



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS

Libertarian Party of Illinois News

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Filling the State Slate

Illinois election law requires us to fill a "state slate" for these 6 offices: Governor, Lt. Governor, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, and Secretary of State to run candidates for any of them. Our thanks to **Ray Lear** (Governor) and **Julie Fox** (Comptroller) who have announced their candidacies to date.

From the candidates nominated at the LP Illinois Convention on Sunday, October 25, Party members will elect our slate. The more candidates we have to choose from the stronger the Libertarian slate will be and the more votes we will gain. Contact **Lupe Diaz**, our Campaigns Chair (Campaigns@LPillinois.org), if you are considering running for office. Illinois voters are sick of our current state of corruption. The time is perfect to advance liberty in Illinois politics!

Ken Krawchuk to Speak at the LP Illinois Convention

Over the October 23-25 weekend, Libertarians will enjoy a variety of events, presentations, and workshops at our annual convention. We are pleased to announce that Philadelphia native **Ken Krawchuk** has joined **Sharon Harris** (President of the Advocates for Self Government) on the speakers list. In addition to his background of positions in the state and local Pennsylvania LP, Ken can share his extensive campaign experience, having run for Township Commissioner, State Representative, US Congress, and Governor. Visit our website (LPillinois.org/convention) for more convention details and to register.

Local Libertarian Chapters and Student Organizations

We have Libertarian Chapters developing in Kankakee, Lake, Peoria, Stephenson, and Will counties as well as the Metro East St. Louis area. If you live in these areas, please consider volunteering for a leadership position in these Chapters, so they can bloom. Our [Local Chapters page](#) in the About section of our website has contact information for each Chapter. Questions regarding Chapter development can be sent to **Damon Dillon**, our Membership Chair (Membership@LPillinois.org).

[Students for Liberty](#) will be hosting a [conference](#) in Chicago on Saturday, October 17 at the University of Chicago. Discussions will include the philosophy of liberty and its application in today's society.

The fall term is getting underway. If you would like to start a Libertarian organization at your high school or college, contact **Karin Vermillion**, our Campus Coordinator (Campus@LPillinois.org). A list of existing student groups can be found on the [Students page in the Join section of our website](#).

Get In the Action

The Sauk Valley area has a Tea Party scheduled on September 12. The Party will be at the appropriately-named *Freedom Park* in Dixon from noon to 3 p.m. Visit SaukValleyTeaParty.com for more information.



Attend the Midwest Liberty Fest—Activism, Education, and Celebration in DuQuoin, October 9-11. The Libertarian Party of Illinois activists who will be speaking at the Fest include **Jan Stover** and **Dianna Visek**. See MidwestLibertyFest.com for details. If you would like to staff a booth for the Libertarian Party of Illinois for this, or other liberty events, contact **Mike Fogelsanger**, our Activism Chair (Activism@LPillinois.org).

Legislative Issues

Our Public Relations Chair, **Kent McMillen**, spoke at a press conference August 3rd called by our friends at [Free and Equal](http://FreeandEqual.org). The reason for the press conference was to tell Illinois Governor Pat Quinn to veto House Bill 723, dubbed the "Protect Incumbents Act."

As Kent said "If Governor Quinn wants to reform the political culture of Illinois, he will veto this bill and work to level the playing field between all political parties and independent candidates. This will give voters real choices in Illinois elections. For instance, it takes 5,000 signatures for established parties to get on the ballot for governor in Illinois, but it takes 25,000 signatures for other parties. These types of laws discourage many candidates from even attempting to get on the ballot. New people with fresh ideas will lead to real reform in Illinois politics. Rather than creating new obstacles to getting on the ballot, legislators should be removing them."

Freedom Night and Day in Bloomington

Liberty-lovers are invited to the Lafayette Club in Bloomington on Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19. The Friday evening gathering includes food, music, and presentations by leaders in the liberty movement. Our friend and prior LP Presidential candidate, Michael Badnarik, will be speaking Friday evening and will present his highly-regarded, 1-day class on the U.S. Constitution on Saturday. The McLean County LP will have a table at the event so be sure to stop by. More information can be found on the [McLean County Campaign for Liberty](http://McLeanCountyCampaignforLiberty.org) website.

Health Care Town Hall Video

A lot of videos have been published showing clips of town hall meetings from across the country. [Here's one](#) with a veteran expressing himself on government-run health care and related topics. All Libertarians may not agree with everything he says, but we can learn from the way he gets points across quickly and effectively.

Help Wanted

We are seeking a contractor who will raise money for the Party on a commission basis. Contact State Chair **Val Vetter** (Chair@LPillinois.org) for more details.

The Party is also looking for a volunteer to maintain our website and related online services. If you have technical skills and a thirst for liberty, contact **Crystal Jurczynski** (Web@LPillinois.org).

Libertarian Thought of the Week

A timeless statement about government-run schools by **Benjamin Disraeli** in 1874: "Whenever is found what is called a paternal government, there is found state education. It has been discovered that the best way to ensure implicit obedience is to commence tyranny in the nursery."



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