



Massachusetts Liberty

The Newsletter of the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts

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Libertarian Party Regains Major Party Status Libertarian candidates receive record vote totals

**Carla Howell,
David Atkinson
break 3% barrier**

Massachusetts Has A New Third Party

BOSTON — Tonight at their election night party and across the state, Libertarians are celebrating. With final vote totals that exceed any they've received in previous statewide elections, the Libertarian Party is emerging as a new political force in Massachusetts.



Libertarian candidates David Atkinson, Carla Howell, Dean Cook, Elias Israel, and Merton Baker celebrate at the election night party

For the first time ever, Massachusetts Libertarian candidates were included in a poll conducted by the Boston

Globe. For the first time ever, a Libertarian statewide candidate, Carla Howell, was endorsed by the Boston Herald. While Dean Cook was excluded from the gubernatorial debates this election season, his running mate Elias Israel did debate Republican Jane Swift and Democrat Warren Tolman on television and radio. Libertarian candidates for Auditor, Treasurer, and Secretary debated their Republican and Democratic counterparts on WBUR radio and congressional candidate George Phillies participated in

a series of debates with his Republican and Democratic opponents. On election night Libertarians state-wide were able to follow their candidates as both WHDH and WLVI chose to include Libertarian Party candidates in their election coverage.

Elaine Berchin, Media Relations Manager for the Libertarian Party summed it up this way: "We have fought to earn our place at the table, and it's working. That's **the** big story of this race."

"This is a breakthrough year for us," said Dean Cook, Libertarian candidate for Governor, "but it's only the beginning. We're the party to watch, and now everybody knows it." Citing the party's plans for the future, Cook added, "Now our challenge is to bring even more people into our party, and run even more Libertarian candidates for office in 2000, 2002 and 2004. We won't rest until everyone in the Bay State can vote for the Libertarian alternative."

Carla Howell, Libertarian candidate for Auditor, was equally enthusiastic. "The Boston Herald didn't endorse me because of the strength of our numbers, but rather because of the strength of our ideas." Howell is counting on those strong ideas and increasingly stronger numbers to help change the terms of debate in Massachusetts. "We're making a difference. Once you do that, electoral success isn't far behind." ■

Massachusetts Election Summary

office	votes	pct.
Governor/Lt. Governor		
Dean Cook/Elias Israel	31790	1.68%
Secretary of the Commonwealth		
David Atkinson	85846	4.81%
State Treasurer		
Merton Baker	53083	2.96%
State Auditor		
Carla Howell	101498	5.69%
U.S. House District 3		
George Phillies	2817	1.49%
State House District 30 Middlesex		
Ronald Bargoot	1176	12.59%
State Senate Hampden		
Alfred Warren	4123	13.91%



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Letter from the Chair

Dear Fellow Libertarians,

What an election year this has been! The Massachusetts Libertarian Party is a major party once again! This means our presidential candidate is automatically on the ballot in the year 2000 saving us from what would have been an expensive petition drive. And now you'll be able to vote for Libertarians in the 2000 primaries.

In 1994 we gained major party status but lost it in 1996. This time will be different. We have much more momentum now than we did four years ago. Our infrastructure for fund-raising, campaigning, and public relations surpasses any this party has ever seen before by a long shot. This time we're here to stay.

We learned a lot during this year's campaigns that we will carry forward to future elections. And we're gaining additional experience from a number of new activists who came forth as a result of the success of '98 elections - including some I'm-really-a libertarian Republican and Democratic party defectors.

Current activists are busy designing our course for the next year. New committees and teams were formed to:

- plan for growth of the party: new members and more registered Libertarians
- support the formation of town committees and regional chapters
- transition to major party status
- strategize how to deal with passage of ballot question #2 which affects matching funds and limits on campaign donations

Legal assistance needed

As the Libertarian party grows, we have increasing need for legal help to address a number of issues including our restored major party status, campaign finance law, and ballot access. If you or anyone you know can offer legal advice pro bono or for a modest stipend, please contact State Chair Carla Howell at (508) 358-4247. Thank you.

- plan next year's convention, and above all
- recruit candidates!

We're poised to run more candidates at all levels and to run some serious campaigns in the next election cycle. We already have six confirmed plus three more likely candidates planning to run in 2000 for offices at the state legislative level or higher.

The success of our campaigns is more evidence that the Libertarian movement is growing like never before. The Republican party continues to falter. Voters increasingly reject the old party alternatives. The Massachusetts political landscape is getting more and more ripe for change.

Your investment in the Libertarian party is paying off. Thank you for your support and your faith in the Libertarian Party as a vehicle for the restoration of individual liberty.

In other news, the November issue of *Mass Liberty* was the last one produced by our newsletter Editor Brian Hawthorne. Please join me in thanking Brian for his excellent work of over the past year-and-a-half keeping this newsletter alive and growing.

Brian Hawthorne is a high-tech entrepreneur who co-founded Utopia, a seventy-person Internet consulting firm. He is the father of two home-schooled children and a long-time supporter of libertarian causes. After selling his company last May, he and his family are contemplating a sabbatical overseas.

A big welcome to Chris Schoaff, our new Editor (not to be confused with his wife Christine Schoaff who heads our press release team). Chris is a Director of Engineering for VideoGuide in Bedford and a Libertarian of sixteen years with past experience editing newsletters and magazines. Chris and his wife live in Westford and were recently interviewed for a *Lowell Sun* article on Libertarianism. Thank you, Chris, for taking on this role.

Yours in liberty,

Carla Howell

Libertarian Events

Greater Boston Area Activists Meetings

Held roughly two times per month on Thursdays at Bickford's Restaurant in Waltham. The format of these meetings comprises one half-hour of very brief reports from committee chairs about activities that have occurred during the last period and that are planned for the upcoming period. The remainder of the meeting is informal where committees can meet, people can discuss cross-committee issues, new activists can join teams, & cet.. Bickford's is on Route 117 in Waltham. Enter the door to the left of the main entrance and go upstairs to the function room.

Next scheduled meetings

Thursday, December 3, 1998, 7:00 P.M., Bickford's, Waltham

Thursday, January 7, 1999, 7:00 P.M., Bickford's, Waltham

Board meeting

Wednesday December 16, 1998, 7:00 P.M., Bickford's, Waltham.

Social Night

Saturday, December 19, 1998, 7:00 P.M., at the home of Jim and Sue Poulin, 11 Independence Drive, Woburn, MA. 781-935-1509.

Boston Tea Party Reenactment

December 13, 1998. If you're opposed to taxes, this is your chance to show it. Come watch as up to 100 costumed patriots wield their axes and dump crates full of "tea" into a now caffeine-free Boston Harbor. Held just yards from the original site, the rowdy event this year commemorates the 225th anniversary of the infamous protest, said to have disposed of some 342 chests of tea (enough to brew 23 million well-steeped cups). Festivities begin at 5:30 P.M. with a raucous rally at the Old South Meeting House and end at the docks with the "sacking" of the ship. Information 617-536-4100. (from *Savour*, December 1998)

Success 99 Campaign Training Course

September 11-12, 1999

Greater Boston area

Mark your calendar! If you are considering running for office, working for a campaign, or general party building activities, this training course offered by our national party is a must. You'll learn how to fund-raise, communicate libertarian ideas effectively, respond to media opportunities, and much more. Look for more details in future issues of Mass Liberty. ■

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Press Release Circle Needs Writers

The statewide candidates substantial successes this year were the result of many hours of hard work by many, many volunteers. Some gave time, others gave expertise, and still others contributed generously to various projects. Some weren't even official volunteers, but just ordinary Libertarians who encouraged their friends and family to consider the possibility of small government.

During the months leading up to the election, volunteers and candidates generated over 40 press releases. In the last weeks of October, our volunteers wrote and sent out, on average, one press release per day. Muni Savyon was responsible for distributing the releases to over 200 media contacts. Christine Schoaff organized the review and editing process for these releases.

All of this activity had two consequences:

1) The press knew about the Libertarian campaigns. We were making news and letting the press know so that they could write about us.

2) The press did cover the Libertarian campaigns. Newspapers, TV stations, radio stations from the whole spectrum wrote about or otherwise included the Libertarian candidates in their news broadcasts and interviews.

With the election now over, the Libertarian Party is poised to make more news. Not at the same frenetic pace as during the last few months, but the party needs to be visible as we prepare for the next election. This means volunteers are needed to write press releases. One press release per week is sufficient to keep our contacts in the media informed.

Christine Schoaff is organizing a press release writing circle. Each week one member of the circle will write a release, the others will review the release and provide comments. This way, members can learn about writing releases with a small commitment of time. For anyone considering a candidacy or who are planning to work on campaigns, writing and reviewing press releases are important skills to develop. It is expected that there will be enough members so that each member will only have to write a press release once every three months

Please contact Christine Schoaff to participate in this press release circle. ■



volunteers and candidates were recognized for their efforts at the election night party. Pictured here are Elaine Berchin, Muni Savyon, Elias Israel, Michelle Cook, Dave Rizzo, Dean Cook, Mert Baker, Jim Sullivan, Carla Howell, Waller Ziobro, and Christine Schoaff -photo by Bill Hees

Libertarians Reduce State Election Bureaucracy

Even before the election was complete, the Libertarian Party reduced the size of government. Because the Libertarian candidates for statewide office eliminated any practical campaign spending cap, Michael Sullivan, Director of the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF), informed candidates for most statewide offices that they would not have to file a post election expenditure report.

In a letter to Cook, Sullivan stated, "Since neither you nor your opponents could conceivably spend anywhere near the amount of your expenditure limit, I have concluded that there is no reason to require your campaign to file a post election expenditure report."

Dean Cook (candidate for Governor), Elias Israel (Lt. Governor), Carla Howell (Auditor) and David Atkinson (Secretary of Commonwealth) each submitted an expected spending level of \$19.5 billion, approximately the same amount as spent in the current state budget.

"This is a perfect example of the positive effects a Libertarian administration would have in the Commonwealth. By effectively eliminating the limits, we have already reduced the size of the state government and hopefully, the next budget will return the money not spent on extraneous forms to the taxpayers of the state," said Elias Israel, Libertarian candidate for Lt. Governor. ■

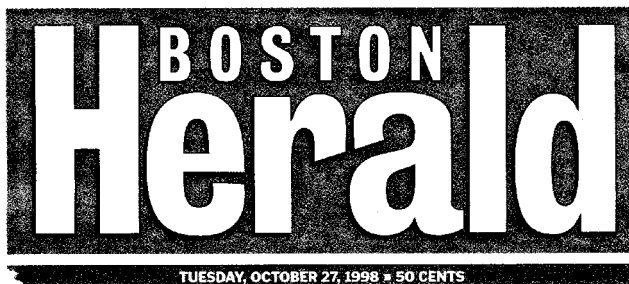
Activism Opportunities

Teams and committees have been established to address a number of functions being taken on by the Massachusetts Libertarian Party. If you are interested in participating in one, please contact the below-listed contact person or come to an activist meeting (see events listing) to learn more about it. Contact information is on page 3.

Candidate recruitment -	Muni Savyon
Registration Drive -	Dave Rizzo
Outreach Events -	Doug Krick
1999 State Convention -	Dave Rizzo Elaine Berchin
Press Release writing circle -	Christine Schoaff
Town committee & regional chapter development-	Eli Israel Dean Cook

Libertarian Endorsed by Herald for State Auditor

Carla Howell acknowledged as “far better qualified for the job than either of the major party candidates”



Boston Globe Carla Howell's campaign soared. Over 100,000 votes were cast for Ms. Howell, the highest total ever for a Libertarian candidate in Massachusetts.

Christine Schoaff

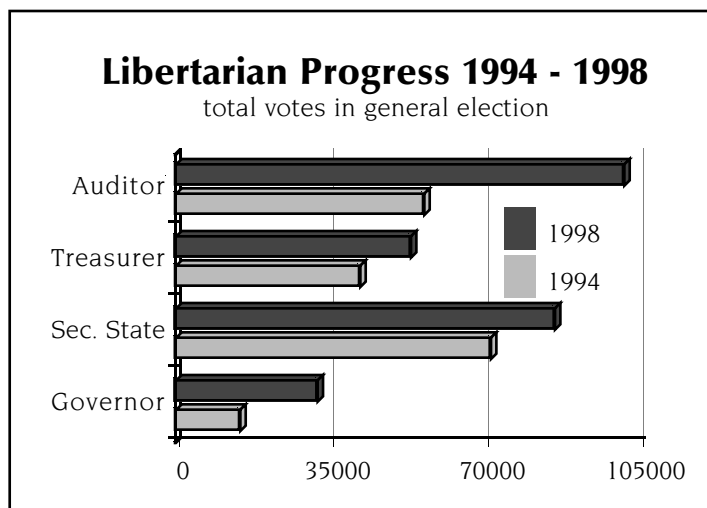
Boston - For the first time in Massachusetts, a Libertarian candidate was endorsed by the *Boston Herald*. This is the first time in the history of the state party that a candidate has received an endorsement from a major local newspaper. With a tag line stating “The referee shouldn't play for one of the teams,” Ms. Howell's radio advertisements were memorable and effective. During the debate of Auditor candidates sponsored by the *Herald*, Ms. Howell stood out as a credible candidate with a clear plan for improving state government and a strong desire to approve privatization proposals providing a real alternative for Massachusetts voters. The press kits assembled by volunteers and sent to all of our media contacts made very clear both Ms. Howell's positions and her background in business finance and accounting.

Howell is serious, savvy, and well worth your vote

The Herald endorsement noted that “Howell is serious, savvy and well worth your vote” and mentioned her endorsement by Barbara Anderson, co-director of Citizens for Limited Taxation and Government. The endorsement also said in part: “Howell is far better qualified for the job than either of the major party candidates. She has an MBA from Babson College, where she studied managerial accounting and business management, and a B.S. in math and computer science. She has developed and managed bookkeeping systems for small business and has created and implemented large-scale financial tracking systems. Imagine, a candidate for auditor who can read a balance sheet — what a concept!”

With the endorsement of the Herald and the personal endorsements of Barbara Anderson and Jeff Jacoby of the

Massachusetts. Dean Cook and Elias Israel received the endorsement of Gun Owner's Action League president Jack Durkin as well as CLT&G co-founder Chip Ford. Other candidates also received significant endorsements including Alfred “Pit” Warren who was endorsed by Citizens for Limited Taxation and Government for the position of State Senator. Libertarian candidates appeared on television and radio throughout the campaign season with candidates being interviewed on the television programs “Talk of New England” and “Greater Boston,” and on radio programs hosted by David Budnoy, Jeff Katz, Howie Carr and many others. ■



Submissions Welcome



Liberty Cat asks...

Have you ever wanted to see your Libertarian viewpoints in print? Have any great stories to tell about Libertarian events, November's election, getting your family and friends signed up with the party? Why not write a quick article for *Massachusetts Liberty* and submit it by sending e-mail to ma-liberty@la-ma.org, or by USPS to Mass. Liberty Editor, Post Office Box 2610, Boston, MA 02208.

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