

2016 AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

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Chair, 2016 Awards Committee

The members of the Awards Committee are Tim Hagan, Daniel Hayes, Kevin Knedler, Jim Lark, and Roland Riemers. The Committee members were elected by the LNC during the November 2015 meeting.

In early January the Committee selected Dr. Lark to serve as chair. On Jan. 17, Dr. Lark submitted an article to run in the upcoming issue of *LP News*. The article provides information about the awards, and requests that LP members submit nominations to the Committee by 5:00 p.m. EDT on April 4.

The names of the previous recipients of the Adams, Paine, Henry, and Jefferson Awards, along with the names of the Hall of Liberty members, are enclosed below in Appendix 1. There is consensus among Committee members that since these awards represent the highest honors presented for service to the Libertarian Party, the LP.org website should feature a page that lists these names, along with photographs and brief biographies.

Mr. Knedler indicated that he would like to see a motion/request at the next LNC meeting concerning this matter. His comments concerning this matter are enclosed below in Appendix 2.

APPENDIX 1: Libertarian Party national award recipients and Hall of Liberty members

1996:

Samuel Adams Award: Don Ernsberger
Thomas Paine Award: Jacob Hornberger
Thomas Jefferson Award: David Nolan

1998:

Samuel Adams Award: Steve Dasbach
Thomas Paine Award: Harry Browne
Thomas Jefferson Award: David Bergland

2000:

Samuel Adams Award: Richard Rider
Thomas Paine Award: Michael Cloud
Thomas Jefferson Award: Ed Clark

2002:

Samuel Adams Award: Bruce Baechler
Thomas Paine Award: Richard Pearl
Thomas Jefferson Award: John Perry

2004:

Samuel Adams Award: Jim Lark
Thomas Paine Award: Mary Ruwart
Thomas Jefferson Award: Ron Crickenberger

2006:

Samuel Adams Award: Michael Badnarik
Thomas Paine Award: John Stossel
Thomas Jefferson Award: Harry Browne

2008:

Samuel Adams Award: Bill Hall
Thomas Paine Award: Mike Ferguson, Eric Schansberg
Thomas Jefferson Award: Ruth Bennett, Jim Lark

2010:

Samuel Adams Award: Michael Johnston, Kevin Knedler
Thomas Paine Award: Rex Bell
Thomas Jefferson Award: Bill Redpath

2012:

Patrick Henry Award: Lex Green, Travis Irvine
Samuel Adams Award: Clyde Garland
Thomas Paine Award: Jim Lark

Thomas Jefferson Award: Sharon Harris

Hall of Liberty: Ed Clark, John Hospers, Roger MacBride, Tonie Nathan, David Nolan

2014:

Patrick Henry Award: Rupert Boneham, Robert Sarvis

Samuel Adams Award: Hardy Macia

Thomas Paine Award: Sharon Harris

Thomas Jefferson Award: Pat Dixon

Hall of Liberty: Harry Browne, Richard Winger

Patrick Henry Award:

2012: Lex Green, Travis Irvine

2014: Rupert Boneham, Robert Sarvis

Samuel Adams Award:

1996: Don Ernsberger

1998: Steve Dasbach

2000: Richard Rider

2002: Bruce Baechler

2004: Jim Lark

2006: Michael Badnarik

2008: Bill Hall

2010: Michael Johnston, Kevin Knedler

2012: Clyde Garland

2014: Hardy Macia

Thomas Paine Award:

1996: Jacob Hornberger

1998: Harry Browne

2000: Michael Cloud

2002: Richard Pearl

2004: Mary Ruwart

2006: John Stossel

2008: Mike Ferguson, Eric Schansberg

2010: Rex Bell

2012: Jim Lark

2014: Sharon Harris

Thomas Jefferson Award:

1996: David Nolan

1998: David Bergland

2000: Ed Clark

2002: John Perry

2004: Ron Crickenberger
2006: Harry Browne
2008: Ruth Bennett, Jim Lark
2010: Bill Redpath
2012: Sharon Harris
2014: Pat Dixon

Hall of Liberty:

2012: Ed Clark, John Hospers, Roger MacBride, Tonie Nathan, David Nolan
2014: Harry Browne, Richard Winger

APPENDIX 2: Comments by Kevin Knedler:

As a member of the LP Awards committee and a former member of the LNC, I would like to ask for a motion/request to be placed at the next LNC meeting, regarding the LP national awards. The Hall of Liberty is the highest award available from the LP. Induction is not meant to be easy and the group honored so far, is small. These are people who went well beyond the call of duty and made a lasting impact on the LP and the libertarian movement. The LNC policy for the awards were approved in May 2012 but there was a plan (my intent) to recognize these recipients—which I did not push for after I left the LNC. I would like to suggest recognition of the Hall of Liberty inductees (with photo, short bio, month and year inducted, etc.) in two forums: One would be a specific tab or page on the lp.org site (“National LP Award Recognition”) and the other would be space dedicated on a wall in the National LP office for the same. There should be a short description of the award in the heading. This gives much deserved recognition, but also will illustrate to the general public our 40+ year fight for freedom.

I would also like to address the other awards given for activism (Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Adams, and Thomas Paine). I urge consideration that this also be added to the lp.org web site only. I’m only suggesting we list the inductee name, year of award, with the description of the award. One idea would be to have four columns and then list the winners, in order by year awarded, with the heading of each to include the award description. Keep it simple for the web site.

Thank you for any consideration to this request.

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Former member of the LNC 2010-2012
Former Chair of the Ohio LPO 2007 – 2015