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From the Chair *By Roger Taylor*

I want to thank everybody for helping with the convention. And I want to thank everybody who voted for me to be your chair for the next two years. We've already hit the ground running. Cindy is maintaining the email list and is heading up the ballot access petition drive. John Spangler and I are working with our credit card donations system. John Orendt will be joining our June meeting with a sharing and a Q&A session. Tracy and I are talking about our budget. I am looking forward with enthusiasm.

Since our platform discussions at the convention raised our energy level, I was thinking we might want our next convention to be in January 2002, just before the opening of the legislature. We can craft a platform and put our lobbying efforts into place. Any committed candidates would be getting a head start. We would have one impassioned speech and 4-16 hours for party business. We will decide at the July XCOM meeting.

I want to thank George Berish for taking on the Vice Chair post. Having him compete with me for chair added depth to my experience leading up to the convention. One of the themes that came out of my contemplations: Make a presence. I plan to do that. Thanks for joining me.

Reminder: Liberty Bash September 1
Make your plans now! Don't miss it!

2001 Convention *by Tracy Ryan*

The Libertarian Party of Hawaii held its 2001 Convention on May 19th. It was a case of something old and something new, something borrowed and something blue.. We met at the same location at 2500 Pali Highway we have the last three years. We elected a former chair to head the party, and we saw most of the same core group of people we have seen at meetings and out volunteering the last few years. Something new occurred in a contested election for chair and a discussion of our State platform. We also ended up with a new Executive Committee with some fresh faces.

Although former Chair Roger Taylor was easily elected to serve a new two-year term, challenger and newcomer George Berish did impress a number of attendees and received a good number of votes. He later accepted the position of Vice Chair. Jerry Murphy who had been our candidate for US Congress for urban Oahu in 2000 was nominated to be party Secretary. He will continue to oversee membership as part of his responsibilities. John Spangler although not present had submitted a written acceptance to continue as Treasurer. The party was happy to reelect him.

Using our new quick election method for at large members five people were nominated and confirmed by acclamation. The at large group includes long time Big Island activist and candidate Aaron Anderson, student Libertarian Stuart Hayashi, recent Australian transplant John Orendt, hardworking Aiea Libertarian Guy Monahan, and the man whose been doing such a consistent job with our newsletter, Ken Lindsay.

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Announcements

Monthly Meetings: Straub Hospital Dr's Dining Room. Variable Dates. Watch this page for exact date.

Next Meeting: Wed. June 13, 6 pm

Executive Committee Meeting:

Sunday, June 17, 6:30 pm at LPHI Office, 625 Keawe St.

Call for Papers

Articles on timely topics are welcome, and will be printed subject to space limitations, provided they do not grossly contradict Libertarian policies. Please send all contributions by email if possible, or by snail mail to the editor at PO Box 148, Laie, HI 96762. Don't bother with fancy formatting. I reformat everything before printing. If you are a Macintosh user, the best approach is to include all contributions in the body of an email message, rather than as an attachment, although my Windows machine can probably read a MS Word document produced on a Mac.

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On Line: Visit the National Party website at [/www.hi.lp.org](http://www.hi.lp.org), click on the *Join Us!* Button, and follow the instructions there. While there, look around! You'll find lots of useful info.

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Convention 2001 (continued from page 1)

We borrowed some good people from outside our party for our break out sessions. We want to thank Pam Lichty from the Drug Policy Forum and ACLU, and Tom Heinrich from the Democratic party for conducting the session on effective lobbying and grass roots organization. We want to thank Ian Lind journalist, and Curtis Pruder advertising man, for conducting the session on public relations and media. These two areas are ones the party will need to improve on and the sessions were well received.

We should also thank our featured speakers, Dick Rowland, Cliff Slater, and Ken Schoolland.

As for something blue, perhaps we can briefly mention the unsuccessful attempt to reach agreement on a new platform. Technical and procedural objections arose right at the beginning of the discussion. After some arguments the matter was tabled to hopefully be more As for something blue perhaps we can briefly mention thoroughly worked out during the time leading up to our next convention.

\$50 Reward: Video Project

If you are interested in becoming Olelo-certified, we are interested in paying for your course fees for the Producer, Camera, and Editor courses. Complete one 30-minute Libertarian program and receive \$50 cash as well as tuition to complete the course series. We seek and reward results. If interested, contact Roger Taylor at 352-5683.

Hail and Farewell

This will be the last issue prepared by the current editor. The next issue will be prepared by our new Editor and Webmaster, John Orendt, who brings the experience of editing a Libertarian publication in Australia, as well as a website promoting Libertarian philosophy. John accepted the editor's job on condition that he would do editing and layout, NOY writing. I assured him that our writers are so good that they need virtually no editing, and the job will be a piece of cake. So don't disappoint me, all you writers. Get those articles rolling in, and thanks for making my job so easy these past few years.

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Conspiracy Theory? by Ken Lindsay

It all began with an Italian named Gramsci, who propounded the theory that the quickest way for socialism to flourish was to control the press, the schools and colleges, the think tanks, and the entertainment industry. Modern conspiracy theory holds that implementation of Gramsci's theory began with three closely related groups, the Trilateral Commission, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the German Bilderberger Group, for whom Rockefeller and his Wall St. cronies provided both the initial financing and the nucleus of their membership. Their goal was a New World Order in which peace was assured by means of a World Government, controlled by them, of course.

In this country, their enemy was a Constitution designed for the maximum decentralization of government, especially the 10th Amendment, which assigned all powers, not specifically awarded by the Constitution to the federal government, to the States, or to the people. They began their assault on the Constitution by placing key people in the universities, particularly in the Education departments, in order to develop a generation of teachers able to create students who would welcome socialist ideas, or at least be complacent enough not to oppose them. Movies, and later television, provided the means to undermine the moral fabric of our society by portraying drinking, smoking, casual sex, short-term marriages, and abortions as widespread and acceptable forms of behavior.

. Television also made possible their control of both major political parties by raising the cost of campaigns so high that massive contributions by the monied elite gave them effective control of both parties. This in turn ensured that key government positions were awarded to members of their organizations.

The conspiracy became crystal clear during the presidential debates last fall, when Harry Browne was the only serious third party candidate excluded from the third party debate. His exclusion confirmed my suspicion that the elite assumed that Browne was not for sale, but that the other third-party candidates were not significantly different in that respect, nor in ideology, from the two major party candidates.

Most Libertarians have heard all this before, but have probably dismissed it as the ravings of nut-case conspiracy theorists, an attitude the elite have managed to instill through their control of the media. I, too, had that impression for years, until I started reading some of the books written by the so-called nut-cases, and found them to be surprisingly well-written (with an occasional exception) and thoroughly researched. Their main flaw, fairly common to the species, is an abundance of typographical errors resulting from a complete lack of editing, because the main-stream publishers are controlled by the elite and refuse to consider such books, forcing the authors to self-publish or to use cheap fringe publishers.

Once I could visualize the vast scope of the elite's plan, I began to delve more deeply into the conspiracy theory literature. There are lots of books available. You won't find them at the local bookstores, but you **can** find them, just as you can find lots of material on the Internet. Some of the authors fit the "nut-case" label, but most are seriously concerned about the future of our country and are trying to arouse an apathetic public. Their research is often flawed because the government does its best to conceal the plan for a New World Order until all potential opposition has been neutralized. Still, except for the Libertarian message, the efforts of conspiracy theorists are the only active attempts to halt our nation's descent into socialism.

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