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## National Convention Report 7/3/2018



Former Maryland Libertarian Party chair and current Libertarian National Committee chair Nicholas Sarwark was resoundingly reelected at the national party convention in New Orleans, LA with 65% of the vote. Joshua Smith of Washington finished second with 22%. Maryland LP U.S. Senate candidate and LNC vice chair Arvin Vohra lost his bid for reelection, losing to Alex Merced of New York with 11% on the third and final ballot. Dr. James Lark was reelected as our regional representative, a position he has held since 2004. Tim Hagan was reelected as national party treasurer, and Caryn Ann Harlos is now the secretary, having defeated former secretary Alicia Mattson. Five at-large officers were elected: Sam Goldstein (IN), Joseph Bishop-Henchman (DC), Joshua Smith, Bill Redpath (VA), and Ms. Mattson (CA). The seven people elected to the Judicial Committee were D. Frank Robinson, Chuck Moulton, Darryl Perry, Ruth Bennett, Geoff Neale, Jim Turney, and Tricia Sprankle.

In addition to electing officers, the convention passed several resolutions. They included urging the president to pardon Ross Ulbricht, who is serving a life sentence in prison for charges of drug trafficking on the Silk Road website; condemning the Donald Trump administration for kidnapping and caging children on our southern border; and opposing H.R. 2851, which would give Attorney General Jeff Sessions broad power to further expand the destructive, counterproductive War on Drugs.

Twelve members from Maryland attended the delegation: Eric Blitz, Kyle Wagner, Dean Ahmad, Chelsey Snyder, Stu Simms, Michael Downes, Derrick Pomery, Shawn and Colleen Quinn, Krystal Woodworth, Jenica Martin, and Bob Johnston (counting votes during picture). Reason Magazine's coverage: [Reason.com/blog/2018/07/04/libertarian-party-rebuffs-mises-uprising](https://reason.com/blog/2018/07/04/libertarian-party-rebuffs-mises-uprising)

— Bob Johnston

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# Chair's Report



Dave Sten was the recipient of the Samuel Chase Award at our annual summer picnic last August. The award is given to recognize the party member who contributed the most in a particular year to the growth and development of the Maryland Libertarian Party. Recipients are selected by consensus among those who

have received the award in the past. Dave was a worthy recipient of the award. He is one of the most generous donors the Maryland LP has ever had, he took over as chair of the party when his predecessor up and quit with no warning, he and his wife Renée have hosted the annual picnic for 11 of the last 17 years, and two years ago he donated one of his kidneys to a fellow MdLP member, Leo Dymowski. Donating one of his kidneys was one of the most selfless acts I've ever seen. You can read about this in the November 2016 issue of the *Free? State Libertarian*, and the October 2016 issue of *LP News*.

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We need to look after each other, and take care of each other. There are not a lot of us around. Many people like to think of themselves as Libertarians, but most are only Libertarian on things they like and agree with. True Libertarians are those who are against the initiation of force even on issues we may personally disagree with. And many Libertarians don't get involved politically.



Further, we are a threat to those who think they should play by a different set of rules, particularly the powerful and privi-

leged. They don't like the idea that everyone should be equal before the law, or that everyone should earn a living on a level playing field instead of being granted favors and breaks by the government. They demand that other peoples' kids should go fight wars overseas and come home in wheelchairs and body bags, instead of their own. They send their kids to private schools while making it as difficult as possible for low-income children to have the same choices.

18 months ago, I got a new car. My former car still ran well, and although it had a lot of miles on it, still was probably worth at least \$1,000 – just for the parts. Instead, I gave it to a friend and former MdLP member who didn't have a car. The last time I spoke with him, it was still running well. And I was happy to give it to him, just as my brother had given me that same car a few years before when money was real tight.

*Let's look after each other.*

For the third time in the last six general elections, the Maryland Libertarian Party has nominated a full slate of candidates for federal office, including U.S. Senate and all eight U.S. House seats. We have also nominated candidates for the state legislature, county, and judicial offices. I am grateful to those who are taking our message out to the public, who are willing to spend their free time sitting in traffic and going to events where the audience may be indifferent or even hostile to our beliefs.

We are fortunate to have two candidates, David Lashar (U.S. House 3<sup>rd</sup>) and Kevin Caldwell (U.S. House 6<sup>th</sup>) who are able to campaign full time.

Please help out our candidates by donating money or volunteering for them. I have donated \$100 to three of our candidates this year. I am asking each of you reading this newsletter who isn't running for office to donate at least \$50 to one of our candidates, and attend and support one of them at a debate, forum, or outreach event.

Candidates are on [LPmaryland.org](http://LPmaryland.org).

— Bob Johnston

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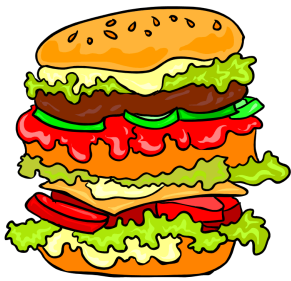
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# P I C N I C



**What:** Libertarian Party of Maryland Annual Picnic

**Date:** Saturday, August 18 (if heavy rain ☹ check website that morning!)

**Location:** 16 Partridge Lane, North East, MD 21901 (Dave Sten's home)

**Schedule:** 2:00 pm: Picnicking

4:00 pm: Central Committee meeting (no charge)

**Cost:** \$12.00 please mail to Box 176 or pay by credit card on website by August 12, or pay \$15.00 in person upon arrival

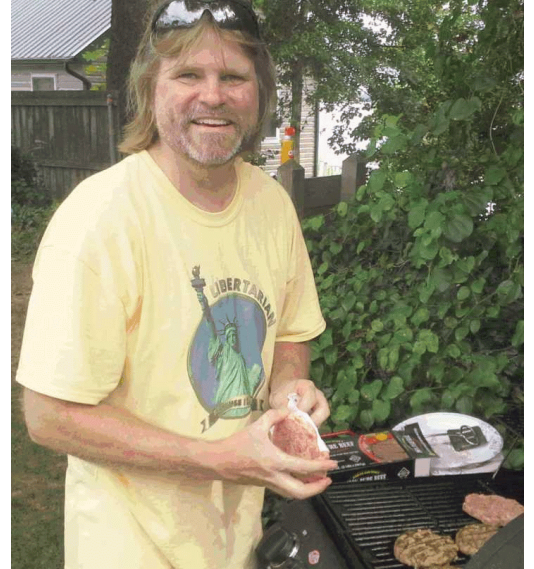
**Food:** provided (hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, macaroni salad, beer, soda, juice, H<sub>2</sub>O)

**Bring:** folding chairs

**Camping:** feel free to camp out on the grounds Friday and/or Saturday night

## Directions:

Take North I-95 to exit 100 (North East). Merge onto Route 272 South toward North East and U.S. 40. Continue south on 272 about 2.4 miles to the U.S. 40 intersection, and continue south on 272 (Main Street) through the town of North East. On the other side of town Main Street becomes 272 South and is a two-way road. Continue south for another 5.5 miles. Turn left onto Elk River Lane. (Note: You will notice that Elk River Lane is near when the shoulder of the road disappears and the speed limit changes from 50 mph to 40 mph.) Travel 0.6 miles and then turn right onto Elk River Lane. (Elk River Lane is a dirt lane. Dave will make sure that signs directing people to the picnic will be visible.) Follow Elk River Lane for 0.4 miles, and turn right onto Partridge Lane. (There is a row of about 20 mailboxes at the turn for Partridge Lane.) Travel a few hundred feet to Dave's house (small blue cottage on the left). Turn into his driveway, and continue through the grass along the line of trees – the location is at the bottom of the hill.



## Activities:

- Beach Volleyball
- Tetherball
- Horseshoe Pits
- Paddleboat
- Canoe
- Powered Boat
- Swimming

**Note:** \$8.00 cash toll on I-95 and Route 40 northbound, but free southbound on both. No toll on Route 1.

**Don't miss it -- Four years without rain!!!**



# Libertarian Party of Maryland 2018 Convention – Saturday March 10



Photos top/down, left/right: Stu Simms, Bob Johnston, David Lashar, David Griggs, Lauren Drew, Doug Stanley, Christopher Randers-Pehrson, Michael Lyden, Matt Chrest, Krystal Woodworth, Holly Harris.



Convention organizer Stu Simms has moved our annual affair around the state from Dundalk to Laurel last year and 2018's Annapolis location at the *Crown Plaza* hotel. (Next year: Frederick.) First up was the Central Committee meeting: eight candidates for public office received nominations, national convention delegates chosen, and the Board elected. Shawn Quinn dropped off the Board to concentrate on his gubernatorial campaign; welcome to new Board member Krystal Woodworth.

Next, Shawn Quinn took the podium to update us on his campaign activities. He and Lt. Governor nominee Christina Smith have hit the road running trying to unify the state. The team is very diverse. The primary election season is here. The Republicans offered no choice and are behind Governor Hogan. The Democrats have about ten people running, but they always invite Shawn to events: so when they get to speak, he does too!



Identity and gender issues are viewed as affecting only certain groups, but they affect us all. Police brutality is not just against the community of color. The police beat up everybody, and the rest of us pay the legal costs. Working on a bail reform plan.

Shawn has spent a lot of time in western Maryland and Prince George's county; the campaign has been at over 70 events since the last convention. Looking to win. Urges us to support our

candidates. Meeting with the Black Panthers of Baltimore; have met with Hagerstown groups to address gangs; spoke at the Cumberland Gay Pride Festival; also sponsored Frederick's Gay Pride Festival; tells all that he's listening. People are willing to listen in return. Have been invited to a number of forums addressing marijuana legalization. He would expunge the records of anyone incarcerated simply for possession. He would make the whole plant legal, with the standard 6% sales tax



only. The legislators are trying to figure out how to make money off of it. We only need a million votes! Happy to drive anywhere to meet or talk.

Q&A session: Instead of increasing the minimum wage, find ways to lower the cost of living instead. Is ready to publish a campaign book: \$15, about 95 pages telling how they want to change things in Maryland. Top two issues are schools and marijuana. In favor of ceiling prices on material resources; would require solar panels on new homes. Website is Citizen4Quinn.org.

Our invited speaker stepped up after dinner: Nick Sarwark, former MdLP Chairman and current LNC Chair. He opens by asking the question: “Who is the most important Libertarian?”

As with lobsters, without the pain of growth, there is no growth. The LP is at an inflection point. We are growing at a rate we have never grown before; we have electoral success at a rate we’ve never had before. Johnson/Weld got three times as many votes as in the entire history of the party. That’s exciting, incredible... and scary. We have to break our shell in order to grow into something bigger and better. We need to be more welcoming to new people. Find common ground rather than differences. What’s important to you?

This is a *justice* issue: everything starts and ends with the War on Drugs. Gun control, search and seizure, the erosion of the Constitution, the expansion of the police state, police brutality, the overcriminalization of our society, the massive federal spending, border security. The War on Drugs. It all comes back to that. It is an issue that affects our communities – we need to be strong on that issue.

It’s time to stop looking inward. Outside the party is important. Ask your neighbors, “What do you care about?” Try to find some common ground. If you want to represent people you have to listen to them first. The Democrats and Republicans are liars; they lie about what they do and they are not solving anything. Dissatisfaction with what they have now is the reason people are looking at the LP. We have to have real solutions, not just words.

Everyone in this party is valuable; everybody brings something to the table. We need the balance, the breakers and the builders. Politics is a contest for control. Government controls various aspects of your life. All politics is about controlling other people. Libertarian politics is special because it is about anti-politics. The LP is the un-Party. Our entire goal is to maximize individual freedom. We’re in the removing government control business.

There’s a spectrum between radical and pragmatic; anarchist and minarchist. These spectra are not important: what is important is the spectrum between nice person and a\*\*h\*\*\*. I can teach a nice person about Hayaak, Mises, the Drug War; it’s really hard

to teach an a\*\*h\*\*\* to be nice. So just be nice to each other. A lot of people become libertarians because they hate the State with a passion. It’s not enough to tell people what you hate; you have to show them what you love. You have to tell people that you love families having more money, to put more food on the table for their kids; that you love people being able to defend themselves; that you love the safety that comes from having police focus on violent and property crime instead of useless drug offenses.

We are the only growing political party in the United States. There are political truths that are true: that we live in a two-party system. Also: there is a wall between East Germany and West Germany. Everything is true until it’s not. Stuff happens fast, so we have to be ready for it. Find the orphan issues, where the people are over here and the old political parties are over there. Get to the people’s side, while the old parties stay over there. Orphan issues right now: spending cuts; free trade; immigration; and ending the War on Drugs. Go out there and use those issues to get your foot in the door; don’t talk about stuff they’re not

interested in. Great leaders create new leaders. Talk about issues, be honest, and always be kind. You are not going to win everybody, spend time on people who are not sure.

The most important Libertarian is *you*. There’s no wrong way to be a Libertarian. Put aside arguments and come together. If we are to take it to the next level, we have to remember that this party is too small still, too small to fight with each other, that the enemy is outside of this room. Hold each other up, help each other out, and together we will see a world set free in our lifetime. Thank you very much.

Q&A session: We are the only political party that stands for the idea that you should pursue

happiness any way you want as long as you don’t hurt other people and don’t take their stuff. We’re trying to break down barriers, not sell them a program. We’re not trying to control them. Libertarian: Search & Rescue; find the lost libertarians and bring them home, not attempt to convince those against it. Don’t get into fights with people. Civil asset forfeiture is a way to say “Highway Robbery.” It is probably the most disgusting thing in the law; it came out of the War on Drugs. Criminal conviction must come first. Do not use the words “Repeal the Welfare State.” When you help somebody, it makes you a better person. And when you delegate something as beautiful as helping another human being to a bureaucrat, you deny yourself the ability to grow as a human being. I would like to get back to helping other people with kindness rather than making it just another government job. Nick concluded with: *Run for office* plus ways to contribute.

Needing to relinquish the reserved room, attendees adjourned to the bar. ☺

— Robert Glaser

Audio recordings are on the website.





## Minutes of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Maryland — Saturday, 10 March 2018

**Opening:** The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met at the *Crowne Plaza* hotel in Annapolis, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 4:23 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

**Attendance:** the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser; Stuart Simms; and Tony Spezio. It validated that 32 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. No proxies were represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 54 members.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the 26 August and 2 December 2017 Central Committee meetings were accepted as submitted.

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

**Chair's Report:** Bob Johnston reports that we have 110 members. We have 21,040 registered voters, and are just over halfway to the 1% threshold. Looking for more county and regional groups. Chelsey Snyder is working on a new website, rolling it out in two weeks. Has asked Lorenzo Gaztañaga as spokesperson to promote the MdLP candidates. We have 7 of 9 federal candidates on the ballot with two more to be voted on today, plus local and state candidates. Asks for us to contribute to our candidates' campaigns. We are on the map and the D's and the R's know it.

**Program Committee's report:** The committee recommended no change to the State Program.

**Delegates to the National Convention:** Stuart Simms, Derek Pomery, Chelsey Snyder, Dean Ahmad, Chris Wallace, Scott Spencer, David Lasher, Jenica Martin, Eric Blitz, Kyle Wagner, Maria Edenbo, Jason Summers, Ben Krause, Janai Hall, Shawn Quinn, Kristina Smith, Randie King, Connor Knox, Jacqueline Morris, Matt Geiger, and Bob Johnston were nominated and approved as delegates. Cornelius Fletcher, Chris Haag, and Krystal Woodworth were nominated and approved as alternate delegates. The Secretary is directed to fill out the delegate and alternate lists with remaining Central Committee members. We are allotted 21 delegates plus 50 alternates.

**Nominations for Public Office:** David Lashar for U.S. Congress, District 3: nominated unanimously on a voice vote. Dr. David Griggs for U.S. Congress, District 7: nominated on a voice vote. Lauren Drew ([drewfor22.org](http://drewfor22.org)) for state Senate, District 22: nominated unanimously on a voice vote. Douglas Stanley for Baltimore County Council, District 7: nominated unanimously on a voice vote. Christopher Randers-Pehrson for state Senate, District 35: nominated on a voice vote. Michael Lyden for state Delegate, District 6: nominated 21-6. Matthew Chrest for Harford County Council, District 3: nominated on a voice vote. Holly Harris for Montgomery County Council, District 5: nominated on a voice vote.

**Officer Elections:** Robert S. Johnston III was nominated for Chairman; elected unanimously on a hand count. The following were nominated as officers: Krystal Woodworth, Robert Glaser, Michael Linder, Stuart Simms, Chelsey Snyder, Scott Spencer, and David Sgambellone. Dean Ahmad and Nick Sarwark analyzed the ballots after the meeting was postponed; subsequently Dean Ahmad announced that the winners were Stuart Simms, Robert Glaser, Chelsey Snyder, Krystal Woodworth, Michael Linder, and Scott Spencer.

**Resolution:** Ben Krause proposed a resolution which was divided and amended into two parts: (1) to restrict the Board on

behalf of the Central Committee from contributing to Arvin Vohra's senatorial campaign, passes 17-9; and (2) The MdLP regrets the comments made by Mr. Arvin Vohra, the U.S. Senate candidate — passes on a voice vote.

**Announcements:** Krystal Woodworth promoted an Upper Eastern Shore group event 1-4pm Sunday May 6; Chris Wallace promotes firearms training; Jenica Martin is speaking at the national convention; Chris Haag is sponsoring Periscope interviews at 7pm Thursdays, and running a tournament at the national convention ([peacehook.com](http://peacehook.com)). Ben Krause is running a Facebook Live show with candidates, contact him to be included; Jason Summers asks for volunteers for Shawn Quinn's gubernatorial campaign; Robert Glaser has license plate applications on hand and MdLP caps for sale.

**Meeting postponed:** for ballot analysis at 6:23 pm. **Resumed** at 6:59 pm to announce officer election results.

**Adjournment:** the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

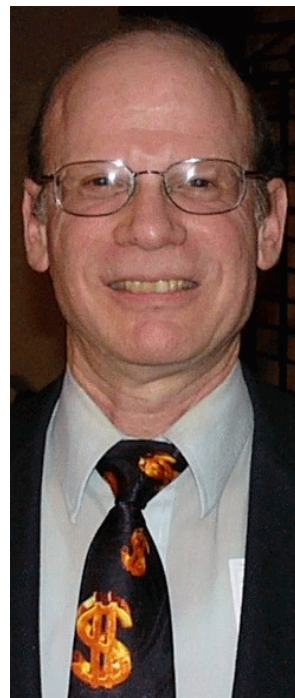
— Robert Glaser

### Editor's Corner

I came across an interview of Arthur Laffer in the April 23<sup>rd</sup> issue of *Barron's*. Refreshing your memory, Arthur is the author of the famous "Laffer Curve." From Wikipedia, the genesis came from "an afternoon meeting with Ford Administration officials Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld in 1974, in which Arthur Laffer reportedly sketched the curve on a napkin to illustrate his argument." Basically the curve indicates that at 0% and 100% rates of taxation the government receives zero revenue. The debate about the shape of the curve between those endpoints impacts the optimum rate to achieve maximum revenue.

Anyway, while the interview was interesting and didn't tell me anything I hadn't seemingly heard before, the clarity of Dr. Laffer's exposition struck me:

"...We tax people who speed on the freeway. Why do we do that? To get them to stop doing that. We tax smokers to get them to stop smoking. In the same breath, why do we tax people who earn income? Why do we tax people who employ other people? Why do we tax people who make good products at low costs? We don't tax them to get them to earn less income. We don't tax them to get them to not employ other people. We tax them to run the government, but don't think the same consequences don't occur as with smoking taxes and spending taxes — they do. Just be smart about it."





## Minutes of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Maryland — Thursday, 7 June 2018

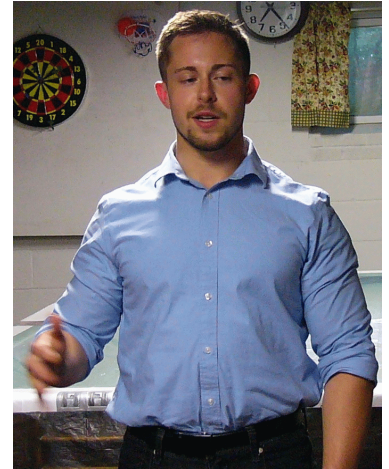
**Opening:** The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met at Robert Glaser's home in Owings Mills, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

**Attendance:** the Credentials Committee validated that 10 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. One proxy was represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 40 members.

**Nominations for Public Office:** April Ademiluyi (left photo below) for Prince Georges County Circuit Court Judge: nominated unanimously on a voice vote. Jeremy Harbaugh (right photo below) for State Delegate 3A: nominated unanimously on a voice vote. Leo Dymowski for Baltimore County Circuit Court Judge: nominated unanimously on a voice vote.

**Adjournment:** the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

— Robert Glaser



## Letter to the Editor

I recently read Dr. Gerry Schneider's letter to the editor in the March 2018 *Free? State Libertarian* Newsletter. As with most materials from the like-minded, I took great pleasure in reading his assessment of popular opinion of libertarians, his notice of the invasion of the party by so-called "conservatives," and the call to classic liberal principles. I was perplexed however, by his comment about wanting to see the integration of true and best. These, are, of course, somewhat obtuse terms. We, as libertarians, believe that individual liberty, private property, and truly free markets are the superior pathway to the greatest prosperity for the greatest numbers, and cite examples from history supporting this belief.

Politics, economics, and social sciences are considered the "soft sciences" because there aren't the clear, accurate, unquestionable answers found in mathematics, physics, and other "hard sciences." We need to remember that absolutism is exclusionary. People can and do have differing beliefs, and as Libertarians, we certainly respect, even celebrate this diversity.

Dr. Schneider correctly points out, within natural rights theory, that no one has a Right to health care at public expense. I wish to expand his idea on this even a little more. Since "health care," which is the name given the Government-managed system that medicine has become, is a service provided by individuals, many of which directed their time, and labor into obtaining knowledge, and skills, often at great personal expense, including mid-6-figure debt assumption for many, Dr. Schneider's claim that people would be "better off with guaranteed health care" is perplexing. Such a guarantee requires the involvement of a coercive entity (The State/Government). At least, I see no other nuance in this use of the word "guarantee." If I am compelled to provide my labor to another, whether it be uncompensated, or at a rate set by

another with which I have no contractual agreement, and/or am coerced, then is this not slavery? In fact, it is the very definition of slavery, compelled labor with usurpation of the fruits of said labor (even in degrees). As with nearly every policy put forward by the Welfare/Warfare State under which most of us are fiscally enslaved to some degree, Dr. Schneider's intentions appear noble and I ascribe to them no clear malice. Even if some measure of global "betterment" resulted under his "guaranteed health care" system, I simply could not support subjugating the Physicians, Nurses, Technicians, etc. that function to care for us when we are ill, infirmed, and/or injured. "Health Care" is a service, not a Right. I would add that this subjugation of one's fellow man is most UN-libertarian as well, especially in light of the "classical-liberal" tradition he is suggesting we support.

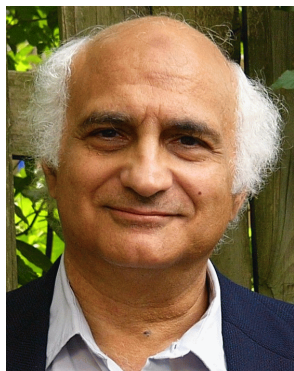
Regarding our natural rights to move about (travel) as we see fit, not to mention Freedom of Association protected in the Bill of Rights, I daresay most, even outside the libertarian party and philosophy, would agree fundamentally. What they seem to overlook in the conversations is that open borders are incompatible with a welfare State. The Government is broke as it is. Any peaceable individual who wishes to move from place A to place B, set up residence, support him/her-self and/or family should clearly never be impeded from doing so, and I would welcome them. The rhetoric from those who generate it, largely boils down to not wanting to be personally injured or affected in a detrimental way by these "others."

Lastly, with his conclusion, I most definitely agree, these topics are most certainly worth discussion at LP meetings!

— Jeffrey Fernley  
Jef\*abeswise.net



# My Vision of a Libertarian Maryland



What if Maryland really were the free state? What if the state of Maryland implemented libertarian principles, even if its counties and municipalities and the federal government didn't (i.e. were more or less as they are now)? In my imagination, it looks something like the following:

With no drug laws to enforce the state police would only have to fight real crime. A smaller, leaner police force fighting violent crime and theft would leave us all safer. State courts would have a lighter load, even though the elimination of drug cases would largely be made up for by the greater case load of suits regarding environmental crime which would be resolved in the courts with replacement of state regulations by strict liability. Instead of polluters getting a free pass because they are compliant with regulations they themselves have written, I see environmental groups and private citizens suing them to make them clean their messes and stop imposing external costs on a no-longer-helpless public. Although the elimination of limited liability of corporations has the potential of increasing the amount of litigation, I envision most disputes being handled by private arbitration and mediation.

Existing businesses will prosper and new ones flock to the state with the end of state regulations and the replacement of the state sales, income, and property taxes with rents on the unimproved value of land. The implementation of this idea of Henry George would also have the side effect of ending land speculation that artificially keeps land out of development. At the same time constant quarreling among NIMBYs in various neighborhoods

would end, because citizens would no longer have to rely on coercive remedies like zoning to crimp artificially stimulated development driven by developers, land speculators, and labor unions. Those would grind to a halt as the drivers of subsidies end.

Roads previously maintained by the state could be maintained privately by joint stock companies or by endowments created specifically for their maintenance. The state could guarantee the use of the right of way by the general public (to prevent discriminatory practices in road use) in exchange for subsidies from user fees paid for by tolls and per-mile fees paid through transponders, besides gas taxes or licensing fees.

The most dramatic change I see would be in education. The removal of state funding from education will force localities to seek more efficient means of educating children. Charter schools, private schools, religious schools, and home schooling will flourish. But in my mind's eye I dare to imagine that the biggest change will be in the understanding of what constitutes an education. Instead of a system where most resources go to teachers, administrators, and groundskeepers for the indoctrination of a captive audience, the focus will be on motivating young people to become self-teachers capable of critical thinking. That means teaching reading at an early age and providing access to books and other instructional materials through both modern technology like the Internet and a rebirth of the non-state libraries such as I used to spend my time in when I was young. Online courses will allow students to proceed at their own pace so they can master essential subjects (the 3 R's) and such electives as may truly interest them or provide a pathway to earning a living.

— *I. Dean Ahmad*, Ph.D.  
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## Destined for Liberty

With our midterm election date approaching, the voice of liberty has an opportunity to excel beyond what any advocate for individual sovereignty could ever imagine. We are in an age where citizens no longer trust what current establishment participants have to offer. Our political climate is corrupt with partisan bickering, media inaccuracy, corporate influence and legislative hypocrisy. Consequently, there needs to be a light at the end of this tunnel, and I see liberty as the source of vision. The only question is whether we can take advantage of what liberty is destined to *become*. We have the candidates, we have the political opportunity, and we have the answer to guide citizens through the tunnel of political turmoil. Are we going to ignite the spark that propels a Libertarian into office at the federal level in 2018? I believe we *can* propel if we allow our neighbors to understand our vision. Choose to look outside of our arc of freedom and help those around us to see the choice provided to them. American citizens are destined for liberty, and we need to invite non-libertarian affiliates to the celebration. To aid this task, Libertarian candidates need volunteers, momentum and exposure. Together we can expose our principles, expose a better choice and, above all else, expose *liberty*.

Picture from National Convention  
with Larry Sharpe

— *Jenica Martin*  
JenicaMartin\*Martin4Congress.us





# Maryland Handgun Conceal Carry: A brief guide

For many Maryland residents a permit to carry a concealed handgun or “Wear and Carry Permit” is believed to be unobtainable. For many people and in many situations, this may be true, but there is still hope.

There are 4 justifications for obtaining a wear and carry permit: personal protection; business; prior law enforcement; and employment – each with their own criteria in addition to the standard requirements, which are:

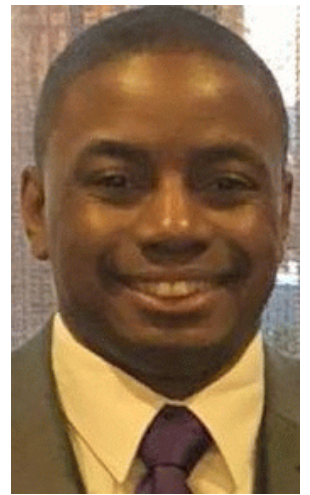
- Must be 21 or older
- No felony convictions
- No drug or alcohol abuse
- No drug convictions of any kind
- Does not have a propensity for violence
- Has completed an approved firearms training course within 2 years of applying
- **Has good and substantial reason** to wear and carry a firearm

The last requirement is the most important and is typically where most applicants fall short. But this requirement can be met in different ways depending on which of the four justifications a person falls under.

So how do you qualify for this permit, assuming you meet the standard requirements? A Law Enforcement background is one of the four ways. Active, former, and retired Maryland Law Enforcement qualify as long as they left their department in good standing, i.e., weren’t terminated for cause. Another way is employment – certain jobs require employees to carry concealed firearms – such as security jobs. In such a case an additional document from your employer is required. Also, being a business owner can qualify you. Regardless of industry or function, any business owner that can provide proof of ownership (i.e. articles of organization), can prove that the business has cash flow (i.e. bank deposits or purchases), and can give a good reason why the firearm is necessary (i.e. for protection making bank deposits or deliveries) can qualify for a wear and carry permit. The last justification is for personal protection. This is the hardest, because it is evaluated case-by-case, and is up to a review board whether they believe there is a substantial risk of harm to the applicant. Due to the subjective nature of the fourth justification, there is no cut and dry answer of which situations would qualify. But an example of a qualifying situation would be documented threats, attacks, or evidence of abuse.

While there are a lot of restrictions and limitations, wear and carry permits are very obtainable; especially if you own a business. Once approved, each permit is subject to restrictions outlining when the permit holder is allowed to conceal carry. These restrictions are determined by Maryland State Police and tailored to each applicant based on their individual justification.

— *Chris Wallace Sr.*  
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## ... More from the National Convention

I attended my first Libertarian National Convention, and though it was not a presidential year, it was still very exciting for a policy nerd like myself! While there were several votes that did not go my way, it was incredibly refreshing that the alternative was not drastically different from my own preference. The convention was exactly what I expected – hundreds of likeminded, strong willed, loud-mouthed individuals in a single room competing to voice their opinion on grammatical nuance. In other words: these were *my* people.

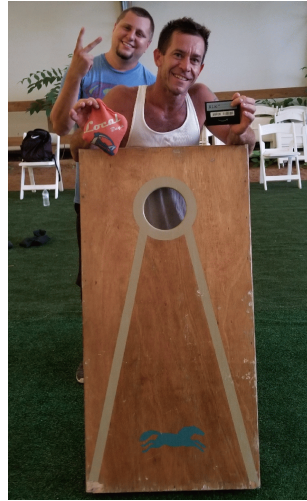
I was glad to see Nicholas Sarwark easily reelected as Chair of the LNC. He is a quiet, strong leader that effortlessly managed the delegation in a way that went completely unnoticed until he had to pass the gavel. Alex Merced was elected as the new Vice Chair, and his presence on the board is already bringing followers of Tom Woods and the *Mises Institute* to the party. While Alicia Mattson was a wizard at the convention tracking the chaos that is any Libertarian debate, Caryn Ann Harlos will undoubtedly do an excellent job as well.

The convention itself was really well orchestrated. The location, venue, schedule, speakers, breakout sessions, vendors, and all the little details down to the roses matching the donation cards perfectly at the gala. It was evident that a strong team worked really hard to put it all together! And while I’m not sure any city can top the food in New Orleans... I’m willing to give Austin a try in 2020!

— *Krystal Woodworth*



# Live Free Cornhole Tournament



The July 15 Upper Eastern Shore Libertarian Live Free Cornhole Tournament held in North East was a success, although not quite the resounding achievement I was hoping it would be. I am reminded of a book I bought to inspire my four-year-old daughter entitled “Rosie Revere, Engineer.” A little girl tries to build a helicopter and it only hovers for a minute before crashing. Rosie Revere’s great Aunt Rosie (the Riveter) exclaims, “Your brilliant first flop was a raging success! Come on, let’s get busy and on to the next!” Even so, about 30 people showed up and we raised \$150 while building a positive relationship with the community and local small businesses owners. I’m looking forward to the *second* annual Live Free Cornhole Tournament next fall! Who’s with me?

— *Krystal Woodworth*

P.S.: LP Maryland has the most dedicated candidates! Call them, and they show up! Thank you Shawn, Tom, Chris and Doug!

Photos: Christopher Randers-Pehrson, Tom Ashwell, Shawn Quinn and Doug Stanley; tournament winners John D. and Jason W.

## ...Also from Krystal



While Meetup has fewer users than the other social media platforms, it is strictly for people looking to actually do stuff, not just talk about stuff. How I hope it works for LP Maryland is to increase involvement. A lot of people don’t know about Libertarianism, or that it is right for them. They may rally around a cause, or simply type in “political activism” within 50 miles of Baltimore – and they will get us! By pulling all committees and candidates into one account, our party looks more connected, organized, active and robust than the others I have seen in the area. With just Jenica and Tom Ashwell’s activities, the next two months look great, and I know we are going to add more. This will also help with collaboration between the committees and candidates, and limit competing events because we will have all LPMD events happening in one spot:

**Meetup.com/LPmaryland**

## NEWS FLASH!

**Gerald Schneider** had his letter to the editor published in the *Beacon* in the April 2018 issue. In regard to “better gun control” he poses several unanswered questions casting doubt on the matter.

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

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— *Sir Winston Churchill*

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## 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 11 for contact numbers not listed here.

August 4 (Saturday). Tom Ashwell table at the *Hogs and Heroes Bike & Car Show*, 501 St. John's St. (Havre de Grace American Legion).

August 7 (Tuesday) 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Town Hall/Jenica Martin. Wicomico Public Library Downtown Lower Level Meeting Room #1, 122 S. Division Street Salisbury, MD 21801.

August 10/11 (Friday 4-10pm, Saturday noon-10pm). Tom Ashwell, Shawn Quinn, Jenica Martin, and Christopher Randers-Pehrson table at the Bel Air BBQ, 2 S Bond St.

August 15 (Wednesday) 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Town Hall Meeting with Jenica Martin. Kent County Library Yellow Building, 207 Calvert Street Chestertown, MD 21620.

August 18 (Saturday): 2:00 - 6:00 pm. Annual MdLP picnic and Central Committee meeting. Page 3


August 29 (Wednesday) 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Town Hall Meeting with Jenica Martin. Queen Anne's County Library Kent Island Meeting Room, 200 Library Circle Stevensville, MD 21666.

November 6 (Tuesday): General Election. Help our candidates out at the polls!

*Check the candidates' websites for public events.*

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