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Friday, March 1st

- 6 – 9 pm Early Registration, Meet & Greet, Cash Bar (Hotel Lounge)
- 6 – 9 pm Axe Throwing with Spike Cohen at Bad Axe Throwing

Saturday, March 2nd

- 8:00 am Registration
- 9:00 am Call to Order; Welcoming Address
- 9:05 am Credentials Report
- 9:10 am Adoption of Special Convention Rules
- 9:15 am Approval of the Agenda
- 9:20 am Officer Reports
- 9:40 am Committee Reports
- 10:00 am Break
- 10:15 am Platform & Bylaws
- 12:00 pm Recess for Lunch and Speaker Mary Ruwart
- 1:15 pm Call to Order
- 1:15 pm Credentials Report
- 1:20 pm Platform & Bylaws Continued
- 2:00 pm New Business
- 3:20 pm Break
- 3:30 pm Nominations for National Delegates
- 3:50 pm Nominations for Bylaws & Platform Committee
- 4:00 pm Nominations for Presidential Electors
- 4:10 pm Nominations for Special Elections
- 4:15 pm Nominations for Judicial Committee
- 5:00 pm Recess Until Sunday
- 6:00 pm Founders Dinner with Keynote Speaker Spike Cohen

Sunday, March 3rd

- 8:00 am Credentialing
- 8:30 am Call to Order
- 8:40 am Elections for National Delegates
- 9:00 am Elections for Bylaws & Platform Committee
- 9:10 am Elections for Presidential Electors
- 9:15 am Special Elections
- 9:25 am Elections for Judicial Committee
- 10:00 am Announcements
- 10:30 am Annual Business Meeting: Adjournment sine die
- 11:30 am* State Executive Committee Meeting

*Start time approximate. All current Executive Committee members attend.

Message from the Convention Committee

Dear Members of the Oklahoma Libertarian Party,

As the Convention Committee, it is our privilege to orchestrate the annual business meeting for the Oklahoma Libertarian Party. This event not only serves as a crucial gathering for our members but also stands as the primary fundraising initiative for the OKLP each year.

Undoubtedly, this year presented unique challenges exacerbated by inflation, an economic depression, and the subsequent soaring costs of goods and services, issues that resonate with every member of our party. Despite these hurdles, we embarked on an exhaustive search across the state to secure a venue that aligns with our organization's requirements while striving to maintain fiscal responsibility. Countless proposals and contracts were meticulously evaluated, and our budget underwent thorough scrutiny and updates over the past several months.

The dedication of the committee members has been unwavering, with countless hours invested in ensuring that this year's convention lives up to the expectations of our members, particularly during this Presidential Year Convention. Despite the obstacles, we take immense pride in presenting this year's convention, featuring two exceptional libertarian speakers who promise to make it an unforgettable experience for all attendees.

We are profoundly grateful for the trust you've placed in us throughout this year-long endeavor. Our utmost hope is that you thoroughly enjoy and appreciate the event we've thoughtfully and painstakingly crafted for our members this year.

In Liberty,

The OKLP Convention Committee



Breaking Chains, Building Freedom

by Dillon Feazel

In the expansive landscapes of Oklahoma, beneath the boundless skies, the Oklahoma Libertarian Party has prepared for a convention resonating with the forceful theme – "Breaking Chains, Building Freedom." The origins of this rallying cry find an unexpected muse – distant realms that challenge the status quo.

This convention theme echoes the libertarian principles of breaking chains that restrict autonomy and building a society where individuals are entrusted to make decisions for themselves. The theme draws inspiration from narratives that symbolize overcoming obstacles and achieving freedom, aligning seamlessly with the convention's focus on libertarian ideals.

The convention's theme invites us to reflect on the values of personal responsibility, limited government intervention, and the harmony between individual rights and societal order. It serves as a symbolic call to action, challenging us to scrutinize the status quo, reevaluate the necessity of certain regulations, and strive for a society where individuals are empowered.

As we delve into discussions at the convention, let the lessons from stories guide us in crafting and advocating for policies that prioritize individual responsibility, rational discourse, and the preservation of personal freedoms. Simultaneously, let us be vigilant against the concentration of power and the erosion of individual liberties, ensuring that our commitment to breaking chains and building freedom extends to legislative advocacy.

The convention serves as a gathering where members deliberate on policies that align with the principles of justice, peace, and individual liberty. The commitment to breaking chains and building freedom must extend to scrutinizing existing laws and regulations, advocating for reforms that align with libertarian principles, and fostering an environment where entrepreneurship flourishes, innovation is encouraged, and unnecessary bureaucracy is lifted.

This shared journey towards liberty is a collective endeavor. "Breaking Chains" is not just a metaphor; it is a tangible pursuit – a joint effort to ensure that the great state of Oklahoma remains a bastion of freedom and opportunity for all its citizens. As we engage in dialogue and reflection, let the spirit of our theme guide us towards a future where the principles of "Breaking Chains, Building Freedom" resonate in every corner of our great state and in the heart of every Oklahoman.

The theme transcends its origins; it is not just a slogan or a clever catchphrase; it is a guiding philosophy that permeates every aspect of our mission as members of the Oklahoma Libertarian Party. It challenges us to be architects of change, advocates for individual liberty, and stewards of a future where freedom flourishes. As we embark on this journey together, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to breaking chains, building freedom, and ensuring that the principles we hold dear illuminate the path towards a brighter and freer Oklahoma for all.

Special Convention Rules of Order

1. All primary amendments to the Platform for Bylaws must be submitted in writing to the A/V Coordinator. All such primary amendments must be legible and: contain the names of the motioner and seconder; contain the full language of the proposed amendment; specify the Article and Section of any current bylaw, or the platform plank, that would be impacted.

Substitute motions to proposals from the Bylaws & Platform Committee shall be submitted prior to those recommendations being taken up by the assembly.

Motions unrelated to proposals from the Bylaws & Platform Committee shall be submitted prior to New Business, when such motions may be considered.

2. All resolutions, any motion to appeal a decision of the Judicial Committee, or any other action to be considered by the assembly not previously addressed on the agenda must be declared to the Convention Secretary and submitted in writing to the A/V Coordinator prior to New Business, when such proposals may be considered. All proposals must be legible, contain the full language of the motion or resolution, and include the name of the author.

3. Debate shall be limited to 2 minutes per person. Debate on the pending question is limited to 20 minutes, notwithstanding accommodation for an equal number of speakers on each side (if available).

Members wishing to obtain the floor will proceed to the appropriate microphone. One will be designated for those in favor and the other will be for those opposed to the motion.

The member who made the motion may speak to the motion first.

No member who has already had the floor in debate on the immediately pending question is entitled to the floor again so long as another member who has not spoken on that question is in line to speak to the question. If no other member is in line to speak to the question, the member may speak a second time to the pending motion. The chair will alternate the floor between those in favor and those opposed to the pending motion.

Once the chair is no longer able to alternate between those in favor and those opposed, and two members have spoken on the same side (in favor or opposition), debate shall cease and the question will be put to a vote.

4. Nominees will have the opportunity to speak to their nominations after the close thereof. Nomination speeches shall be limited to one (1) minute per candidate. The Chair shall have discretion to limit speeches further as necessary.



Robert's Rules of Order Reference

Action	What to Say	Can I Interrupt?	Need a Second?	Can Be Debated?	Can Be Amended?	Votes Needed
Introduce main motion	<i>"I move to..."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend a motion	<i>"I move to amend the motion by II (add or strike words or both)"</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Move item to committee	<i>"I move that we refer the matter to committee."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Postpone item	<i>"I move to postpone the matter until..."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
End debate	<i>"I move the previous question."</i>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Object to procedure	<i>"Point of order."</i>	Yes	No	No	No	Chair decision
Recess the meeting	<i>"I move that we recess until..."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Adjourn the meeting	<i>"I move to adjourn the meeting."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Request information	<i>"Point of information."</i>	Yes	No	No	No	No vote
Overrule the chair's ruling	<i>"I move to overrule the chair's ruling."</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Extend the allotted time	<i>"I move to extend the time by ____ minutes."</i>	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
Enforce the rules or point out incorrect procedure	<i>"Point of order."</i>	Yes	No	No	No	No vote
Table a Motion	<i>"I move to table..."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Verify voice vote with count	<i>"I call for a division."</i>	No	No	No	No	No vote
Object to considering some undiplomatic matter	<i>"I object to consideration of this matter..."</i>	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
Take up a previously tabled item	<i>"I move to take from the table..."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Reconsider something already disposed of	<i>"I move to reconsider our action to..."</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Consider something out of its scheduled order	<i>"I move to suspend the rules and consider..."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Close the meeting for executive session	<i>"I move to go into executive session."</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Personal preference - noise, room temperature, distractions	<i>"Point of privilege"</i>	Yes	No	No	No	No vote

PLATFORM

of the Libertarian Party of Oklahoma



Non-Aggression Principle

We, the Libertarian Party of Oklahoma, oppose the initiation of force to achieve personal, political, or social objectives.

Preamble

The Libertarian Party of Oklahoma makes every effort to free Oklahoma from oppressive laws and taxes. We view the maximum role of government as the minimum necessary to protect individuals' rights to life, liberty, and property. In matters of commerce, government should be limited to arbitrating disputes and prosecuting theft, fraud, or injury. All state governments and subdivisions thereof must be transparent and fully accountable to the people of Oklahoma.

1.0 Individual Liberty

We support the rights of the smallest minority — the individual. Individuals have the right to live and engage in any activity that is honest, peaceful, and does not infringe on the rights of others. Individuals have an inalienable right to own property. We respect an individual's right to determine their own healthcare and a parent's sovereignty regarding the upbringing of their children.

2.0 Economic Liberty

We support a competitive, free market and oppose government barriers to employment and industry. We support the elimination of restrictive and discriminatory regulations, which hinder growth. We oppose any government impediments to the pursuit of economic success.

3.0 Criminal Justice

Whereas the laws of the state of Oklahoma must be judged on the merits of the U.S. Constitution, we seek to prevent government overreach and protect all people from infringements upon individual liberty. We endeavor to abolish every law that encroaches on personal freedom, including but not limited to civil asset forfeiture, excessive confinement and/or fines, and intrusive surveillance or data collection. We resolve to educate all individuals on jury nullification to reclaim our rights in Oklahoma.

4.0 Right to Bear Arms

We categorically reject all restrictions on the right to bear arms. We will not support any legislation aimed at banning any weapons, ammunition, or accessories. We will not support any legislation that would deny anyone the right to defend themselves.

5.0 Omissions

Our silence about any government law, regulation, ordinance, directive, edict, control, regulatory agency, activity, or objections shall not be construed to imply approval or disapproval.



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2023 Platform and Bylaws Committee Report

We discussed many issues relating to the Platform and Bylaws over the course of 5 meetings. Over that time, we discussed multiple concerns both from within and outside the Committee.

- 1) Addressed the potential for an overly burdensome Executive Committee due to size and different ways to reduce the administrative burden.
- 2) Reorganization of the regions for better alignment with the political maps (house districts, congressional districts, etc).
- 3) Allowing regions to form their own size and locations in the same way national organizes.

Minimum standards became preemptive to traveling this path.

- 4) We discussed the lack of an official communications person and the potential of realigning the At-Large members to incorporate media outreach duties.

- 5) Discussed the format and additions to the bylaws.

Ultimately, we decided that the bylaws need to remain in their minimalist format until such time as we choose to address individual issues entirely as not to imply that those issues not addressed are lacking attention from the party.

In order to respect the schedule of the State Convention, we limited our submitted report to include 3 Proposals and 1 Recommendation.



Proposal 1 – Removing the East Central Region

Rationale: Concern has been expressed over the potential size of the executive committee as well as the lack of affiliation of counties and regions. Proposals 1 and 2 both seek to remove the size of the ExCom by two potential members and reduce the number of regions from seven to five.

In addition, there are two directionally central regions that are not currently active, do have active members who participate in the business of the party and lack regular membership to create their own affiliation, and, therefore, lack direct ExCom participation.

The basis of county division was discussed. While there is strategic purpose of dividing via Congressional District, the purpose of regions being to develop their counties merits a geographical distribution.

Function: This proposal combines the East Central Region into the Northeast and Southeast regions, the two closest bordering regions. It creates a functional division of Interstate 40, and the regions absorb the counties in their area. While overextending existing volunteers in some areas, it provides more man-hours in other areas and creates the potential for the two regions to expand their volunteer base and create lasting regional committees.

In Article IX, Section 3:

Current	Proposed
C) Northeast Region: Craig, Creek, Delaware, Mayes, Nowata, Osage, Ottawa, Rogers, Tulsa, Wagoner, and Washington counties.	C) Northeast Region: Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Creek, Delaware, Mayes, Muskogee, Nowata, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Rogers, Sequoyah, Tulsa, Wagoner, and Washington counties.
D) East Central Region: Adair, Cherokee, Haskell, Hughes, Latimer, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Pittsburg, and Sequoyah counties.	D) Southeast Region: Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Choctaw, Coal, Garvin, Haskell, Hughes, Johnston, Latimer, LeFlore, Love, McIntosh, Marshall, McCurtain, Murray, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, and Pushmataha counties.
E) Southeast Region: Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Choctaw, Coal, Garvin, Johnston, LeFlore, Love, Marshall, McCurtain, Murray, Pontotoc, and Pushmataha counties.	[Relettering the remainder.]

This passed the B&P committee by unanimous vote – No minority report.

Proposal 2 – Removing the North Central Region

Rationale: See Proposal 1. These are broken into two proposals as the North Central region has previously been organized but ceased operation two years ago. There could be potential for amendment to create a different division, and more conversation is expected regarding this region’s activities. We felt it best to give this proposal its own legs. In addition, we recognize the population division becomes skewed toward the NE region through these proposals, a consideration not unrecognized.

Function: See Proposal 1.

In Article IX, Section 3::

Current	Proposed
A) Northwest Region: Beaver, Blaine, Cimarron, Custer, Dewey, Ellis, Harper, Roger Mills, Texas, Woods, and Woodward counties.	A) Northwest Region: Alfalfa, Beaver, Blaine, Cimarron, Custer, Dewey, Ellis, Garfield, Grant, Harper, Kingfisher, Major, Roger Mills, Texas, Woods, and Woodward counties.
B) North Central Region: Alfalfa, Garfield, Grant, Kay, Kingfisher, Logan, Major, Noble, Payne, and Pawnee counties.	B) Northeast Region: Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Creek, Delaware, Kay, Mayes, Muskogee, Noble, Nowata, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Payne, Pawnee, Rogers, Sequoyah, Tulsa, Wagoner, and Washington counties.
C) Northeast Region: Craig, Creek, Delaware, Mayes, Nowata, Osage, Ottawa, Rogers, Tulsa, Wagoner, and Washington counties.	[Contingent upon Proposal 1]
...	...
G) Central Region: Canadian, Cleveland, Grady, Lincoln, McClain, Oklahoma, Pottawatomie, and Seminole counties.	X) Central Region: Canadian, Cleveland, Grady, Lincoln, Logan, McClain, Oklahoma, Pottawatomie, and Seminole counties.
[only affected regions highlighted]	[Relettering the remainder.]

This passed the B&P committee by unanimous vote – No minority report.

Proposal 3 – Providing Representation to Unaffiliated Regions

Rationale: At last year’s convention, desire was expressed for a way to have representation on the ExCom for individual groups and eliminating regions. While that proposal was voted down, we believe we have reached a compromise proposal that provides the benefits and representation needs of both those who desire affiliation and those who desire individual activism.

Function: This proposal leaves the region structure intact while providing the ability of activists to have representation through a caucusing event, similar to national organization. While it does not allow free-form affiliations as is done through regional affiliations at national, it does permit population groups of an established size to choose to caucus and select a representative with legal standing to act in the counties represented in event the region lacks a formal affiliation.

In Article IX, Section 3:

Current	Proposed
Regions of the OKLP shall be as follows...	Replacing with the following language and moving the list of counties to Section 4. In the event a delineated region is unaffiliated or inactive and 3 or more individual members are in attendance at the State Convention, those members may choose to caucus and select from among them an acting regional representative to fill the open executive committee seat.

This passed the B&P committee by unanimous vote – No minority report.

Recommendation 1 – Maintenance of Party Recordings

Concern has been raised about the capacity of the Zoom account to maintain the recordings and discussion made about deleting recorded meetings after a certain amount of time has elapsed. After discussion, this Committee feels the keeping of all records is only beneficial to the membership for the purposes of posterity, accuracy and transparency and chooses to decline to alter the requirement in the bylaws as part of our report.

By unanimous vote, we recommend to the Executive Committee that the Policy Manual be updated to permit the transfer of all files of a calendar date older than two years (on a rolling basis) be uploaded to the OKLP’s existing YouTube channel for as long as this medium remains free. By doing so, the capacity concern on the Zoom account is alleviated and the bylaws are satisfied regarding the keeping of recordings.

2024 OKLP Elections

Delegates to National Convention (Article XV)

- Resident of Oklahoma for 90 days prior to the State Convention
- Member of the OKLP for 90 days prior to the State Convention
- Sustaining member of LP national by October 31, 2023

Bylaws and Platform Committee (Article XII)

- State Chair and four Members elected by the Delegates at the State Convention
- Term is one year, until adjournment of the next State Convention
- Cannot be a Member of the Executive Committee during the same term

Presidential Electors (Article XVI)

- Seven Electors
- Any Member who does not hold any office of profit or trust in the U.S.
- If President Electors are not elected at Convention, they will be chosen by the Executive Committee

Special Elections: Executive Committee (Article VII)

- Delegates elect Members to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee
- Vacancies may be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee
- Vacancies should not go unfilled longer than 90 days

Judicial Committee (Article VIII)

- Five members
- Cannot be a member of the State Executive Committee
- Member for three full years and delegate at two OKLP Conventions before 2024
- Elections by multi-winner approval vote, top five candidates seated
- Next three highest seated as alternates, ranked by vote total
- Must receive at least a majority vote
- Runoff elections may be held to determine ranking in the event of a tie.
- Term begins after 2024 Convention, lasts two years (end of 2026 Convention)

Keynote Speaker, Spike Cohen



Internationally renowned activist and 2020 Libertarian Vice Presidential Nominee, Spike is the visionary behind You Are The Power, a nonprofit with the mission to spread, and act on, the Principle of Human Respect, seeking to empower people to set communities free, restore individual rights, and return the power to the people.

Cohen's journey as an activist and advocate has been characterized by his unwavering belief in the power of grassroots movements and decentralized solutions. His dynamic approach to communication and knack for articulating libertarian principles in a relatable manner, has helped him become a leading voice in the movement for liberty. His tireless advocacy for civil liberties, criminal justice reform, and limited government resonates with audiences across the political spectrum.

Spike Cohen's bold vision and unwavering dedication serve as an inspiration to all who seek to challenge the status quo and build a

Special Guest Speaker, Dr. Mary Ruwart

Dr. Mary Ruwart, a distinguished author, researcher, and advocate, is acclaimed for her significant contributions to health, ethics, and liberty. Notably, her book "Healing Our World" has left an indelible mark, offering insightful pathways to a more compassionate and prosperous society through voluntary cooperation.



Dr. Ruwart's expertise spans biomedical research, pharmaceutical regulation, and healthcare ethics, driving her to champion causes like drug policy reform and patient-centered healthcare. As a captivating speaker, she adeptly communicates complex ideas with clarity and conviction, inspiring countless individuals to engage in creating a more just and compassionate world. A dedicated scholar and compassionate advocate, she continues to inspire positive change through her writing, research, and activism, serving as a beacon of hope for those striving towards a brighter future.

Auctions & Raffles

This year, we have three different ways to take home some great loot while also supporting the OKLP!

50/50 Raffle

Hurry and get as many tickets as you like!

The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday evening and the winner takes home 50% of the donations!

The other 50% goes to support the OKLP!

Tickets \$5

Basket Raffle

Check out our gift baskets from the Libertarian Armed Bear Caucus, Libertarians Who Make Art, and the Oklahoma Libertarian Party! Get your tickets from John Hooper and throw your name in to win one these great baskets!

Auction

We have some wonderful donations from members and supporters that you won't want to miss out on!

Auction items include:

Custom made Buckeye burl wood pens

Finely handcrafted wood kazoos

Restored vintage Arvin radio

Specially made engraved glassware

OKLP merch autographed by Spike Cohen



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and on Instagram
[@libertarianswhomakeart](https://www.instagram.com/libertarianswhomakeart)



The Libertarian Armed Bear Caucus writes political commentary relating to Oklahoma and libertarian politics, as well as American current events and policy.

Find them online at
armedbears.org
and [Facebook.com/armedbears](https://www.facebook.com/armedbears)



LOLA is an international nonprofit organization founded in 2009 with the mission to educate and empower women in the liberty movement, with chapters in 41 countries.

Find them online at
ladiesofliberty.org
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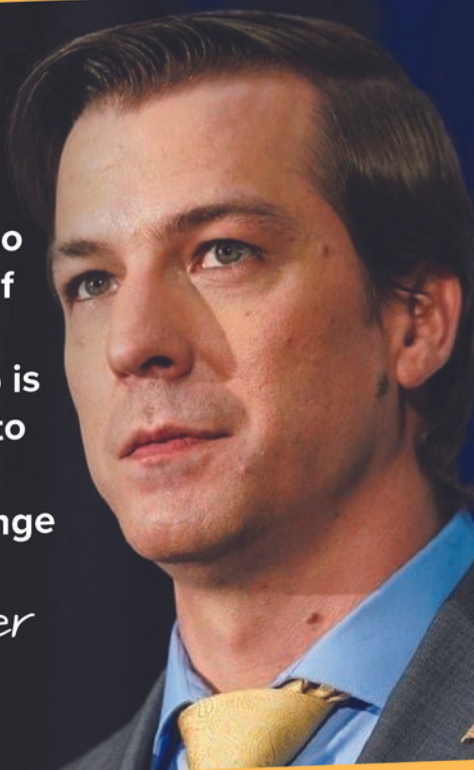
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