



# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS

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## Libertarian Party of Illinois News

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### Libertarian for US Senate

We have an amazing opportunity for US Senate in 2010. The seat up for election is currently held by Roland Burris, who has announced he will not run, providing us with a race that has no incumbent advantage. In addition, the corruption scandal surrounding his nomination continues to smell, with former Governor Blagojevich's continuing publicity. **Michael Labno** has announced that he will seek the Libertarian nomination for US Senator from Illinois. Issues he is looking to target include the restoration of state and individual rights as well as the end of corporatism, including the Federal Reserve. Thank you Michael!

### Filling the State Slate

Of the 6 "state slate" positions we now have candidates for Governor (Ray Lear), Lt. Governor (Jason Dodson), and Comptroller (Julie Fox). We are still looking for Libertarians to step forward for the Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Treasurer positions. We are required by election law to fill the slate in order to get any of these candidates on the ballot in Illinois. Competition is good and we also welcome additional candidates for any of the offices. Illinois is ripe for Libertarian change. Please email Campaigns Chair [Lupe Diaz](#) if you are interested in running for any upcoming election, whether local, state, or federal.

### More Campaign News

The **Julie Fox for Comptroller** campaign is kicking off with a fundraiser on Saturday, September 26 from 7-11 p.m. at the Carpentersville VFW, 301 Lake Marion Road in Carpentersville. Enjoy appetizers & soft drinks, a cash bar, live music, and raffles. \$25 per person. RSVP to Francine Brady via [email](#) or call 815-403-3301.

**Ray Lear** is looking for volunteers to staff his campaign for governor: a campaign manager, finance manager, fundraiser, marketing director, and volunteer coordinator. He is also seeking the assistance of artistic talent to create campaign materials and all others who have time and energy to contribute. Contact Ray at [RaymondLear@gmail.com](mailto:RaymondLear@gmail.com).

### Annual Business Meeting

LP Illinois members will be selecting our candidates for all state-wide offices during the business meeting portion of the [Illinois Convention](#), October 23-25 in Collinsville.

We will also elect Illinois delegates to the 2010 national Libertarian Party convention at the Business Meeting. If you want to participate in national issues, such as the [LP platform](#), you want to be a delegate. All Illinoisans are also encouraged to [join the national Party](#). The number of delegates Illinois gets is based partly on the number of national Party members (sustaining level and up) we have.



A 3<sup>rd</sup> set of elections at the Business Meeting will be for LP Illinois Party Officers. Positions currently up for election are: State Chair, Activism Chair, Campaigns Chair, Fundraising Chair, Legislative Chair, Newsletter Editor, Treasurer, and Webmaster. For more information about these positions, visit our [website](#) or call 800-735-1776. Please contribute to liberty by volunteering for one of these leadership roles.

Another item on the Business Meeting agenda is voting on proposed changes to the [LP Illinois bylaws](#). You can [download the proposed changes](#) if you would like to review them prior to the Convention.

If you want to vote at the Illinois Convention, **you must be a LP Illinois member by September 25**. Email [Damon Dillon](#), our Membership Chair, if you are unsure of your membership status or visit our website to [join the Party](#). It's free, easy, and appreciated.

See our website ([LPillinois.org/convention](#)) for all the Convention details and to register. The special LP Illinois rate for the hotel is **\$89 until October 2**, so make your reservation for the Convention and the hotel today.

### Calling Libertarian Students and Educators

The Libertarian Party recently announced its endorsement of **Students for Liberty** ([StudentsForLiberty.org](#)) as a premiere [network](#) for students dedicated to libertarianism. We urge students and educators to use this outstanding group to facilitate their efforts to learn about and spread the philosophy of liberty.

Some of the many resources Students for Liberty provides include:

- [Handbooks](#) on effective student organizing, including a [How to Start a Student Organization for Liberty Handbook](#) and [Libertarian Campus Calendar](#)
- [Journal](#) of undergraduate scholarship on liberty
- [Student Conferences](#)
- [E-Leadership](#) webinars for pro-liberty students

We also encourage students to attend the upcoming [Midwest Conference](#) in Chicago. On Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, The University of Chicago Students for a Free Society is hosting a full day of events, including speakers [Peter Leeson](#) and [Jonathan Hoenig](#).

For more information about student organizations, please [email Karin Vermillion](#), the LP Illinois Campus Coordinator.

### Rockford Town Hall Meeting

Everyone is invited to attend a town hall meeting on the constitutionality of legislation such as health care reform, income taxes, and Cap and Trade. The meeting is Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Hall, 211 N. Main Street in downtown Rockford. A panel assembled from around the state will field questions from the public and provide definitive answers and recommendations for action.

Contact Rogene Hamilton (815-239-1459, [crs@mchsi.com](mailto:crs@mchsi.com)) or Jonathan Cobb (512-507-3678, [jonathanacobb@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanacobb@gmail.com)) for more information.



## Help Us Find More Libertarians

There are a number of **gun shows** coming up this fall. Second amendment crowds are always good places to find Libertarians. If you are interested in helping staff outreach booths 10/4 in DuPage, 10/11 in Kane, 10/17-18 in Champaign, or 10/18 in McHenry, please contact the associated county [Chapter](#).

The **Midwest Liberty Fest** is October 9-11 in DuQuoin. The Libertarian Party of Illinois activists who be speaking at the Fest include **Jan Stover** and **Dianna Visek**. See [MidwestLibertyFest.com](http://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](mailto:Activism@LPillinois.org)).

## Libertarian Thought of the Week

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free! –P.J. O'Rourke

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