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## **Constitution Party of Louisiana Holds its First Electoral Convention**

The Constitution Party of Louisiana held its Electoral Convention in Baton Rouge on March 15 of this year. The state committee welcomed 27 delegates and guests to a full afternoon of addresses, entertainment and Constitution Party business.

State Committee Chairman Robert Waldron started the proceedings with a prayerful introduction and greetings to the distinguished speakers in attendance before reciting a moving Preamble composed by our own 6th District Committeeman, Shane Landry. He then led the meeting in a rousing performance of the Star Spangled Banner. Campaign letters were presented to the delegates from several Constitution Party candidates for President, including Dr. Don Grundman (California), Rep. Steve Stockman (Texas), and Lt. Colonel Max Reiske (Michigan)

Our first speaker was John Watts, Constitution Party candidate for Congress (5th District) in 2006. Mr. Watts spoke of the many aspects of Liberty within our national aspirations. Eventually his speech turned to the subject of politics, and a lively conversation ensued with Peter Vidrine (7th District) regarding the growing similarities between Democrat and Republican behavior on the federal level.

Presidential Candidate Alan Keyes picked up in this same vein, as he delivered a stirring, 20-minute address to the delegates. Keyes' eloquent rhetoric was alternately inspirational and informative, lambasting the Republican power structure for its abandonment of traditional conservative principles. He ended his words to the convention with a pitch for our support in the coming campaign.

Tom Cryer, the man who beat the IRS in open court and who is Chief Executive of TruthAttack.org,, made an in-depth presentation detailing his own blueprint for American liberty specifically regarding income tax issues and their relevance to funding government in a free society. As a successful member of the Louisiana Bar, and as one of the framers of Louisiana's current State Constitution, he has emerged as a leading advocate of fair and honest tax policy.

Trent Hill, CP National Committeeman, fielded a great number of timely questions in a spirited Q & A session for the delegates. Rob Waldron hosted the door prizes lagniappe, assisted by the lovely Frances Rarick, which delivered signed, first edition books of current import and real silver American Eagles.

Peter Vidrine, our own CP candidate for U.S. Congress in District 7, followed with his request for the party's official endorsement and with a Cajun-flavored paeon to the Constitution of our Union and to the God whose Law is its basis. Video record of Mr. Vidrine's speech as well as that of some other presenters is available at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ConstitutionPartyLA>.

Trent Hill presented our state presidential Straw Poll, with results committed to the state party delegates soon to attend the Constitution Party National Convention in Kansas City, MO.

The Constitution Party is the third largest political party in terms of national voter registration. There are 367,000 registered Constitution Party voters. In 2008, the Party expects to have ballot access in all 50 states.