

2016 AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

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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 March and April the Committee solicited nominations from LP members by various means, including an article in *LP News*, e-mails to the LP e-mail list, and a blog post on LP.com. At least 63 people submitted nominations for the four national awards (Samuel Adams, Patrick Henry, Thomas Paine, and Thomas Jefferson) and/or induction into the Hall of Liberty.

The Committee evaluated the nominations for the Hall of Liberty and elected Ron Paul and Bill Redpath. As specified by the LNC Policy Manual, election was by unanimous vote of the Committee.

The Committee also selected the recipients of the Adams, Henry, Paine, and Jefferson Awards; the names of the recipients will be announced at a ceremony during the national convention in Orlando. For each award, the Committee selected a “short list” of at most three nominees. Inclusion of a nominee on that list required a majority vote of the entire Committee, combined with an absence of opposition to that nominee. Award recipients were then selected from each short list. Selection of each recipient required a majority vote of the entire Committee.

The Committee expresses its gratitude to the following people:

- * Carla Howell and Robert Kraus, for their help in distributing information about the awards process
- * Robert Kraus, for preparing a webpage (www.lp.org/lpawards) on LP.org that provides information about the awards and lists the recipients and Hall of Liberty inductees
- * Eric Dixon, for his work to prepare video presentations for the awards ceremonies
- * Kevin Knedler, for making the arrangements to design and produce the trophies, and for underwriting some of the costs
- * The many LP members who submitted nominations.

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 an appendix.

APPENDIX: 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

2016:

Patrick Henry Award: To be announced
Samuel Adams Award: To be announced
Thomas Paine Award: To be announced
Thomas Jefferson Award: To be announced
Hall of Liberty: Ron Paul, Bill Redpath

Patrick Henry Award:

2012: Lex Green, Travis Irvine
2014: Rupert Boneham, Robert Sarvis
2016: To be announced

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
2016: To be announced

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
2016: To be announced

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
2016: To be announced

Hall of Liberty:

2012: Ed Clark, John Hospers, Roger MacBride, Tonie Nathan, David Nolan
2014: Harry Browne, Richard Winger
2016: Ron Paul, Bill Redpath