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2024 Libertarian National Convention Nominates Oliver/ ter Maat

By *BetteRose Ryan*

At the National Convention, held in Washington D. C. this past May, delegates nominated Chase Oliver as the presidential candidate and Mike ter Maat as the vice-presidential candidate.

There were seven ballots run before the winner emerged. Ten candidates were nominated for the first round: Lars Mapstead, Art Olivier, Mike ter Maat, Joshua “Toad” Anderson, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Joshua Smith, Charles Bally, Chase Oliver, Michael Rectenwald, and Jacob Hornberger. Donald Trump was nominated from the floor, but his campaign had failed to file the necessary nomination papers.

During the first round of voting the following candidates were eliminated as they received less than 5% of the votes cast: Art Olivier (4 votes); Joshua “Toad” Anderson (16 votes); Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (19 votes); Charles Ballay (21 votes). Subsequent ballots eliminated the candidate with the lowest vote total for that round. Elimination in order: Jacob Hornberger (2nd ballot); Joshua Smith (3rd); Lars Mapstead (4th); Mike ter Maat (5th); Michael Rectenwald (6th); Ballot 7 consisted of Oliver, write-ins, and none of the above. Oliver won with a clear majority.

The vice-presidential nominating procedure went two ballots, with Mike ter Maat winning the nomination on the second ballot against Clint Russel. Mark Stewart Greenstein, Kendal Ludden, and Freddie Clegg were all eliminated after the first round having received less than 5% of the total vote.

Ref: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2024_Libertarian_National_Convention

Bette Rose Ryan has been proactive with the Libertarian party since 1978, serving several positions and terms on both State and National Boards.



Want to have more meaning in your life?

Staff Reporter

Do you want to do something that is satisfying and of great service to your community? Then become a Libertarian volunteer!



Pridefest 2018

Volunteers are needed for a variety of outreach events, local campaigns, and community service. Extra helping hands are a must have for planning fundraising dinners and parties.

Even if you’re shy, we have projects you can do from home. If you’re a good communicator, we have letters to write and emails to answer.



National Convention 2008

Convention planning is fun and educational. The only qualification required is your desire to help promote freedom. You don't need any special skills; you don't need a college degree; you don't even need to know what to say. We will train you!

Wasted vote

Editorial by Daniel Lutz

I waste my vote. Every election cycle, every ballot, I will inevitably waste my vote. I do not intend to waste my vote. I would like to think that my vote matters a great deal, whether it be on a ballot issue or for a Judge or a Representative to a legislative body.

A vote should matter, every vote should mean something. In American culture today, most everyone knows what a wasted vote is. No sensible person wants to waste their vote. People fought and died for our right to do this. One of the most insulting things we can do is waste our vote. The cornerstone of western democracies is the will of the people represented by their vote.

In the long history of democracies people have always tried to intimidate the voter, to ensure the vote. In order to protect against this, we, as other democracies have, kept the confidence of the vote by allowing anonymity, but that does not free us to vote our conscience, to vote the candidate we deem best.

Only two candidates stand a chance of winning, right? So, what is the use of voting for the candidate you believe in? You should pick one that can win. The candidate can win, but we the people continue to lose, we lose our freedoms, we lose our money, we lose the American dream.

When the colonies stood against the might of the monarchy, I doubt they were considering who had the best chance of winning. They were going to stand for what they thought was right, win lose or draw.

Politics draws up deep emotions and beliefs from all peoples, but we cannot let these passions override our better judgment. Violence is not the answer to political discourse and disagreement.

Voting at the ballot box is the best way to express your dissent with the system or a politician. If you want to send a message to your elected officials do so by bravely voting for who you believe is best equipped for the job. If we all started voting with more honesty, we could have a more honest system.

I waste my vote, I am told, when I do not vote for whoever the two main parties put forward. As long as the candidates we are offered continue to be ones that we don't want or don't truly support, as long as they continue to waste our elections, I will continue to waste my vote. What I want to know is, who is willing to vote for who they believe in, who is brave enough to waste their vote with me?

A graduate of Colorado University, Daniel Lutz ran for Colorado State House of Representatives, District 49 in 2022 and served as State Board Fundraising Director in 2021.



Libertarian Party of Colorado State Board Votes to Keep Chase Oliver off Colorado's Ballot

Staff Reporter



During their June 2024 meeting, the board of the Libertarian Party of Colorado (LPCO) voted unanimously on a resolution to keep Chase Oliver and Mike ter Maat from using the LPCO ballot line for their run for President/Vice President. The Oliver and ter Maat team was nominated at the Libertarian National Convention in May of 2024 to be the Presidential/Vice Presidential ticket for the Libertarian Party.

Sean Vadney filed an appeal June 16, 2024, with the LPCO Judicial Committee stating the decision violated bylaws. Vadney then filed an appeal to the Libertarian National Judicial Committee.

Sean Vadney studied Business and Finance at Southern New Hampshire University. He lives in Highlands Ranch and is the current Chairman of the Douglas County Affiliate.



Special LPCO Board Action

From the LPCO website

The Libertarian Party of Colorado has announced that it will be holding a Vacancy Committee meeting to nominate the Libertarian Candidates for President, Vice President, CO-SD17, CO-HD61, and to gather acceptance of nomination signatures from the Libertarian Party's 10 presidential electors.

The meeting of the committee will be held in the downstairs meeting room of the Independence Institute at 727 E 16th Ave, Denver, CO 80203 on August 12 at 7:00pm.

The Vacancy Committee members are the board of directors of the LPCO. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the regular board monthly meeting.

The Libertarian Party of Colorado is now seeking volunteers to serve on the Bylaws & Platform Committees



Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and money from the rich by promising to protect each from the other.

LPCO Board Vacancy

Staff Reporter

The LPCO is seeking a treasurer for the State Board of Directors. The Position has the following responsibilities according to the bylaws of the LPCO:

“The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining accurate records of all income and expenses associated with the operation of the Party. A contributions and expense summary shall be included in the Treasurer monthly Board Report and may be limited to activity since the last regular meeting of the Board. Every contribution and expenditure must be reported to TRACER in a timely manner per the noted reporting due date. Every contribution and expenditure received through any means must balance against the financial institution statements and TRACER. The Treasurer’s Board Report shall include a calendar of Secretary of State TRACER report due dates for the previous and the next 3 months together with documentation showing that the report was filed. The Treasurer shall maintain an efficient double-entry system of accounts and cooperate with the Audit Committee in ensuring financial integrity.”

This vacancy occurred when the previous Treasurer resigned. Anyone interested in the position should contact the LPCO through their website or the state chairman, Hannah Goodman at statechair@LPCColorado.org.

Colorado has been the shining star of the Libertarian Party since 1972 but we can’t do it without your help. Consider joining us at our next convention. The following LPCO seats will be up for reelection at the spring convention.

Chairman
Campaigns Director
Membership Director

Vice-Chairman
Affiliates Director
Communication Director

COLORADO HISTORY

PTAK Award

Activist of the year

Back in the 90s, activist Judd Ptak worked tirelessly at the state capitol lobbying to get the minor Political Party Bill passed. He couldn’t have done this without the help of other great activists like David Aiken, Doug Anderson, and David Bryant. Men like these have pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to move public policy in a Libertarian direction.

What do the words “*Sacred Honor*” mean?

These are the last words of the Declaration of Independence. The word *honor* is singled out here. To the signers of the Declaration of Independence; their lives were not sacred. Their fortunes were not sacred. It was their honor, their word, their integrity they were pledging to each other. Libertarians are not strangers to pledges.

Colorado Libertarian Party Announces Their Partnership with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

Staff Reporter



The LPCO announced a partnership with the Robert F. Kennedy Jr. campaign after the Board of Directors passed a resolution to form the partnership. As part of this partnership, the LPCO stated it intended to place the Kennedy/Shananhan ticket on the Colorado State Ballot for president and vice president using the LPCO ballot line. It was reported that Kennedy signed the LP non-aggression pledge, but that Shananhan had not at the time of this writing.

During the July board meeting, at which a representative from the Kennedy campaign was present, the Chairman, Hannah Goodman, delayed a final vote on the issue citing a pending appeal of this resolution. The appeal, filed by Caryn Ann Harlos with the Colorado Libertarian Party Judicial Committee, cites various bylaw violations and is awaiting a decision of the LPCO Judicial Committee whether to hear the case.

The Kennedy campaign faced a July 11th deadline to file petitions to be on the Colorado ballot as independent candidates for president and vice president.

Having enough signatures and, after the delayed vote of the LPCO board of directors, the RFKJ campaign filed the petitions that, if valid, place Kennedy and Shananhan on the Colorado ballot as independent candidates.

To note; Robert F. Kennedy Jr sought the nomination of the Libertarian Party at the National Convention where the Colorado Delegates did not vote for Kennedy in the first round of balloting.

Colorado has a “Sore Loser” law that prevents a person who has lost in a primary from running for the same office in the same election except if the winning candidate has withdrawn from the race or has died.

It is unclear if the Secretary of State of Colorado would consider a nominating convention the same as a primary.

Having served in several positions on both local and state boards, Caryn Ann Harlos is the current Secretary of the Libertarian National Committee.



Quote of the month:

There is nothing wrong with being cut from the herd. It makes you that one buffalo that isn’t there when the Indians run the rest of them off the cliff.

Elected Libertarians in Colorado

By Michele Poague

According to the LPCO website, we now have three elected Libertarians in the State of Colorado. Arron Lam is the mayor of Keenesburg; Darren Hill holds a position in the Perry Park Metro District 2; and Paul James is part of the Craig Town Council.

Not listed on the LPCO website, but serving, are Cindy Baumgarnder, mayor pro tem of Keenesburg; Ashley Buss, mayor pro tem of Deer Trail; and Joseph DiBiasio, metro board of Whispering Pines.

Colorado has had many elected officials in the past including Sheriff Bill Masters (the highest law enforcement position in the county), a county coroner, a multitude of city council members and trustees, including three councilmen at one time in Leadville, constituting the majority of that council.

Joe Johnson served as a Fredrick Trustee, and Doug Anderson served on the Lakewood City Council. Doug Anderson was also the first Libertarian to be elected in Colorado when he was elected to the position of Election Commissioner in the mid 1980s. This was some twenty years prior to his serving on the Lakewood City Council.

Speaking from experience, Joe Johnson said, "We need to help our elected officials. Too often we get them elected and then give them no support while they serve."

A Libertarian activist since 1986, Michele has served as State Chairman, Vice-chair, Fundraising Director, Outreach Director as well as several positions on her county boards.



YOU CAN GET INVOLVED TODAY

Local Libertarian Meetings

Enjoy speakers, food, drink, and fellowship with other Libertarians.

Arapahoe County: The second Tuesday of the month; Launch Pad Brewery; 884 S Buckley Rd, Aurora 6:30-8:30 pm.

Denver County: The second Wednesday of the month; The Atomic Cowboy 141 S Broadway, Denver 7:00 – 9:00 pm

El Paso County: The third Thursday of the month; Trinity Brewing Co, 1466 Garden of the Gods Rd, Colorado Springs 6:00-9:00

Mesa County: The third Wednesday of the month; Old Chicago, North Avenue, Grand Junction 6:00-9:00

Jefferson County: The last Thursday of the month; Gallery in the Barrel Room; 1350 Colorado Mills Pkwy. Lakewood 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Colorado Secretary of State to Place Chase Oliver on Libertarian Ballot Line

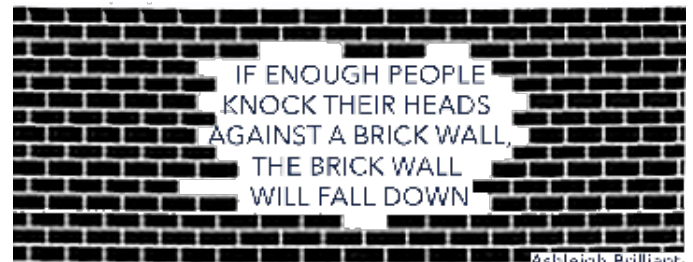
By Bette Rose Ryan

In response to a member inquiry, Chad Thornton, the Legal, Policy, and Rulemaking Manager from the Department of State, has confirmed that Chase Oliver and Mike ter Maat will appear on the Colorado ballot as the Libertarian candidates for President and Vice President in November of this year.

"To date, we have received valid national party paperwork nominating Chase Oliver and Mike ter Maat for President and Vice President for the party. We have also received those candidates' acceptance forms, and 10 presidential electors in Colorado for those candidates. These filings appear to match the nomination made by the Libertarian Party at their national convention as reported by the party itself here. Under Colorado law, this is a complete filing for the President and Vice President for the party and as of this moment, Chase Oliver and Mike ter Maat will be listed as the Libertarian Party's nominees for President and Vice President on the November Ballot. "...Colorado law would allow a candidate to withdraw from the nomination, but the law gives this right to withdraw only to the candidate themselves, not to the candidate's party..."

The full letter can be found on LNC business list.

According to CPR News: "...the state party chair implied the fight wasn't over. "You never know how things will turn out in the end," she wrote. Asked if she planned to sue, she said the state party has "a few irons in the fire!"..."



Have you seen any Libertarians in the news or freedom-related news items?

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