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Tuniewicz Speaks on List Censorship

Regarding the censoring and closure of the LAMA email discussion list, this certainly isn't the first time this has happened. During the months leading up to the 2000 LP Convention, LPMA list-manager Muni Savyon would routinely review messages before they hit the list and delete those with political discussion that was critical of Browne, Bergland, Howell, and Cloud.

I know, because it happened to my postings repeatedly. When I brought it to LPMA Chair Elias Israel's attention, he refused to take any action against Savyon.

This is an extension of the national LP leadership culture that says it's OK to silence or ignore your internal LP opponents (either in email, LP News, or at events) rather than engage them in open, honest debate. *It's anti-libertarian, as are those who promote it...plain & simple.*

The cultural issues raised above were one factor of many in my motivations in leaving the Party after 20+ years.....Mark Tuniewicz

LNC Candidate Statements Steve Boone—Carol Moore

I was surprised a couple weeks ago when one of the candidates for National Chair, George Phillies, asked me if I had given any thought to entering the race for a spot on the LNC or one of its offices this year. I admitted that I hadn't at that point. I also told him that I did not think I wanted to be part of any particular slate this time, and that I was leaning toward another candidate in the National Chair's race, although not the one from George's home state.

He suggested that there was only one announced candidate for the VC slot, that being the incumbent, Ken Bisson, and, that I should consider entering the race to give him some competition.

I took the time to speak or correspond with several people whose opinions I value, both in and out of

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Where Your Money Went

The February 2002 **Carla Howell** campaign statement shows that Howell raised \$26,054.19 and spent \$14,944.38, leaving her with \$19,822.23 in her campaign accounts. Leading the list of her campaign expenditures was \$5000 to Michael Cloud for consulting. Expenditures for \$3,864, \$3200, \$933, \$930, and \$692 refer or appear to refer to petitioning expenses. Howell's petitioners included Freedom Petition management, Larry Collins, and Earl Shalley. Bank and other financial charges came to approximately \$300.

2000-2001: LPMA Spent a Quarter-Million

In preparation for the 2002 LPMA State Convention, Treasurer Walter Ziobro reported on the Party's 2000 and 2001 expenditures. State and Federal Law require that the Party maintain two entirely separate sets of accounts, one relating to Federal activities and one relating to state activities.

Walter Ziobro announced to multiple e-lists: I am posting here the reports I intend to submit to the state convention on April 6th. This should provide you with ample time to prepare any questions that any of you may have. The contents of the body of the reports are best viewed without word-wrap to get the data in the correct columns. I look forward to entertaining your comments. Enjoy!
-Walter Ziobro, Treasurer

Libertarian Party of Massachusetts - FEC Account			
	2001	2000	Change
Income			
Memberships (new)	1,600	0	1,600
Memberships	5,676	4,415	1,261
Subscriptions	330	15	315
Revenue - U.M.P.	14,580	13,822	758
Membership Other	50	0	50
Direct Mail	0	110	-110
Contributions			
New Member	200	25	175
Member	5,113	7,288	-2,175
Major Donors	13,000	12,421	579
Convention	4,560	8,817	-4,257
Campaign	0	46,340	-46,340

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state, received encouragement to do so, and, in most cases, pledges of support if I decided to run.

Yesterday, at the LP Pennsylvania convention, I announced that I will, indeed, run for National Vice Chair.

I will not run as a part of any slate, but I do have preferences for who serves in various National offices. I would see no difficulties, if elected, in working with any of the declared candidates for National Chair.

I'm not going to do an awful lot of campaigning until the National Convention itself because I have responsibilities here in Maryland with Spear's campaign and, frankly, that comes first. Spear will be a guest speaker in Richmond at the LPVA Convention, and that's the only other state convention I expect I'll attend.

This is a classic "Outsider vs. Insider" campaign, I will use no "attack" ads based on personality. If something in my opponent's *record* is worthy of comment, I will do so. A campaign website is planned for the near future.

I'll be at the convention from the beginning, and, if you become a convention delegate from Maryland, I ask for your support.

Thank you in advance!
Steve

The following is a piece I distributed in Pennsylvania:

"This year, in Indianapolis. . . you're going to make a choice.

Are you satisfied with the direction and progress of the Party in recent years?

Our current National LP leaders tend to believe that membership is the *raison d'être* of the Party. More members = more money = more exposure = more members. Are they meeting those standards?

Isn't there more to membership than just being a "walking checkbook?" Having high membership numbers is very nice, but I tend to look at it as only one piece of the puzzle. I'm impressed with having active people who will work hard on shared projects "whether it's staffing an outreach booth or doing campaign grunt work needed to win an election. In Maryland, we've seen that exposure and registration growth also result from these efforts, and sometimes in surprising ways.

Some happy medium of both members and active folks would be ideal. After all, not everyone can or will write a big check, and not everyone will stand at an outreach booth, gather sigs, or lick envelopes. We need to recognize that the Party needs both segments to thrive, and I see part of my

task as encouraging both groups without ignoring the other.

I offer myself as a candidate "not of any slate, but as an individual--for National Vice Chair. If elected, I can and will work with all my colleagues in the best interests of the Libertarian Party.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact me at goobgrover@aol.com with questions or comments.
Steve Boone-- Vice Chair - LNC 2002"

CAROL MOORE FOR SECRETARY LEADERSHIP, NOT COMPROMISE!

<http://www.carolmoore.net/4secretary>

Experience : Carol Moore is a 22-year Libertarian Party member. As year 2000-2001 Chair of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia, Carol Moore revived the party which then ran two city-wide candidates who brought the LPDC its highest vote total ever. She also increased membership and doubled party fund raising. Currently she is LPDC treasurer. She is also a long-time organizer with peace, drug legalization, Waco Justice and other groups. She is the author of *The Davidian Massacre*. In 1998 she ran against current secretary Steve Givot, who won by 37 votes.

Timely Minutes : Libertarian Party members need a Secretary who cares enough about good decision-making process to make sure the Libertarian National Committee ("LNC") gets its minutes out well before the next LNC meeting! That means short minutes detailing decisions only, approved by mail ballots to LNC members. Members need someone who will make sure information about minutes is web and e-mail available ASAP, so that they do not have to wonder about what "national is up to now"!

Accountable LNC : The LNC needs an outspoken gadfly who knows how to be a team player--once she makes the team admit how much it needs good gadflies to stop those destructive controversies right in their tracks! Someone has to ask the hard questions--like: What is a "New Libertarian"? Are any decisions undermining libertarian principles? Is LP News sticking to principle? Why is the Libertarian Party lacking the visibility its vision, numbers and activity warrant? Is too much LP money going to cronies of LNC members? Is the National Staff hiding important information from the LNC? Why is there no fundraising committee on the LNC? When are we going to replace the absurd "New Party" leaflet and its ilk and get some professional national literature?

Stick to Principles : The Libertarian Party must not stray from promoting its secular version of the Golden Rule. To stay with it, it must remain a non-interventionist party. (See Libertarians4peace.net.) The LNC needs a few members with radical visions and strategy, like my community self-governance/secession strategy. An LNC made up of only gradualists and reformists unprepared for the radical and even catastrophic changes that may be coming is an inflexible, unresponsive and

uncreative body that will drag the party and the movement down. (See my vision page.) The party needs to improve its internal education--one way to do that would be by promoting local members study groups.

High Visibility : The LNC needs members who will inspire the national party to promote HIGH VISIBILITY wedge issue campaigns, like End the War on Terrorism, Repeal the Patriot Act, U.S. out of the Middle East, Legalize Pollution Lawsuits or Community Self-governance/Secession Amendment to Constitution. The Libertarian Party needs to be more controversial to make sure its principled message gets out there!

Can Carol Moore Be Elected Secretary? You don't need to be endorsed by well-connected top activists to be elected to national party office. The Libertarian Party remains rife with rebels! At the last national convention, about 40% supported Jacob Hornberger or Don Gorman as the year 2000 Libertarian presidential candidates. And three "non-machine" At-Large candidates who campaigned hard for the office got themselves elected! Money, power and connections do not makelibertarianrevolutions--people do, in the ballot box, in the streets and online. Steve Givot only beat me by 37 votes in 1998 -- maybe with a few months of work I can get the 38 plus votes needed to win in 2002!!

Background on the Election

...Joe Dehn

The entire LNC consists of 18 voting members. In addition to the officers and at-large members, the LNC includes representatives from regional groupings of state affiliates, selected by the delegates or party organizations from those regions.

A listing of candidates for LNC positions, with contact information including links to their campaign web sites, can be found in the LPUS Library at: <http://www.dehnbase.org/lpus/library/lnc-candidates-2002.html>. For information about the convention, see: <http://www.lp.org/conv/2002/>

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Other	50	203	-153
Pledge Revenue	13,525	3,435	10,090
Event Registrations	3,346	0	3,346
Convention			
Registrations	15,738	11,530	4,207
Total Income—Federal Account	77,768	108,421	-30,653
	Expenses		
Telecommunications	3,650	1,435	2,215
Postage and Shipping			
Prospecting	136	591	-455

Newsletter	542	4,225	-3,683
Postage-Other	1,422	892	530
List Rental	974	0	974
Outside Services			
Convention	21,250	10,823	10,427
Campaign	0	2,200	-2,200
Other	21,563	648	20,914
Legal, Accounting,			
Bank Fee	1,495	10,757	-9,261
Credit Card, EFTS Fees	872	485	387
Travel	694	0	694
Lodging and Meals	356	0	356
Catering	2,197	0	2,197.
Meetings	1,084	18,761	-17,677
Printing			
Fund Raising	100	1,051	-951
Prospecting	626	2,811	-2,185
Newsletter	8,699	8,478	220
Convention	231	2,148	-1,916
Other	342	363	-20
Supplies	1,676	2,697	-1,021
Ads - Convention	2,203	0	2,203
Ads - Campaign	0	39,525	-39,525
Transfers - Memberships	8,740	4,430	4,310
Transfers - Campaign	1,000	6,500	-5,500
Transfers - Other	475	2,500	-2,025
Misc Expenses	1,464	6,423	-4,958
Total Expense	81,800	127,752	-45,952
Net Income	-4,031	-19,330	15,298
Massachusetts Libertarian State Committee			
Income	2001	2000	\$ Change
Contributions			
Member	2,569	2,386	183
Major Donors	10,000	12,500	-2,500
Convention	10,166	7,717	2,449
Pledge Revenue	1,210	350	860
Event Registrations	700	700	0
Material Sales	29	0	29
Total Income	24,675	23,653	1,022
Expense			
Telecommunications	587	0	587
Postage and Shipping			
Prospecting	7,665	0	7,665
Common Costs	27	0	27
Other	0	3,875	-3,875
Outside Services			
Convention	4,786	0	4,786
Campaign Supp	2,200	0	2,200
Legal, Accounting,			
Bank Fee	12,246	1,386	10,859

Lodging and Meals	0	714	-714
Meetings			
Governance	573	0	573
Events	1,203	0	1,203
Convention	7,369	0	7,369
Other	0	994	-994.61
Printing			
Prospecting	6,135	0	6,135.
Convention	0	2,707	-2,707
Common Costs	104	0	104
Supplies	428	57	370
Transfers			
Campaign	400	937	-537
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	1,000	-1,000
Total Expense	43,729	11,673	32,055
Net Income	-19,054	11,979	-31,033

At the start of 2000, the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts (the Federal arm of the Party) had an Opening Balance (Equity) of \$26,718.18, while the Massachusetts Libertarian State Committee (the State arm of the Party) had an Opening Balance (Equity) of \$9,734.44. The grand total of financial resources available to the Party at the start of 2000 were \$36,452.

For the two years 2000 and 2001, the Federal wing of the Party raised \$108,421 and \$77,768, respectively, for a total of \$186, 189. For the same two years, the State wing of the Party raised \$23,653 and \$24,675, respectively, for a total of \$48, 328. The grant total raised by the Party in those two years was \$234, 617.

However, the LPMA spent \$127,752 in 2000 and \$81,800 in 2001, for a two-year total of \$209,552. The MLSC spent \$11,673 in 2000 and \$43,729 in 2001, a total of \$55,402. Between them, the two accounts of the Massachusetts Libertarian Party went through \$264,954 — more than a quarter of a million dollars.

At the end of 2001, the Federal wing of the Massachusetts Party had \$3, 356 in checking/savings accounts while the State wing had \$2, 660 in its parallel accounts, for a total of \$6, 016.

For those of you who like your tables nice and simple:

Libertarian Party of Massachusetts,

All Accounts

Cash on Hand (1/1/2000)	\$ 36, 452
Income (2000 and 2001)	\$234, 617
Spending (2000 and 2001)	\$264, 954
Cash on Hand (12/31/2001)	\$ 6, 018

Coming next issue:

**Craig Mathias on the LPMA
Will Browne and Bergland Try to Speak at NatCon?
Where Your Money Went**

Editorial

A Biennium of Profligacy

To make clear where blame is not due, I urge you to give careful attention to the Party By-Laws. The Party State Budget is a “planning document”. All state spending is done at the direction and approval of one person, the State Chair. If this sounds like ‘democratic centralism’ as practiced by the non-Democratic Left, so be it.

At the start of the biennium, January 1, 2000, we had \$36,452 in financial reserve accounts. Two years to the day later, only a fragment of that money remains: \$6,018. The rest was spent. When in Summer 2001 Jim Fredrickson made his run for an open Congressional seat, he received from the State Party not the \$5000 given Carla Howell, not the \$1500 given David Euchner...he received **not a penny** from the State Party. When Craig Mathias ran for State Representative, *the LPMA was only able to give Craig a small fraction of the legal limit on financial support.* Far more money had gone to Carla’s Howell’s U.S. Senate campaign, supporting someone who has never been elected to anything and who was running against an entrenched incumbent rather than supporting candidates running for open seats.

In 2000, the State Party invested \$100 in each State Rep candidate—\$1200 before returns are netted out. It instead waited to 2001, and spent \$14,000 on a mini-Archimedes scheme that gained almost no members. Over \$20,000, nearly 20 times as much as the candidate support, went to paid staff.

How can the LPMA persuade the voters that it should be trusted with the budget of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, when this is how it manage Party’s financial affairs? We are here to do Libertarian electoral politicking, but precious little of the Party’s resources go to lower level electable candidates. Instead, we get sermons from the State Chair saying that we want each candidate to raise her own money, sermons that mysteriously became inoperative when the Howell campaign asked for \$5000 in early 2000. Unlike Browne 2000, *the press has noticed our Massachusetts Libertarian spending patterns.* Until our Party cleans its own house, voters will not let it clean up the State House.

Libertarians of Massachusetts got little for the quarter-million dollars their State Party organization spent. We have yet to elect a candidate to partisan office. In 2002 there are about a thousand dues-paying ‘members’. In 1996, when I was Party Executive Director, our list of State and National Party members, was also around a thousand. We’ll eventually know who is running for State Rep, State Senate, and statewide office. Relative to 2000, there was certainly no significant gainin numbers.

If you want change in your Party, you’ll have to work for it. The choice is in your hands.