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## An Open Letter From Charles Separk There Is Only One Issue Facing Our Party Today

It makes no difference how much we talk about declining money in our party. It makes no difference how much we talk about this or that person being elected to this or that office. It makes no difference how much we talk about a lack of media coverage of the party. It makes no difference how much we talk about this or that scandal. It makes no difference how much we talk about talk, or about anything else. The time for talk is long since past.

When I was living in Maine, near where I lived in Bangor there was an old and well established seminary. For many reasons that were somewhat particular to the State of Maine, most of the students at Bangor Theological Seminary served as pastors of small rural churches that could not afford full time professional clergy. It was a good situation for both the students and the churches. The students made a bit of money, gained valuable experience, and the churches had someone to serve in the Pastoral function.

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## LPMA State Convention Presidential Nominating Debate

Your humble correspondent attended the LPMA State Convention. This makes me a minority among state Libertarians. I did not at any time count over 100 people in the room, but people come and go. Attendance might have been 110 or 120, all paying \$75, \$95, or \$115. This includes the business session, which was not free.

The opening speech was from Bill Winter, who currently edits LP News. He proposed running on issues that voters care about, and specifically recommended Freezing Federal Spending with no increases for inflation or population growth, legalizing marijuana (only), and making participation in the Social Security system optional.

There was then an exchange between Presidential candidates. Nolan for President Chair Steve Dasbach introduced candidate David Nolan, asking what we would want in a Presidential candidate, and saying that we want someone who understands our issues and how to present them, can communicate with voters, and understands the media.

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## Where Your Money Went

The Nolan for President campaign made its first FEC filing, reporting for first quarter 2003 net contributions of \$11,400, net expenditures of \$10,918, and closing cash on hand of \$481.92. Major disbursements include candidate travel and other reimbursements of \$3359, reimbursements to the campaign chair of \$1179 for travel, printing, and a PO Box, \$380 for a hospitality suite, \$944 to AT&T wireless, and five payments for communications services (press/media) to Ms. Valerie Walston of Alexandria, Virginia, in the amounts of \$800, \$921, \$921, \$943, and \$921. The Campaign Chair is receiving expense reimbursements, but no salary is reported.

For March 2003, according to its FEC filings the Libertarian National Committee raised \$117,557, spent \$142,959, had \$2046 cash on hand at month's end, and owed \$174,344.

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One of these students served a pair of churches on Deer Isle. There was a third little church at the far end of the island that was open from July 4<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day every other year. As strange as it sounds this is a totally true story. The student pastor decided this was almost a joke, and he decided to change this situation and was going to find a way to keep the little church open all year long.

He went to the trustees of the church and told them they had little choice, either they grow and become a real church with every Sunday services, or they ought to sell the building for firewood. The trustees took the risk and told the young man to carry on with whatever plan they he had in mind. Within three years the church was open all year long. It had developed a small, but dedicated group of parishioners. The church did not really thrive, but it survived. The student minister graduated from the Seminary, but did not move on to a bigger and better parish. He stayed on and served the three circuit for four more years. The secret of the growth of the smallest of the three became the model for the bigger two; they recruited more and more people. By the time he left the Island, the churches were able to afford a full time pastor and a part time education director. Each of the churches had grown by a huge percent.

The time for talk is long since past. It is now the time for action. The action word must be "recruitment". It is important for our party to begin to recruit. I hope to pass on some of the ideas I have for recruitment in the Libertarian Party. There is no profit for us to bemoan what we have not done. There is even less profit for us to consider what we might do in the future. The only profit will come from doing now!

Recruitment is simply that. It is bringing new peo-

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ple into the party. When I attended the last national convention, it was filled with excitement, and hope. Three people were running wonderful campaigns for the head office in our party. There was all of the clamor and busyness of big time politics. Right until the final vote was counted, most of the people there sat on the edge of their seats following the movements of the candidates. It was Liberty in action, and the party at its best.

To recruit we need to bring the same sort of energy to our local parties. This will be done as we bring fresh faces and new ideas to each and every meeting. The question is this: From where are these new people going to come?

I recognize that we do a good job attracting anti tax folks, gun owners, and people who recognize the silliness of our drug laws. These are only the surface of what is out there for us to attract. I know that left wing teachers and administrators staff most of our colleges. However, there is many teaching in our universities who are looking for a political home. As we can interest any one of them in the Party of Liberty and Freedom, they then, in turn, have the built in pulpit to attract many of the brightest and most energetic of our citizens. I dare say one of the best political days of my life was when I attended a meeting of retired teachers. I was able to give them an insight into what we are about. There was an heated exchange of ideas and concepts. Of the twelve or so in attendance that day, one became active in our local Libertarian group, but finally dropped out, frustrated because no one was going back to his campus and talking to the other teachers there. He felt the students were being ignored too. We cry for new members, but do not go out and get them.

If the figures are correct, someplace between six and ten percent of our population is attracted to members of their own sex. We as Libertarians offer this large group the right to be what they are, and the mechanisms to protect that right. Yet, how many of our leaders have gone to a gay rights rally or a leather leadership conference? There was a leather convention in Boston in January. It was estimated that 3,000 people attended. No where in sight was a booth expressing the Libertarian position on sexual freedom. No one was there to invite these people to join the only party in America that truly represents freedom for this group of people.

People or color are noticeably absent from our party. Our county is packed with men and women who are trying to find voices other than J.C. Watts, or Jessie Jackson, to articulate their needs and desires. Who is reaching into that community? We are not making use of the strong opinions of these people nor are we capitalizing on this citizenry's political potential.

Yes, there are millions of people out there who need to hear our views and be given the chance to respond in such a way we can become the party of the people, of all the people.

If we don't do that we will be like that third little church in Maine, open once in a while, responding to the needs of the community when the summer breezes blow warm and soft. But closed the rest of the time. Eventually, the party will have to sell the lumber of its life for firewood .

...Charles Separk

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Nolan, defending his political record, said that he had changed parties. He woke up in 1999. His question for his campaign is 'How many of you at the local level can I help get elected?' He urged that candidates talk about positive things we bring to America. Privatizing Social Security is about being able to retire when you choose to retire. He urged that candidates talk about issues that Americans care about. On security, he would bring troops home from 140 foreign countries. Nolan emphasized that he wants to talk to people outside the choir and bring (us) with him. We need to make our job letting people know that our local candidates exist.

Representing candidate Michael Badnarik was David Rostcheck of the Pink Pistols. According to Rostcheck: Badnarik teaches classes on the Constitution, for which he will only take payment in silver. He is an excellent teacher, with a focus on the centrality of property rights. His objective is to teach about the Constitution, to light the lamp of liberty one heart at a time.

To my ear, Rostcheck got consistently louder applause than Nolan did.

Iraq was discussed. Nolan had opposed the war, but now hopes our troops come home safe and victorious. Rostcheck urged that if Iraq threatened we should issue Letters of Marque and Reprisal. Our Army is very professional and very expensive. Also, we should have declared war before attacking.

Your correspondent asked about planned budgets, campaign tactics, and reaching the large majority of voters who do not believe that issues--in our sense--are an appropriate way to decide how to vote. The last part of my question was ducked. Rostcheck for Badnarik emphasized visits, grassroots works, and being relentlessly positive. Nolan said he would spend what he raised, that he would use volunteers and outreach, that he would hit colleges, high schools, and Chambers of Commerce, and that he would try to earn media. It was noted that the focus of the last two campaigns was not going to the grass roots. Nolan spoke up for using mass media to get the word out. He said that he would focus on local candidates and bringing them to the mike with him. Our local people will win elections, filter up, and change the system. Rostcheck said that you can't have too much media. The point is to make more Libertarians. He can't see how more media is bad.

Nolan said that we need to unify the Party before reaching out to others. However, it is easier to debate the Left and Right than to debate fellow Libertarians because we are not divided on major issues. Issues were seen as including the economy, school costs, and national security; drugs will not resonate with most voters. Taxes choke jobs and income. Nolan said that free trade is good, but GATT and NAFTA are not necessarily free trade. Rostcheck for Badnarik emphasized that our money system is a form of foreign intervention. We print Federal Reserve Notes that they use for money. Rostcheck

indicated that we needed to get people interested, find Libertarians who do not know it yet, go to people, and show our libertarian philosophy. Nolan said the objective of outreach was to make people electable to local office. Rostcheck said we have issues like guns and the Constitutional that split off parts of the big blocks that support other parties. Nolan urged that our message should be that the LP has real solutions to problems of real Americans. Our message should be upbeat and positive; we do not want that the government seizes the day. Rostcheck for Badnarik proposed that in 2000 the Democratic and Republican Parties gave us two weak candidates, alas only one of whom could lose. However, if the people do not believe in liberty, then we will lose our Liberty, too.

Carla Howell then spoke. Her speech was in marked contrast to the 'relentless positive' approach. She spoke up in favor of 'No's': no welfare, no taxes, no.... She spent much time attacking moderate libertarians who propose changing the current system a piece at a time rather than through truly dramatic steps. 'If we do things in small steps, how long will it take? Bold means will get small government ends.'

Howell denounced the media as another danger, asserting: It does not just report news, she claimed, it manipulates the news. We should not let ourselves be manipulated by the news media. The media tries to ignore or oppose us. The media rewards advocates of big government. Media treatment of Libertarians is nasty and unfair. We would be wildly popular if the media gave us publicity. Some Libertarians claim a chameleon strategy will work. The boldest you will ever be, claimed Howell, is your boldest campaign proposal. Bold cuts will get us as many votes as tepid proposals. There is no evidence, claimed Howell, that moderate Libertarians get more votes than radical Libertarians. Howell went on to attack Democrats and Republicans as advocates of big government. Howell proposed that Libertarians have two choices, namely following the agenda of big government, or setting the agenda by proposing (radical) ideas.

There was then a Party business meeting, the notion of long party business meetings first being gently mocked from the podium. There were extensive congratulations of our candidates for statewide office, reference was made to our candidates for State Senate and State House of Representatives, and our elected Libertarians in local office were totally ignored. One of the officers did get in a few digs at Ilana Freedman's Congressional campaign, which had tried to separate itself from Carla Howell's radical referendum. A report on Party finances showed that in our election year 2002 the Party had Federal income of \$60,892 (down 22% from the nonelection year 2001), state income of \$6610 (down \$18,065 from 2001 income of \$24,675), and ended the year with \$1831.70 in the Federal Account and \$67.81 in the State Account.

The afternoon gave us a long speech from Michael Cloud, who recorded his astonishment when the Boston Press basically ignored his referendum to end the state income tax. Cloud ran for U.S. Senate in a race with no Republican, getting 19%. He indicated that he did plan to run for office or push a referendum again, but this time would raise \$5 million rather than some lesser amount for campaign activities.

As this is a western Massachusetts newsletter, I would be delighted to report on speeches made by Libertarian political figures from central and Western Massachusetts, but no such speeches were made.

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The Party made full UMP payments to members states, so it fell no further behind in UMP payments, except that the payment to California was a week late. Income for the first three months lagged significantly behind the prior years, by more than \$30,000 in January and more than \$60,000 each in February and March.

During March, membership fell by more than 600. It was recently noted that the Membership renewal letters have not recently been updated, so that they still carry Steve Dasbach's signature block as National Director, still refer to membership numbers as the rocket fuel of victory, and do not reflect in their press quotes events of the past half-year or more. LP Regional Alternate Bonnie Scott reports that "Nick Dunbar informed Geoff and others (but not the entire LNC) on Feb 5, 2003 that the letters still had Dasbach's sig, and that in our financial state it would be difficult to reprint them in our usual cost-saving quantities." The letters continued to be used. Dasbach is Campaign Chair for the Gary Nolan for President campaign. Advising members that he remains as National Chair may have increased the credibility of Nolan's campaign. There was reportedly controversy on the LNC as to whether the Party should correct the deficiencies, to whether to save money they should keep using the old letters. LNC Regional Member Sean Haugh has reportedly proposed revisions; new letters will be prepared and used.

Reliable sources indicate that Mark Schreiber is no longer in the employ of LNC, Inc. He had as we understand it been hired to work on the marketing/branding program, there was no foreseeable source of money for the program, and so he parted under amicable conditions. Also, Ron Crickenberger, who under prior policies had accumulated very extensive paid vacation times, has reportedly been directed to use part of that vacation time—ten week's worth. There's again no fault implied.

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## Letter

I agree somewhat with Charles Separk's letter in "Let Freedom Ring." I also went from Democrat, to politically homeless, to Reform Party to Libertarian. As a Democrat the truly reform candidates never made it through the nomination process. The Reform Party fell apart through personality cultism. The attraction was really wrapped around Perot's presidential campaign.

We have had several cases where candidates have officially left the party, or simply stopped showing up at meetings. Maybe in some cases it is simply burnout. Most of them think that if only the state party helped them things would have been different. While there may be good reason to feel personally slighted the state party is pretty irrelevant in a campaign. Despite spending they cannot even get very many votes themselves. Through their tactics, they have even made themselves irrelevant to some extent to their own campaigns. No one has yet explained why the income tax repeal question got more votes than any Libertarian Candidate.

Some have even told me that local campaigns should succeed or fail on their own merits. If that is true I am at a loss to see a reason for the existence of a state party apparatus. Is all of this personality really a good reason to leave or join a party? As I said, the expensive campaigns did not do as well as expected. Not being allowed to speak at a Libertarian function is a good reason to be angry with those in leadership positions, it is a good reason to feel slighted. But how much is a chance to preach to the choir really worth?

If the candidates feel slighted by the actions of the party leadership, how do the campaign workers feel about the defections or dropping out. I am not whining or claiming that I am a major campaign contributor, but I do what I can. I try to fill a niche that I think might be unique. Helping a Republican, the party of corporate welfare, undeclared wars is not a solution. The war will go sour because everything in the Middle East goes sour. Already repressive bills have been introduced that hamper dissent. The unemployed are not interested in theory they want jobs, and they blame the party in power, the President.

We have been trying the top down approach for a while. It does not seem to be working. It get neither votes nor members. I think some way must be found to build the organization from the ground up, even perhaps being content with lower membership growth ( on paper ). We also need people who are in this for the long haul.

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Wisconsin Libertarian Party winners: Paul Kitzmann, Town of Burns Chairman, 50.3%; Glenford Logan, Cornell City Municipal Judge, unopposed; Nick Piergrossi, Neenah City Council, District 1, unopposed; Lawrence Beaulieu, Cornell City Council, unopposed; Bob Bowman, Cross Plains Town Board Supervisor, unopposed; Patricia Stanislawski, Dexter Town Board, 26% (Top 2 out of 4) ; Steve Scheunemann, Kewaskum Village Board, 18% (Top 3 out of 5)

Other Wisconsin Libertarian Party candidates: Craig Mohn, Woodville Village President; Donald Merkes, Menasha City Council; Leroy Watson, Oconomowoc City Alderman, District 4; Jon Aumann, Washington Town Board; Robert Haynes, Town of Seymour Board; Lotty Macik, Clear Creek Village Board; Dave Comey, Elm Grove Village Board.

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