There is no better way to do so than to run for office. Or help out a candidate by serving as treasurer, attending candidate events, helping with their campaign website, etc. Or you can help lobby on specific issues and bills. Vice-Chair Eric Blitz has been doing so for the last two general assembly sessions. Contact Eric at Blitz.Eric@gmail.com.

Dissatisfaction with the establishment parties has never been greater. According to a recent poll, almost half of the responders

refused to identify with either the Republicans or Democrats. In Alaska, 62% are registered Independent, non-affiliated, or with an alternative party such as the Libertarians. The Republicans are working overtime to co-opt the libertarian movement, and knock our candidates off of the ballot. The Democrat Presidential candidates are currently talking about the plight of the poor and middle class, never mind that they have controlled the Presidency for the last seven years, and the Republicans have helped give Barack Obama just about everything he has wanted legislatively, despite controlling both houses of Congress.

The Libertarian Party is the only libertarian organization that can place candidates on the ballot to run for office. And the Libertarian Party is the only party that works to protect your money and your civil liberties. If you're considering running, or just want some information, be sure to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Finally, I want to congratulate former MdLP Executive Board member and candidate Muir Boda, who was elected to the Salisbury City Council last week on his third attempt.

— Bob Johnston

Central Committee Meetings Announcement

#1: at the holiday party on Saturday, December 5, 6:30-9 pm (see page 1). The state party Central Committee will meet for the purpose of nominating candidates for public office only.

#2: at the same location as #1 on Saturday, January 9, noon. The state party Central Committee business will include nominating candidates for public office and voting the proposed Constitutional amendments up or down (see pages 4-6).

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Don't Be Like *This* Me

My favorite American philosopher, the late Yogi Berra, reputedly said, "You can observe a lot just by watching." (He also said, "I didn't say half the things I said," but that's a debate for another day. Besides, I think he really did say the first one.) If that's true, you can also observe a lot by listening. You can hear amazing things in unexpected places if you keep alert and your ears open.

This summer, I had occasion to spend the week of my birthday in Costa Rica, an intriguing country that, as most libertarians know, disbanded its military and sunk revenue and effort into building infrastructure and civilian institutions instead. Costa Rica wasn't on my bucket list, but I'm glad I chose it anyway. The scenery was jaw-dropping, the food was outstanding, and my high school Spanish came back to me really fast. However, the most amazing thing I heard on my trip was spoken in English:

"There's no party that resolves the tax code with abortion rights."

That's not a sentence you hear every day in a tropical vacation destination!

What?! Of course there is! said I to myself. I spun around, or at least dog-paddled around because I was in the hotel pool at the time, to see who made that statement. It was a man of about 23-25, also hanging out in the pool with two companions. I inferred they were Americans based on his accent. Besides, what Canadian would be worrying about resolving the tax code with abortion rights?

Libertarian activist angel on my right shoulder whispered in my ear, "You can tell him about the LP! Invite him to take the World's Smallest Political Quiz©! He's obviously eager for the ideas of liberty!"

Mind-your-own-beeswax introvert angel on my left shoulder whispered in my other ear, "Don't bother him; he's on vacation, just like you! How would you like it if someone shoved some

Bernie Sanders or Donald Trump campaign literature into your hand on your vacation? This is not the time or the place."

Before reading further, take a moment to ask yourself what you would have done, and why.

In my case, left side angel won that battle. The tiebreaker was, there was something creepy in my mind about trying to tell a total stranger about libertarianism while almost naked. I decided,

though, that if I saw that guy at dinner or breakfast at the hotel, fully dressed, of course, I would politely approach him and say something like, "Excuse me, I couldn't help overhearing your comment about the tax code and abortion rights in the pool yesterday. Did you know there is a political party that advocates for both your economic rights and your personal freedoms?" And then direct him to www.LP.org or www.TheAdvocates.org. I was steeled and ready.

I never saw him or his companions after that.

I'm still kicking myself for being overly shy. I'm

kicking myself for not being prepared enough to explain liberty-based and private-sector-based solutions to today's problems, in case one of his friends challenged me. I'm sorry I didn't actually use one of the lessons from Sharon Harris' book, *How to Be a Super Communicator for Liberty*, which ironically enough I was reading on my Kindle during the trip. I should have taken the small risk of offending him or his companions to achieve the larger payoff of his interest, and possibly spreading the word to his circle of acquaintances.

Don't be like *this* me. When you hear someone long for economic or personal liberty out loud, don't be afraid to politely suggest they look into the LP. And always have a few World's Smallest Political Quiz cards handy to share.

— Beth Woodell



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Minutes of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Maryland — Saturday, 8 August 2015

Opening: The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met on the grounds of Dave Sten's home in North East, Maryland. The Treasurer's report and proposed Constitutional amendments were distributed. The meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

Attendance: the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser; Mark Grannis; and Tony Spezio. It validated that 15 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. No proxies were represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 29 members.

Minutes: The minutes of the 14 March 2015 Central Committee meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's report: there were some addition errors on the submitted report, approval was suspended until the next CC meeting.

Chair's Report: Bob Johnston thanked Dave and René for hosting the picnic; he reports that we have 64 members; we have 15,935 registered voters as of 6/30/2015: that is 0.4%, we need 1%. We are on the ballot for 2016, need 1% in presidential election to retain status. We are working on legislation to change the 1% registration threshold to 10,000. In that regard, Eric Blitz notes that we need more people to write their state delegates and senators to get it to a vote. Bob thanks Eric for handling so much legislative activity. In next year's election we will have openings for eight House, one Senate seat, and Baltimore City candidates. Delegates Robin Grammer and David Moon spoke with our group in forums last Thursday and a month ago, respectively.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments: one proposed amendment from the last meeting is to be voted up or down:

Article V, Section 7, sub-paragraph A3. Vote: passes unanimously on a voice vote.

New Proposals for Constitutional Amendments:

1. (Robert Glaser) Replace all instances of "Chair", "chair", "chairman" with "Chairman": found in sections V4D, V5A, V5B, V7A3. Vote: passes unanimously on a voice vote.
2. (Eric Blitz, see attachment) Direct election of Chairman. Vote: passes unanimously on a voice vote.
3. (Eric Blitz, see attachment) Budget and Finance. Vote: Tabled with a 6-5 vote.
4. (Eric Blitz, see attachment) Local CC's. Vote: passes with a 6-5 vote.
5. (Eric Blitz, see attachment) Voting Method. Withdrawn to reformulate.

The Investigating Committee for these proposals is Eric Blitz, Bob Johnston, Stuart Simms, Dean Ahmad, and Robert Glaser.

James Lark, LNC regional rep: thanks the Stens once again for arranging the picnic and commends Scott Spencer for serving as LNC alternate. The LNC met in the DC area in July; it adopted a new logo; is raising funds for Oklahoma ballot access, we have a fighting chance. Membership and finances have been going down for both the national and state parties, they don't know why. Took questions.

Executive Board Vacancy: Tim Sutton resigned over time constraints. Nominated as his replacement were Shawn Quinn and NOTA; Shawn Quinn elected by a unanimous voice vote.

Finance Committee: Bob Johnston appointed Dean Ahmad, Stuart Simms, and Michael Linder to this standing committee.

Announcements: Robert Glaser has license plate applications and extra newsletters on hand, and MdLP caps for sale.

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.

— Robert E. Glaser

Direct Election of Chair

Under 4-201(b)(1) of the Election Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland, "a party's State Central Committee shall select the chairman or co-chairman of the party State central committee."

Subsection (b)(2) requires that the chair be a resident of the state of Maryland during their tenure in office. Our party constitution has the state central committee elect a seven member executive board, one of whom is selected as Chairman for that year by the Executive Board. That is a violation of the requirement that the State Central Committee elect the Chair. While the state central committee can determine its own rules of procedure, they must be consistent with the Election Law Article. The argument that our state central committee is vicariously electing the chair is weak.

Given the wide range of activities that a chair may authorize and do for the party, it is dangerous to allow third parties or disgruntled members to challenge his authority (perhaps in the midst of an election, or after certifying our candidates to the state election board) on the basis that he or she was not properly elected. Given the stakes in presidential cycles, our political opposition could bring such claims to keep a candidate off the Maryland ballot. It is not worth the risk of litigation expenses to maintain our current system. I therefore recommend that the State Central Committee conduct two votes at the annual convention. The first would be to elect a Chair. The second would be to elect the balance of the Executive Board (6 other persons), from whom that Board would still select a Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. An alternative would be to elect all officers directly, but that is not mandated by Maryland law. [Comments by Eric Blitz]

Proposed Amendments:

Strikethrough for deletions, capital letters in bold for additions.

Article V, Section 4:

Section 4. Officers and Executive Board

A. Executive Board: Seven members of the State Central Committee shall be elected to the Executive Board according to the provisions of Section 4-B of Article V. **THE CHAIRMAN SHALL BE A VOTING MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, EX OFFICIO.** They shall assign among themselves the offices of ~~Chairman~~, Secretary, Treasurer, **AND** Vice Chairman. The three remaining members shall be known as At-Large members. These assignments may be changed at any time by the Executive Board. The officers of the Executive Board shall be the respective officers of the State Central Committee.

B. Election of the **CHAIRMAN AND** Executive Board: **AT THE REGULAR SPRING MEETING OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, A SEPARATE VOTE SHALL BE HELD FOR THE CHAIRMAN AND THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. THE VOTE FOR THE CHAIRMAN SHALL BE HELD FIRST. NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERSHIP CAN BE MADE BY ANY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER, INCLUDING THE PERSON SEEKING THE OFFICE. THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED TO ONE YEAR TERMS.** ~~The members of the Executive Board shall be elected at the regular spring meeting of the State Central Committee. Election shall be to a one year term for all positions.~~ Votes shall be cast by the transferable ballot method of proportional representation. Voters shall list all candidates they are willing to have represent them in order of preference and submit those ballots to the teller. On the first count the teller shall assign one vote to the most preferred candidate on each ballot. Each candidate receiving enough votes for election (more than seven eighths of the number of ballots cast) shall be declared elected. The teller shall repeat the process, assigning one additional vote to the most preferred unelected candidate on each count until all slots are filled or until seven such counts shall have been completed. If an impasse is reached any unelected candidate may withdraw and her votes will be appropriately reassigned. Should no candidate offer to withdraw, the one with the

fewest votes must pass her votes on. The elected officers shall assume membership immediately and assign offices among themselves as required by Section 4-A of Article V. If the period of nomination for Executive Board members has closed, and the number of candidates is equal to or lesser than the number of vacancies, all candidates may be elected as a slate by majority vote, with two-thirds approval of the assembly.

C. Removal: **THE CHAIRMAN AND** Each Executive Board member shall be subject to removal by the following procedure: Upon receipt of a recall petition signed by twenty percent of the State Central Committee, the Credentials Committee (Section 7-B of Article V) shall call a special meeting of the State Central Committee which, by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, may remove her.

Local Central Committees

Under our current party constitution, any number of members who reside in a county (or Baltimore City) can form an official county committee. Furthermore, they can do so without the state central committee approving the local affiliate's formation. There is some ambiguity under Maryland election law on whether and how non-principal parties form local committees six months after the party's formation, but the State Election Board has accepted prior local committees in the past. For principal parties, Maryland law (EL 4-204(c)) requires their state central committee approve the constitution and bylaws of a county party (which in effect empowers them to authorize their formation), otherwise the state central committee controls that county. It is unlikely that Maryland law would prevent the formation of a local party (using the libertarian name) if the group of members followed our constitution's quite lax rules (even without our state central committee's authorization). Given how easy party membership can be obtained, that is a precarious authority in an era when other groups have a motivation to co-opt or take over our party for their own purposes. If a group of Republicans or Democrats wanted to, they could merely get a few people to join the party in each county, form their own affiliate local party, file with the state, and start acting in ways we would not want (such as endorsements, expenditures, nominations, etc. The list of potential harms to our party's image is quite long).

I recommend much stricter constraints on forming local affiliates be adopted in our constitution. Most importantly, I recommend that the constitution require that the State Central Committee must authorize their local affiliate formation. I also believe the party should only form local affiliate central committees if they demonstrate sufficient strength to sustain themselves as a party. A local central committee is a recognized political committee of the State of Maryland, which requires regular financial reporting, officers, and other legal requirements must be observed. They have standing to bring suits in their own name (though our state party does have the right to intervene). These are powers and responsibilities that should not be exercised by a small number of people, but a real party. Since the state requires 25 signatures for the formation of a recognized political party (EL 4-102), I believe that is a good minimum number for the formation of a local central committee. For counties or areas with fewer than 25 members, they should run local activities as an ad hoc committee and not a legal political committee. Although requiring 25 members at the outset is hardly a guarantee of success, it is at least a minimum threshold that can readily be achieved if people are committed. As examples, when the Baltimore County Libertarian Party was formed, it had only 11 members, and there is no evidence that it is doing much of anything. When the Frederick County Libertarian Party was formed, it had 43 members and it too is moribund. Since neither is required to maintain a certain number of members, it would be incredibly easy for anyone to take over these parties. The Harford, Prince Georges, Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Cecil, and Howard County Libertarian Parties (two different committees attempted), as well as a Carroll/Howard Party (how this was approved under Maryland law is unknown), are all now closed.

The amendments outlined below create a process for the formation of local central committees that is consistent with state law requirements. In addition, I believe that all local affiliates should be similarly named, to help build our brand and to prevent ambiguous naming choices. I added a provision that prevents separate membership fees for local central committees, to be consistent with the idea that any member of the state party is automatically a member of their local party (if there is one). I added Treasurer to the required list of officers because state law requires a treasurer for a political committee. I also added a provision that a local party cannot adopt a program or platform that contradicts the state party program. That does not mean they can't add additional matters, only that they cannot adopt a stated political goal that contradicts the state program.

Most of the proposed amendments apply only to the formation of local central committees, so they would not challenge the continued existence of our currently "active" local committees (for so long as they continue to exist), which are Baltimore County and Frederick County. The provisions requiring a treasurer

D. Vacancies: Vacancies on the Executive Board caused by death, resignation, or any other reason, shall be temporarily filled by the appointment of a replacement by the Chairman (or Vice-Chairman if the vacancy involves the Chair), which shall be made within 30 days of the vacancy. The appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the Executive Board at its next regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose. The temporary appointment shall end at the next regular meeting of the Central Committee, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, wherein the Central Committee shall elect a replacement member who shall serve the balance of the term.

and the requirement that they not adopt a program or platform that contradicts the state party program would apply to existing local affiliates. [Comments by Eric Blitz]

Proposed Amendments:

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Article VI LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEES

Section 1. **FORMATION**, Powers and Duties

~~The TWENTY-FIVE Committee members in each~~ **WHO RESIDE IN THE SAME MARYLAND county shall comprise the** **MAY PETITION THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO FORM A** Local Libertarian County Central Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Local Central Committee") for that county. **THE PETITION SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY, WHO SHALL PRESENT THE PROPOSED FORMATION AS AN AGENDA ITEM AT THE NEXT STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING. THE PETITION SHALL INCLUDE THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS FOR THE LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND BE SIGNED BY AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO RESIDE IN THE RELEVANT COUNTY. THE PETITION SHALL INCLUDE AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE TWO INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO CONSENT TO ACT AS THE CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER FOR THE LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED. A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL BE NECESSARY TO CREATE A RECOGNIZED LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE.** Each Local Central Committee shall have the power to conduct the affairs of the Party in its county, to adopt **AND AMEND** its own Constitution and Bylaws, to adopt its own rules of procedure, and to take any and all other actions authorized by law. **A RECOGNIZED LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL BE AN AFFILIATE OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MARYLAND AND AS SUCH, SHALL BE NAMED THE "LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF _____ COUNTY (OR BALTIMORE CITY)". A LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE MAY NOT ADOPT A PLATFORM OR PROGRAM THAT CONTRADICTS THE STATE PARTY PROGRAM.**

Section 2. Membership

The members of the Local Central Committee shall be those persons who meet the criteria specified for membership in Article IV, Section 2. Local Central Committees must promptly notify the Secretary of the State Central Committee of changes in their membership rolls and vice versa. The State Party Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the membership rolls for all counties that do not have a Local Central Committee. **A LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE MAY NOT REQUIRE A MEMBERSHIP FEE AS A PREREQUISITE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE.**

Section 3. Constitution and Bylaws

Each Local Central Committee shall adopt a "Constitution and Bylaws" which shall, if required by state law, within thirty days of the adoption thereof, be filed with the Secretary of the Party and with the State Board of Elections.

Section 4. Officers

Each Local Central Committee shall have a Chairman, **TREASURER**, and such other officers as required by its Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 5. Meetings

Regular meetings of a Local Central Committee shall be held at such times as are specified in the Constitution, ~~b~~**Bylaws** and/or written rules of procedure of the individual Local Central Committee. The minutes of each meeting of a Local Central Committee shall be filed with the Secretary of the State Central Committee within two weeks after the date of the meeting. Special meetings shall be called at the request of a majority of the members. Notice shall be in compliance

with the laws of Maryland, but in any case, at least seventy-two hours notice of a meeting shall be given to each member stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

Section 6. Electoral Duties

The Local Central Committees shall perform such duties in the electoral process as are required by law.

Minutes of the Investigating Committee on proposed Constitutional Amendments

The Investigating Committee of Eric Blitz, Bob Johnston, Stuart Simms, Dean Ahmad, and Robert Glaser met on the grounds of Dave Sten's home in North East, Maryland on August 8, 2015 at 6:32 pm.

Proposals 1 and 2: The committee was in favor solely because it is the language and methods detailed in Maryland law.

Proposal 4: three members are in favor and one opposed. Minority report attached.

The Committee adjourned at 7:19 pm.

— *Robert E. Glaser*

New filing deadline for candidates!

The date for a prospective candidate to file a *Declaration of Intent* to run for office in 2016 has been moved up. The date is now February 3, the first Wednesday of the month. You do not have to be nominated by the party as a candidate to file the Declaration of Intent. There is no cost to file this document, but to appear on the ballot in the general election in 2016, you must file a Declaration of Intent. Candidates running for city office can file at the Board of Elections in the city. Candidates running for federal office must file at the Board of Elections in Annapolis. The remaining documents and filing fee do not have to be filed until August 1, and can be mailed, but the Declaration of Intent must be submitted in person.

Minority report on Proposal 4:

This proposal should be defeated because it centralized power in the party, and it undermines the fabric of the party that has served us well for the over three decades that it has been in effect.

Under the current structure, any member of the state central committee is simultaneously a member of the local committee unless the local membership chooses not to organize. The proposal takes the power to organize away from the local central committee members and makes local committee membership (should there be any), non-synonymous. It would have the following undesirable effects: It would be harder to form local central committees and it would make them financially dependent on the state party. Requiring people who have already been approved as state central committee members from locality to again be approved as a local central committee by a majority of state central committee is not only bureaucratic, it is insulting. As to forbidding local committees from having their own dues, it should be no more acceptable than would be a similar rule by the national LP prohibiting the state parties from having their own dues and mandating that they depend upon the national party for their finances.

— *J. Dean Ahmad, Ph.D.*

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Gallery Gang: Mondays while the Maryland General Assembly is in session January 13 through April 11, 2016 to lobby legislators before the session, attend, drinks afterward. Meet on the State House steps at Lawyer's Mall in Annapolis at 7:45 pm. Eric Blitz

December 5 (Saturday): 6:30 - 9:00 pm. MdLP Holiday Party and CC nominating meeting. Stuart Simms. See pages 1, 2

January 9, 2016 (Saturday): Noon. CC meeting. See page 2


February 14, 2016 (Sunday): Frederick Douglass and Terry Atwood memorial day.

March 12, 2016 (Saturday): 1-9 pm. MdLP convention, *Squire's*.

April 15, 2016 (Friday): Tax Day protests.

May 27-30, 2016 (Fr.-Mon.): LP National Convention, Orlando FL.
www.LP.org/event/1p-2016-national-convention

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