

## November 8, 2016 General Election

### --- Results for our Libertarian Candidates ---

#### President/Vice-President

Gary Johnson/Bill Weld

Maryland: 74,809 (2.8%, third)

USA: 4,225,894 (3.3%, third)

#### Judge of the Circuit Court

3: Leo Dymowski 90,579 (18.9%, third/select two)

7: April Ademiluyi 125,586 (13.4%, fifth/select four)

#### U.S. Congress

1<sup>st</sup>: Matt Beers 14,730 (4.2%, third)

2<sup>nd</sup>: Kristin Kasprzak 13,180 (4.6%, third)

4<sup>th</sup>: Benjamin Krause 5,440 (1.8%, fourth)

5<sup>th</sup>: Jason Summers 10,517 (3.0%, third)

6<sup>th</sup>: David Howser 6,488 (2.0%, third)

8<sup>th</sup>: Jasen Wunder 6,806 (2.0%, fourth)

#### Baltimore City

President of the City Council: Susan Gaztañaga 6,118 (2.8%, fifth)

Comptroller: Jon Bombach 26,282 (12.5%, second)

*Thank you to all of our candidates and supporters!*

### Annual Holiday Party

We will be having our annual holiday party at the home of Stu Simms on Friday, December 2, 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



I must admit, I didn't see this coming a year ago. Sure, I figured Gary Johnson would throw his hat in the ring and run for the LP presidential nomination, maybe double his vote total to 2%, and help advance the party.

But I didn't expect the Libertarian Party to triple its highest amount of votes for

President, from 1.3 million in 2012 to over 4 million in 2016. More votes were cast for Gary Johnson and Bill Weld than were cast in all of the state of Virginia – a state worth 13 electoral votes. I didn't expect the LP Presidential campaign to raise over \$10 million in contributions to the campaign and pro-Johnson super pacs.

Or receive unprecedented media coverage, including two televised town hall forums on CNN, and the endorsement of several daily newspapers, including the *Chicago Tribune* and the *Detroit News*.

Not to mention the best outcome for ballot access post-election in the party's history: now on in 38 states plus DC.

Could things have been better? No question.

Gary was often unprepared for his interviews, coming across as winging it. He didn't seize on specific issues that the establishment parties won't touch, rather he continually pushed the "fiscally conservative, socially tolerant" theme.

His running mate, Bill Weld, was more interested in seeing Donald Trump defeated than he was in promoting the Libertarian Party or supporting Gary.

Having said this, the LP is in very good shape. The party has taken in double what the projected 2016 budget was expecting, with a month and a half to go in the year. Over 600 candidates were on the ballot.

And the Johnson campaign covered the spread between Clinton and Trump in 10 states, including battleground states such as Florida, Michigan, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania.

The LP has frequently been accused of spoiling elections for Republicans. It looks like we can be accused of spoiling them for Democrats, too!

It was in 1996 – 20 years ago – that I cast my first ballot for a Libertarian: the Presidential nominee Harry Browne. Four years later, I wandered into a meeting of the Harford County Libertarians at Harford Community College in Bel Air. I've been active with the party since then, and never once have pondered switching parties or leaving the LP.

Since 2000 when I first got involved with the party, I've been told hundreds of times that I'm wasting my vote. I've been lectured continually that you have to work through the Republicans or Democrats to get things done. That voting for Libertarian costs Republicans elections.

Well, we no longer just cost Republicans elections. And a Libertarian vote is not a wasted vote. We have a base of over 4 million voters, a base the size of Virginia, who feel the same way.

I've been waiting for this moment since 2000. The Libertarian Party *matters*, and both the Democrat and Republican parties know it.

— Bob Johnston

Get your very own MdLP plates!



Promote the MdLP

Contact Robert Glaser

## Free? State Libertarian ISSN 1076-3155

The *Free? State Libertarian* is published three times/year by the Libertarian Party of Maryland. All material is copyrighted 2016 and may be reproduced, provided credit is given as follows:

"Reprinted from the *Free? State Libertarian*."

Email: [LPMD.Newsletter@ICengineering.com](mailto:LPMD.Newsletter@ICengineering.com) (preferably)

Mail: LPMD Newsletter, PO Box 321, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Fax: 214-889-3668. Newsletter submissions are solicited.

Editor: Robert E. Glaser, PhD

Check [LPmaryland.org](http://LPmaryland.org) regularly for the current event calendar, news, blog posts, and more! Be certain to submit all of your current event information to [Webmaster@LPmaryland.org](mailto:Webmaster@LPmaryland.org) to get the information online.

## Content Policy

The views expressed by contributors to this publication are not necessarily the views of the Libertarian Party of Maryland, its Executive Board, or the Central Committee. The *Free? State Libertarian* is a first amendment publication, and welcomes diverse participation from many sources.

## The Libertarian Party of Maryland

P.O. Box 176, Abingdon, MD 21009-0176 1-800-MLP-1776

Website:

[LPmaryland.org](http://LPmaryland.org)

Official List Serve: [MdLP-A-subscribe@YahooGroups.com](mailto:MdLP-A-subscribe@YahooGroups.com)

Other List Serves: [LPmaryland.org/get-involved/connect](http://LPmaryland.org/get-involved/connect)

Facebook: [www.Facebook.com/LPMaryland](http://www.Facebook.com/LPMaryland)

Twitter/YouTube+: [LPmaryland.org/get-involved/connect](http://LPmaryland.org/get-involved/connect)

## If You Are Not a Subscriber

The *Free? State Libertarian* is mailed to all Libertarian Party of Maryland members and paid subscribers. You may have received a gratis copy (mailing label says "Join the MD Libertarian Party") because you are registered Libertarian, are a member of the National Libertarian Party, or requested information. We appreciate you acting to: join the MdLP with the back page form; join the Central Committee; become a newsletter subscriber only (send \$20 to above address); and/or register Libertarian (when we get 1% of the state registered, we can end collecting petition signatures).



## Kidney Transplant Operation



Former state party chair and long-time Maryland LP member Dave Sten donated his kidney to fellow Maryland Libertarian Leo Dymowski on Thursday, August 4, at the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore. Both Dave and Leo are doing well.

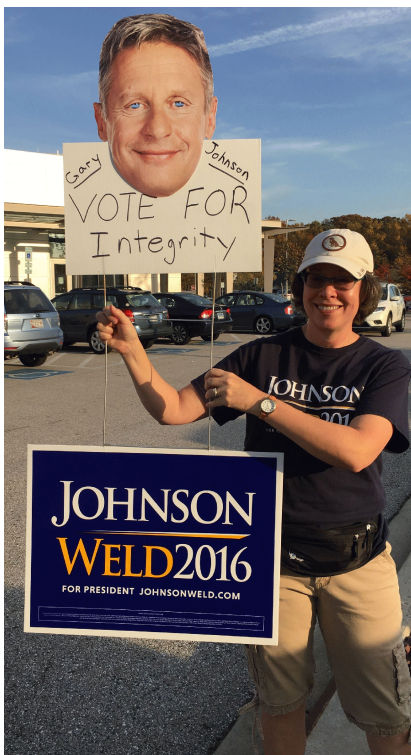
Leo was born with only one kidney, and it was beginning to fail. After it was posted on the MdLP website and Facebook page that he needed a kidney transplant, Dave immediately offered to donate one of his kidneys. Leo was elated to not just receive any kidney, but in fact a **Libertarian** kidney!

*Editor's note: this has got to be the very best news article I have ever placed in our newsletter.*

## Election Night Party



About 50 MdLP'ers congregated at *Tubby's Diner* in Laurel November 8<sup>th</sup> to watch the returns together.



Above: The Howard County group is out and about; at left Amber Driesman carries a sign combination; at right Chris Platt and Caleb Driesman are on duty at an outreach table at Howard Community College on November 1. 73 students and staff were directly engaged to discuss the MdLP, early voting, and Gary Johnson.





**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, agenda, and proposed Constitutional amendment were distributed. The meeting was called to order at 4:59 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

**Attendance:** the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser; Stuart Simms; and Tony Spezio. It validated that 19 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. No proxies were represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 42 members.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the 12 March and 29 June 2016 Central Committee meetings were accepted as submitted.

**Treasurer's report:** was approved as submitted by Michael Linder.

**Chair's Report:** Bob Johnston thanked Dave and René for hosting the picnic; he reports that we have 121 members including a total of \$245/month pledgers; we have 16,621 registered voters as of 6/30/2016 and need 1% in the presidential race to maintain ballot access. The state extended the candidate filing deadline to August 1. We will have 7/8 House, the Senate seat, and Baltimore City candidates. It is not too early to think about the 2018 election; the Republicans usually cannot fill as many as 10 seats in the state legislature which gives us a two-party competition. Volunteers for helping the Johnson/Weld campaign should contact Bob – the election is in 100 days.

**Vice-Chair's Report:** Eric Blitz is organizing counties as an ad-hoc committee of the state; leaders of each group will be a member of that committee. We have leaders in six counties so far and want to use the excitement of the election to bring in new people. Young Libertarians of Maryland is still operating.

**James Lark, LNC regional rep:** Dr. Lark is modeling his Liberalstene t-shirt from Norway. He thanks Scott Spencer for serving as an alternate for two terms, and Arvin Vohra who continues as the National Vice-Chair. The LNC had a meeting about two weeks ago; money is coming in faster now. The Johnson/Weld campaign has gotten lots of earned media for us. Took questions.

**Candidates:** Arvin Vohra, Matt Beers, and David Howser provided updates on their campaigns.

**Presidential Electors:** The following 10 were nominated as Presidential Electors committed to Gary Johnson: Eric Blitz, Dean Ahmad, Robert Glaser, Chelsey Snyder, Stuart Simms, Shawn Quinn, Robert Johnston III, Matthew Beers, Ron Kean, and Ben Krause; approved on a voice vote without dissent.

**Nominations for Public Office:** Ben Krause was nominated for U.S. House, 4<sup>th</sup> district; approved by voice vote without dissent. Leo Dymowski was nominated for Baltimore County Circuit Court Judge; approved by voice vote without dissent.

### **New Proposal for Constitutional Amendment:**

The following proposal (Robert Glaser) passes on a voice vote: Replace section V4B with the following:

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. Votes shall be cast by the Transferable Ballot Method of Proportional Representation as shall be described in the bylaws. The Executive Board shall take office simultaneously and immediately at the conclusion of the Central Committee meeting, 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.

The Investigating Committee for this proposal is Chelsey Snyder, Bob Johnston, Stuart Simms, Dean Ahmad, and Robert Glaser.

**Announcements:** Leo Dymowski advised that he is getting a *Libertarian* kidney donated by Dave Sten next week. Eric Blitz notes that there will be a training session on legislative advocacy on August 31. Robert Glaser has license plate applications and extra newsletters on hand, and MdLP caps for sale. Dave Sten thanks his neighbors Damon and Laura Brown for assistance setting up the picnic.

**Adjournment:** the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

— Robert Glaser

# Investigating Committee

The Constitutional Amendment Investigating Committee unanimously recommends a vote FOR the amendment. Additionally, it offers the following proposed Bylaw to complete the requirement:

## Transferable Ballot Method of Proportional Representation

N offices; C candidates; B ballots: each ballot is a list of candidate names in order of preference with no minimum or maximum number. The voting algorithm is as follows:

BALLOT <== 0

Repeat

    THRESHOLD =  $B * N / (N + 1)$

    BALLOT <== BALLOT + 1

    COUNT <== 0

    CANDIDATE\_VOTE\_TOTALS <== 0 (C values)

    Repeat

        COUNT <== COUNT + 1

        Select highest unelected not eliminated choice on each ballot (can be none)

        Add selection on each ballot to CANDIDATE\_VOTE\_TOTALS

        For each candidate, If (CANDIDATE\_VOTE\_TOTAL > THRESHOLD)

            Then candidate is elected

        Until (Offices all filled) OR (COUNT == N)

    If (Offices not all filled) Then

        If at least one candidate does not withdraw

            Then candidate (or candidates if equal) with lowest CANDIDATE\_VOTE\_TOTAL eliminated

    N <== remaining offices

    C <== remaining candidates

    Until (Offices all filled)

Unresolved ties are handled by coin toss.

The above algorithm takes precedence, however the following textual description is provided as an explanation:

The Threshold for election into office is the number of total ballots cast (B) times the number of offices being filled (N) all divided by the number of offices plus one.

The First Ballot:

All those eligible to vote shall cast their ballot as a list of desired candidates, starting with the most preferred. NOTA may be included.

Ballot 1, Count 1:

The highest unelected and not eliminated candidate on each ballot shall be identified and given one count for each appearance. If the count for any candidate at the end of the totaling is above the threshold, then that candidate is elected. No candidates need be elected in this count.

Ballot 1, Count N:

Each subsequent count shall be performed in the same manner, adding to the candidate totals, until all offices are filled or until the count number reaches N (the number of offices being filled).

Subsequent Ballots:

At the end of each ballot (given all offices are not filled) one candidate must withdraw. If no candidate wishes to withdraw, the candidate with the lowest vote total in Count N shall be eliminated from the candidate list. A new Threshold is calculated at the end of each ballot using the number of remaining offices (Nr) and the number of ballots cast in the same way as initially. No candidate need be elected in a ballot, so Nr may equal N. The subsequent ballots shall be performed the same as the first, starting with zero candidate totals using the new Threshold and performing counts up to Count Nr. This process shall be repeated until all offices are filled or some remain vacant. Vacancies can occur when either all candidates have been eliminated and therefore further ballots cannot be constructed, or NOTA is elected.

Should the election process result in one or more vacancies, the body may immediately hold another election, nominating candidates who were not defeated in the prior election.

Otherwise, Article V, Section 4D applies.

**Walter Olson** had his letter to the editor published in the *Baltimore Sun* on August 23<sup>rd</sup>: Libertarian ticket is “non-kooky.”

The *Baltimore Sun* printed **Walter Olson**’s letter on October 29<sup>th</sup>: Revealing Trump’s character.

On November 10<sup>th</sup> the New York Times posted **Harold Goodman**’s comment online. He explains that the party of the Millennials, of Independents and of the rest of us is the Libertarian Party.

**Walter Olson** had his comment posted on the *New York Post*’s website on November 21<sup>th</sup>: No, Trump Won’t Roll Back Gay Rights.

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

## Letter to the Editor

The chief rationale for growth of government power has been failure of businesses to take into account cost of *externalities* in their business models. These externalities include environmental impact (use of land, air and water resources) that affect communities they reside in and the world along with their suppliers as well as their employees and customers. The omissions of those costs encourage governments to intervene in the market in the name of public health, safety, and welfare. Business models that *fully* accounted for those externalities would address the problems associated with externalities and thereby reduce incentives for government intervention. I would like to see libertarians, universities, and think tanks focus on the specifics of how businesses can internalize those externalities into their business models. What better way to minimize government interference?

— *Gerald Schneider*

## The MVA and Facial Scans

The *Baltimore Sun* published an excellent article in its October 18 issue: “Md. use of facial scans decried.” It points out that the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration routinely adds all driver’s license photographs to a database, which can then be searched with increasingly available facial recognition software for a variety of reasons. As far as anyone can determine, no laws are being violated here. I wanted to explore this further, so I contacted the MVA Spokesman quoted in the newspaper, Chuck Brown. (He is not listed on their website and is not in their internal telephone directory, either.)

The long and short of it is this: every photo ID is transmitted to a database (daily) that is maintained by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. At that point the MVA is out of the picture. My interpretation of their privacy statement is that the database can be used for pretty much whatever they want. I verified that residents do not have the ability to opt out of this photo collection, and that requests to remove one’s picture will not be honored. The only way to not have it included would be to never get a driver’s license or identification card from the MVA. Of course that would eliminate the ability to travel via commercial airlines.

I’m not exactly sure where I stand on the usage of the database. Should it be used to locate robbers from ATM videos or street cameras that caught the act? Should it be used to monitor fans entering Ravens Stadium to find suspected terrorists? Should it be used to scan crowds visible on street cameras to identify anyone with an outstanding warrant issued? How about scanning and identifying demonstrators attending or organizing peaceful protests? I think that technology has gone past the point where we have figured out where the line should be drawn between law and order and privacy. The ACLU and other groups are working on this issue and I think we citizens need to formulate the situations we are okay with facial recognition being used and where not.

I know that I am in a dwindling minority that tries to stay out of databases. Many occupations nowadays require fingerprinting to be employed. Should your house be broken into, the police will reasonably request your fingerprints so that they can eliminate those found on the premises in the search for the culprit. But your fingerprints are then entered into a database and you can never have them removed. Plus, of course, barely a day goes by where we do not see a report of a commercial or government database being breached. My attitude is that if my personal data is not in a database then there is zero probability that a false positive could “finger” me, whether that data is a fingerprint or a photo ID. How far are we from requiring DNA collection from all newborns?

— *Robert Glaser*

### Excerpt from the MVA’s Privacy Statement

Consistent with the laws and regulations listed above, the MVA may share your information with other government agencies, law enforcement, the judicial system, other driver licensing authorities, etc. In addition, the following entities may access your personal information upon submission of a formal request and receipt of acceptable proof of identification:

- Licensed Private Detective Agency
- Security Guard Agency
- Insurer / Insurance Support Agency
- Attorney (court / legal proceedings)
- Employer - for holders of a Commercial Driver’s License (CDL)
- Insurer for CDL Holder
- Legitimate Business (for debt recovery and/or pursuit of legal remedies)
- Toll Facilities
- Research / Statistical, Vehicle Recalls / Safety / Theft / Emissions / Alterations
- Towing Company / Impound
- Hospitals
- Operator of a Taxicab, Limousine or Funeral Service Vehicle

## State Executive Board Officers

Chairman	Bob Johnston	443-310-5373	Chair*LPmaryland.org
Vice Chairman	Eric Blitz	410-812-7265	Vice-Chair*LPmaryland.org
Secretary	Robert E. Glaser	410-363-6626	Secretary*LPmaryland.org
Treasurer	Michael Linder	410-569-2186	Treasurer*LPmaryland.org
Membership	Stuart Simms		StuSimms*LPmaryland.org
Outreach	Shawn Quinn		Citizens4Quinn*outlook.com
Campaigns	Chelsey Snyder		ChelseySnyder*LPmaryland.org

The executive board meets monthly. All meetings are open to Central Committee members. Contact the Chairman for date, time, and location.

## Local Groups

Anne Arundel County: Chris Wallace  
Baltimore City: Erin Carrington-Smith ECarringtonSmith\*LPmaryland.org  
Baltimore County: Kyle Wagner Kyle.Wagner\*LPmaryland.org  
Carroll County: Matthew Geiger MattGeiger\*LPmaryland.org  
Frederick County: Zach Robinson  
Harford County: Martin Cohen Martin.Cohen\*LPmaryland.org  
Howard County: Christopher Stanton LibertarianHoCo@gmail.com  
Montgomery County: Leigh Tauber LaTauber@gmail.com  
Southern Maryland: Michael White Michael.White\*LPmaryland.org  
Upper Eastern Shore: Matt Beers  
Western Maryland: Ken Buckler

Maryland voters registered Libertarian:

**19,343 (0.49%)**



Copy or Clip Form ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒

## Libertarian Party of Maryland

## Membership Form

Name: .....

Address: .....

City, State, Zip: .....

County: .....

Email: .....

Phone (day): .....

Phone (evening): .....

Phone (other): .....

Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, and occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. Political contributions are not tax deductible.

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Anyone may become a member of the MdLP. To become a voting member of the Central Committee, your voter registration must be Libertarian (or request it if the state does not permit Libertarian registration, and not be registered with any other party): verbally certify your registration status and your agreement with the non-aggression principle with your affiliate officers or the state Secretary. For more information, contact Stuart Simms at StuSimms\*LPmaryland.org.

### Payment Information

**Maryland/county-only dues \$ 20.00**

**Additional donation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Payment:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Monthly Credit Card Donation: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check ☐ Mastercard ☐ VISA ☐ Discover

**Card#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exp:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

### I'd like to volunteer for:

- ☐ Envelope stuffing
- ☐ Outreach programs
- ☐ Computer work
- ☐ County organization
- ☐ Campaign help
- ☐ Public Relations
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Libertarian Party  
of Maryland  
P.O. Box 176  
Abingdon, MD  
21009-0176



# LPmaryland.org

## COMING EVENTS

Stay up-to-date on MdLP activities with our online calendar-of-events: visit [LPmaryland.org/events/](http://LPmaryland.org/events/) (often!). Check page 7 for contact numbers not listed here.

December 2 (Friday): 6:30 pm. Holiday Party. Page 1

February 14, 2017 (Tuesday): Frederick Douglass and Terry Atwood memorial day (MdLP CC resolution 2/20/1999)

March 2017: MdLP Annual Convention

Gallery Gang: Mondays while the Maryland General Assembly is in session January 11 through April 11, 2017 to lobby legislators. Eric Blitz

"We are fast approaching the stage of ultimate inversion: the stage where the government is free to do anything it pleases, while the citizens may act only by permission."

— *Ayn Rand*

# 1-800-MLP-1776

Please check the first line of the mailing label to verify your MdLP status (see page 2)

"Individual Liberty is Our Top Priority"  
Call 1-800-MLP-1776 if you agree

Libertarian Party of Maryland  
P.O. Box 176  
Abingdon, MD 21009-0176