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CONVENTION 2017

It was a cool, cloudy day for the Convention, held again at the Monte Carlo Inn on Woodbine Avenue in Markham on Saturday November 4, 2017. This didn't deter many members and guests from attending. Sixty-three people registered for the event, but five did not show. And five more who had not registered in advance showed up at the door. There were three new members (less than 90 days and not eligible to vote) and four guests.

A new feature this year was the low registration fee of \$25. One of the changes to the *Elections Finances Act* effective January 1, 2017 was that fees for business meetings can no longer be treated as a donation eligible for a political tax credit. General Meetings have never been considered fundraisers, so in the past we set the fee to (hopefully) recover costs. The fact that 75% of a \$50 or \$60 fee would be refunded when attendees filed their tax returns made the net cost minimal. We didn't want to inhibit anyone from attending because of the cost. It appears the strategy worked since attendance has not been this high for many years.

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Libertarian Pub Nights and Events

Barrie Pub Night—December 12, 7:00 PM— Sticky Fingers Bar & Grill 150 Dunlop St W, Barrie. Winter is coming, but the tax-storm is already here. Come seek shelter, a warm meal, and good conversation. Contact: Brett Dorion www.facebook.com/BMD4LIBERTY/ OR John Wright www.facebook.com/WrightToLiberty/

Toronto Pub Night - December 13, 7:00 PM (2nd Wednesday of each month) - Granite Brewery and Restaurant, 245 Eglinton Ave. Everyone welcome - bring a friend. Free Parking under the restaurant. For more information email Jim McIntosh (cfo@libertarian.on.ca) or phone him at 416-283-7589. The next Pub Night is Wednesday January 10, 2018 .

Ottawa Pub Meeting – January 7, 2-4 PM (usually 1st Sunday of each month) - O'Brien's Eatery and Pub, 1145 Heron Road. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Mark Snow marksnow@rogers.com. Next meeting is February 4, 2018.

Mississauga-GTA West Pub Night—January 17, 7:00-10:00 PM Craby Joe's 1492 Dundas St E #1, Mississauga, <https://goo.gl/maps/V9Ms6UCUfQ22>. Contact Jay Ward 416.799.2699 or by email: Jayward0111@gmail.com

Kitchener-Waterloo Pub Night - January 18, 7:00 PM (3rd Thursday each month) - Angel's Family Restaurant, 190 Weber St. N. (Corner of Weber and Lodge). Come out to enjoy friendly libertarian conversation. Invite your friends - all are welcome. Please RSVP to Paul Herriot (call 519-208-8379 or email paulforfreedom@outlook.com) so he can reserve a large-enough table. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 5, 2018.

Other Pub Nights – If you're interested in getting together with other libertarians in the following places, contact the person indicated.

Harriston-Minto—Scott Marshall, scott@harriston.ca or 519-338-3205

Peterborough—Jacob Currier, jakecurrier33@gmail.com or 705-808-2308.

Windsor-Essex—Ian Shalapata ian@windsorsquare.ca

Woodstock— Chris Swift, cswift9@hotmail.com

If you would like to organize a Libertarian Pub Night in your area, please contact Jim McIntosh by email (cfo@libertarian.on.ca) or phone 1-855-ONT-LIBerty or 416-283-7589 in the GTA.

For the latest, visit http://www.libertarian.on.ca/pub_nights

THE PARTY OF CHOICE—Our Vision is communities of freedom, harmony and abundance.

The Mission of the Party is to enable endless possibilities through recognition of, respect for and protection of individual liberty.

Leader's Report to Convention 2017 — By Allen Small, Leader

At the Convention on Nov. 4, 2017, I told the assembled that no matter what happens, that would be the last time I stood before an AGM or Convention as the Party Leader. I explained that I was standing for the leadership that day for the sake of continuity and because I had one more thing to check off on my bucket list, a full slate.

The achievement of a full slate is a signal to the media and the organizations that invite candidates to meetings during the writ period, that we are potentially serious contenders. We are often denied attendance at all-candidates meetings, while the Greens are invited simply because they have achieved full slate status. Don't forget, media covers these meetings. If we're not there in the debate our message has no chance of being reported. A full slate, or close to it, will allow our people to argue that we deserve the privilege of being in those debates, presenting a Libertarian option.

Party leader has been my full time job since late 2011, but I intend to resign sometime after the Ontario general election. If the Ontario election in June results in a minority government, then another general election may happen as early as 2020. The next Libertarian leader needs to be ready and **FULL TIME** if we hope to grow the party from here. That full time volunteer effort has made a big difference to the party.

There have been three people doing most of this party's work every day since 2014. The reason so much was achieved is because we were each working at it pretty much full time. We have been punching well above our weight and it appears MORE people were involved doing the work of the party, but if you pulled

back the curtain, it was just Jim McIntosh, Rob Brooks and me.

To capitalize and justify that effort we still need people to become candidates, and have those people that have already offered to be candidates follow through and get themselves nominated soon. This is vitally important to the future of the party. The political scene in Ontario has become more fragmented. There are now 20 registered parties. The competition is going to be tough and we have the opportunity to headline a potential news story.

The story will not be that there is a party that advocates limited government, free markets, lower taxes and competition with government monopolies. No. The story could be that we have achieved a full slate. The story will be that Libertarians across the province have the courage to stand up, put their names on ballots and say ENOUGH! That could be the story! I cannot overstate the importance of this. We would be the fifth party in recent history to achieve full slate status in Ontario. Short of giving the party a huge monetary donation, becoming a nominated candidate is the most important thing people can do for the party right now.

If you live in or near one of ridings with no prospective candidate, please volunteer for one, even if it's far from you. We can get the signatures for you. We need to get that full slate of 124 candidates. That will be historic, and you could be part of it. Now is the time to step forward and help!

Check out our online dashboard to see what ridings are still available: <https://libertarian.on.ca/utilities/nominations/nomination-dashboard.php>

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About 10:00 AM, after everyone partook of coffee and pastries, Allen Small welcomed members and guests and gave his "State of the Party" which you can read above. A disappointment to members was that Allen announced he would resign as Leader sometime after the General Election next June. This follows Jim McIntosh's announcement at last year's AGM that he would not run for re-election this year, and Rob Brooks similar announcement more recently.

After Allen's presentation our guest speaker, Anthony Furey, gave us a lesson on EMPs (Electromagnetic Pulses) and their catastrophic consequences. According to his book, *Pulse Attack: The Real Story Behind The Secret Weapon That Can Destroy North America*, an EMP can happen when the sun ejects a coronal mass towards the earth. It can also happen when a

nuclear bomb is exploded high in the atmosphere. An EMP may not cause damage like those dropped in WWII, but will fry the electric grid and electrical equipment connected to it. It will take months, if not years, before the electric grid is restored. Civilization as we know it will be destroyed. There are ways to defend against such an attack. It will cost a few hundred million dollars to replace and add parts to the North American grid. Most of the costs would be incurred by utilities and passed on to the rate-payers. You can buy the book at www.pulseattackbook.com or on Amazon.

Anthony also had some comments on the uphill battle fighting socialism, as evidenced by the fact that the budget more than doubled between 2000 and 2015. He pointed out that politics is "downstream" from culture, and unfortunately the current culture assumes the government must solve every problem.

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Convention 2017 Election Results November 4, 2017

Position	Nominee	1st Ballot	2nd Ballot	3rd Ballot	Position	Nominee	1st Ballot	2nd Ballot	3rd Ballot
* indicates elected, spoiled ballots not shown					Recording Secretary				
Leader					John White 21				
	Allen Small *	46			Bart Skala * 26				
	Paul Layton	1			NOTA 1				
	NOTA	2			Treasurer				
Deputy Leader					GJ Hagenaaars * 46				
	Rob Ferguson *	21	23	26	NOTA 0				
	Jacob Currier	13			Campaign Director				
	Mark Wrzesniewski	16	21	23	Scott Marshall * 44				
	NOTA	1	3		NOTA 2				
Chairman					Members-at-Large (2 to be elected)				
	Gene Balfour *	39			Jacob Currier * 20 26				
	Mark Wrzesniewski	9			Mark Wrzesniewski * 20 24				
	Mark Snow	3			Paul Herriot 11 9				
	NOTA	0			Cindy Davidson 5 Removed				
Vice-Chairman					Paul Layton 4 Removed				
	Mark Snow *	27			Chris Swift 14 11				
	Mark Wrzesniewski	11			Matt Dougherty 18 17				
	Marsha Haynes	9			Greg Coughlan 2 Removed				
	Paul Layton	3			NOTA 0 0				
	NOTA	1			Ethics Committee (2 to be elected)				
Secretary					Paul Layton 9 Removed Removed				
	Jim McIntosh *	24	34		Ken Lewis 15 8 Removed				
	Mark Wrzesniewski	9	6		Paul Harriot 16 9 15				
	Bart Skala	13	8		Cindy Davidson * 19 21 25				
	Paul Layton	3	Removed		Matt Dougherty * 28 Removed Removed				
	NOTA	0	0		NOTA 6 4 2				

“Libertarians need to be proactive” he said, “and have balls of steel.”

After a great lunch we held elections for Leader, Deputy Leader, Officers, Members-at-Large, and two members of the Ethics Committee. The Members-at-Large are elected for a one-year term. The rest are elected for three-year terms. The Ethics Committee consists of six members. At each AGM and Convention the members with four or more years of service are retained and two (or more if needed) new members are elected.

The good news is, thanks to the growth of the Party, we have several good people willing to step up and fill these positions. Another indication of our growth is almost all positions had multiple nominations and we needed six run-off ballots! You can see the election results and the new Executive on this page.

As expected, Allen Small had no problem retaining the position of Leader, a recognition of the great work he has been doing on Facebook to attract new members and in recruiting candidates for 2018. Mark (Wojo) Wrzesniewski gave incumbent Rob Ferguson a

The Party Executive

Here are the members of the Party's Executive and Ethics Committees as elected at Convention 2017.

Party Leader	—Allen Small
Deputy Party Leader	—Rob Ferguson
Chairman	—Gene Balfour
Vice-Chairman	—Mark Snow
Secretary	—Jim McIntosh (since resigned)
Recording Secretary	—Bart Skala
Treasurer	—GJ Hagenaaars
Campaign Director	—Scott Marshall
Member at Large	—Mark Wrzesniewski, Jacob Currier
Ethics Committee	—John Shaw (2014, 2011, 2008), Jean-Serge Brisson (2015), Wendy Kadonoff (2016), Neal Donnelly (2016), Cindy Davidson (2017), Matt Dougherty (2017)

The Road to a Full Slate in 2018 — By Scott Marshall, Campaign Director

Let's be honest. My election as the new Campaign Director was pretty easy. The only other name on the ballot was NOTA (none of the above) and I have far more to offer the party and our candidates than "nothing". I volunteered my name in advance of the convention for a couple of reasons.

First, our primary objective of fielding a Full Slate of 124 candidates (two ridings were added since the last bulletin) will require someone who can help manage and multi-task. We have Ridings to fill, logistics to sort out (i.e. signatures in remote areas), training to provide, online profiles to create, campaign marketing materials (to design, produce, distribute), information to maintain, questions to answer, encouragement to deliver and much more. THE GOOD NEWS IS ... I am up to the task with years of management experience, a diverse skill set and eyes wide open to do my part. THE BETTER NEWS IS ... that key members of the party executive are working together to get this huge job done.

The second reason I was willing to take up the challenge is simple. The vision, determination and voluntary contributions made by so many individuals (past and present) to maintain and grow the Ontario Libertarian Party is inspiring to me. Reaching this point where the dream of a Libertarian Full Slate can be turned into our June 2018 reality is so utterly amazing that I just have to be a part of it.

Where are we now?

Here are the latest numbers as I write this for the Winter Bulletin (late November).

- 150 - Members have volunteered to be Candidates (124 are required to achieve the Full Slate)
- 15 - Ridings now have a candidate for the ballot (standing nomination with Elections Ontario)

run for Deputy Leader. Jim McIntosh agreed to stand for Secretary ("so I can't be elected Treasurer") and won handily. After the Convention someone pointed out that the term for Treasurer (and CFO) is the calendar year to coincide with Elections Ontario's reporting requirements, and no member may hold more than one position on the Executive. As a result, the position of Secretary is open. Let Gene or Allen know if you're interested in helping to manage the affairs of the Party.

As the final item of business the Convention passed a motion by show of hands; "To review the promotional statements on the Ontario Libertarian Party website and revise any that may mislead people into thinking they can vote for a party with ones that observe the truth and encourage people to vote for candidates endorsed by the Ontario Libertarian Party,"

- 76 - Other Ridings have candidates assigned (many are in the process of gathering signatures)
- 8 - More Ridings have multiple prospects who have yet to work out who will run
- 25 - Ridings currently have no prospective candidate at all - Please consider taking one!!!

Be sure to visit the Nomination Dashboard to follow the progress: <https://libertarian.on.ca/utilities/nominations/nomination-dashboard.php>

So, what's next?

From now until the end of 2017 we need to have as many of the assigned candidates as possible get their signatures and complete the process to achieve a Standing Nomination with Elections Ontario.

During the first two months of 2018 we have to fill the gaps and have names assigned to every single riding. The Nomination Support Teams (NST) will be ramped up. The NST's are necessary to collect signatures in distant ridings in order to have "Name Only" candidates appear on the ballot.

It doesn't matter if you're willing and able to run an "Active Campaign", maintain a "Public Profile" or have your "Name Only" appear on the ballot in a distant riding. Everyone is important and we need all of you to make this happen. The time until the writ is dropped will fly by. The time to act is now!

Why is a Full Slate so important? Once we accomplish this monumental task we will be positioned to take the next step forward. Voters and even the media will give our ideas a closer look because we will no longer be looked at as just another "fringe" party.

In conclusion, I invite you to contact me if you want to help as a candidate or volunteer. I may be reached by email at: scottmarshall@libertarian.on.ca or my home office at 1-866-510-7710. Cheers!

Thomas Jefferson Quotations

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government."

"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."