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## *Message from Frank Fluckiger, National Chairman*

### HERE WE GROW!

Candidate access. Voter access. Ballot access. Call it what you will, but if our party is to grow and our message that the Constitution still works, then the Constitution Party must be an option on more voter machines.

Last year over 150 Constitution Party candidates were spreading the news that the work of the Founding Fathers are relevant to today's headlines — "Free Trade," foreign entanglements in faraway places, etc.

You know that - you've invested time and financial resources into the Constitution Party. Millions of voters do not.

That's why we are launching the Voter '16 Campaign. This is an ambitious project that will give our candidates the opportunity to reach millions – yes, millions – of voters who have not heard our creative and practical platform. Our party must grow to do this, and that requires ballot access.

The elitist controlled major parties have put many road blocks in place to prevent any third party the opportunity to present its views. There is no free market on Election Day. In some states thousands, even tens of thousands, of signatures petitioning the government to allow us on the ballot are necessary. Some restrictions require us a very limited time to collect those names. Other states require thousands of dollars to allow our candidates a platform. There are states that demand both money and signatures.

The establishment has built a rough road for us. However, last year the Constitution Party garnered over one million votes in spite of the odds - with 150 candidates. Think of what we can accomplish with 300 candidates ... 400 ... 500. Voter Campaign '16 can - and will - do that.

We are building our party from the ground up. The Constitution Party members are serving in offices ranging from mayor to town council members, and from sheriff to school board president.

They are serving right now - and that's because of your hard work and generous donations.

The Voter '16 Campaign has begun, and your help is needed. Right now we must have 40 patriots [investing](#) \$100; another 50 sending a gift of \$50; and 60 donating \$25. Will you be one of these 150 leaders in this vital campaign?

A donation of \$500 or \$1000 will move our claim along quickly. [Gifts](#) of \$20, \$25, and \$30 are needed to make the Voter '16 Campaign a success.

The Constitution Party must grow - gain ballot access in more states and run more candidates. Join the Voter '16 Campaign and let's grow!

## From the Inbox . . .

We receive questions on various subjects every day. Here are a few answers to these questions that we thought our readers might like to read.

- [If the Republicans Nominate a Conservative, Will the Constitution Party Support Him or Her?](#)
- [Are State Banks the Solution to the Federal Reserve?](#)
- [What is the Constitution Party's Stance on Downsizing the Military? Are You For It or Against It?](#)
- [Does the Constitution Party Support Amnesty for Illegal Immigrants?](#)

We also get requests from reporters or researchers asking about our positions on the issues of the day. Recently we were contacted by a researcher from a California non-profit: ProCon.org, asking for verification of our position on Gun Control. Read the Constitution Party page here: [Should More Gun Control Laws be Enacted in the United States?](#)

Might we also suggest that you visit and share the [2012-2016 Platform and Resolutions page](#) on the national website? Or visit the [CP Commentary page](#) to read articles by various Constitution Party writers or articles from other sources which we feel are important.

### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Frank Fluckiger, UT  
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## The Howard Phillips Legacy Society

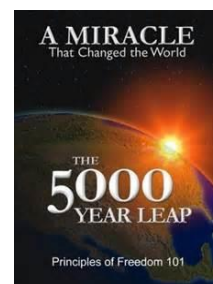
Introduced two years ago, the Howard Phillips Legacy Society builds a solid financial foundation for the Constitution Party, from donors committed to the ideals and principles Howard espoused.

This year, 2015, is crucial to next year's strategy. We must assess the means and timing of our investments in ballot access drives to give voters an alternative to the elitist-controlled major parties.

Last year, over one million voters were inspired to support our candidates and the platform we believe in. That's quite an achievement — one that Howard Phillips would be proud of. He founded the Constitution Party on a simple premise ... "We stand for what George Washington stood for: limiting the federal government to its delegated, enumerated functions and restoring American jurisprudence to its biblical common-law foundations."

Our Republic faces loud and foolish partisan slogans, influential political power brokers, and unfair rules and regulations for 3rd parties. Yet the Constitution Party has survived, even grown, for 23 years.

Members of the Howard Phillips Legacy Society will receive the exclusive VICTORY REPORT newsletter and various gifts of appreciation for joining, including a copy of the patriot classic book by W. Cleon Skousen, "The 5000 Year Leap".



Learn more about Howard Phillips [here](#).  
 Join The Howard Phillips Legacy Society [here](#).

## RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN PITTSBURGH

### Resolution Opposing the Trans-Atlantic Trade & Investment Partnership (TTIP)

*"Therefore, be it resolved by this body of the Constitution Party assembled this date (April 25, 2015) to strongly oppose the economic and political integration proffered by the Trans-Atlantic Trade & Investment Partnership (TTIP) since it will push the once independent United States of America into yet another collectivist bloc that will facilitate the complete dissolution of our republic and our several states into no more than impotent members of a one-world government."*

**Full Text [here](#). Foreign Policy platform plank [here](#).**

Submitted by the Constitution Party of Georgia, passed unanimously by the National Committee.

### Resolution for Adhering to Constitutions, the Rule of Law, and the Intent of the Framers of our United States and State Constitutions and West Virginia, Specifically.

*"Be it resolved by the Constitution Party National Committee, that we publicly demand that the people's representatives in all three branches of West Virginia government acknowledge that a constitutional crisis exists and to immediately begin to rectify what is currently a clear and present danger to the liberty and wellbeing of its people.*

*Furthermore, we encourage patriotic Americans everywhere to join in support of the people of West Virginia and people in all fifty states of the United States in re-establishing the rule of law as intended by our forefathers."*

**Full Text [here](#).**

Submitted by the Constitution Party of West Virginia, passed unanimously by the National Committee.

### Resolution Opposing Automatic Voter Registration, Mailed Ballots, and Compulsory Voting

*"Resolved, that the Constitution Party opposes automatic voter registration, mailed out ballots, except for requested absentee ballots, and compulsory voting and urges the several States to address the above mentioned election problems instead."*

**Full Text [here](#). Election Reform Platform Plank [here](#).**

Submitted by the Constitution Party of West Virginia, passed unanimously by the National Committee.

## TRAINING SESSIONS IN PITTSBURGH

These sessions were video recorded and will be posted on [the Constitution Party Vimeo Channel](#) as soon as they are available.

### Communication Via Meetings:

Bryce Hamilton and Bob Goodrich

### Marketing the Constitution Party on the Air:

Doug and Terri Aden

### Center for Self-Governance:

Cindy Redburn

### Relationship of a State Party to the National Party:

Jim Clymer

### Speaking to Hard Issues:

Darrell Castle

### Building the Party through Two Special Tools – The Castle Report and Home Front Podcasts:

Cynthia Davis

*(Listen to a collection of clips from these shows: [Be Informed!](#))*

### Convention Teaser and Planning:

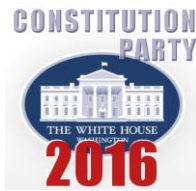
Joan Castle

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Fall 2015 National Committee Meeting – Albuquerque NM  
29 – 31 October 2015!**

**Then make plans to attend the 2016 National Presidential Nominating Committee in Salt Lake City!**

**STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS!**



## TWO POTENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ADDRESS COMMITTEES IN PITTSBURGH

**Chad Koppie** addressed the Executive Committee on Friday. He shared his biography, his vision, his history of involvement with the Constitution Party, and his experience as a Constitution Party candidate in his home state of Illinois. Visit [this website](#) to find out more.

**Scott Copeland** addressed the National Committee on Saturday with a talk entitled, "What is our Goal?" Many of you may have met him as he has been touring the Western United States to promote the Constitution Party and his campaign. His talk will be available soon on the [Constitution Party Vimeo Channel](#). Visit his campaign website [here](#).

Several other people have also expressed an interest in getting the Constitution Party nomination. Expect more articles and information to come in future editions of *The American Constitutionist* between now and the 2016 Presidential Nominating Convention.

### NEW AREA CHAIRMAN AND CO-CHAIRMAN APPOINTED IN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Former national chairman, Jim Clymer, was appointed to be the new Eastern States Area Coordinator during the Executive Committee meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Clymer is a member of the Constitution Party of Pennsylvania and also served as the 2012 Vice-presidential candidate.

Also appointed to serve as Southern States Area Co-chairman is Joshua Cassity, current chairman of the Constitution Party of Alabama.

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*Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming*



## “FREE TRADE” IS NEITHER FREE NOR FAIR

Executive Committee Member Peter Gemma

The President and powerful special interests — Wall Street moguls, multi-national corporate elites, and political insiders (mostly Republicans!) are weakening the American economy, endangering national defense, and subverting U.S. sovereignty. That’s a sweeping indictment, but there’s no other way to describe the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). It’s an upgrade of the so-called “free trade” treaties like the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the establishment of regulatory agencies such as the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a “free trade” pact that sets rules on issues such as food safety, Internet freedom, medicine costs, and financial regulations. The North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the mother of trade deals, has over a thousand pages of fine print — filled with favors and exceptions for special interests, while imposing obligations and restrictions on the beleaguered American manufacturing sector. TPP is no different. The TPP’s deal is being written in secret: corporate “trade advisors” are hiding the text from members of Congress and the public. Congressman Jeff Duncan revealed that he can look at the documents, “However, in order to read them, I must be in a classified reading room in the Capitol, sign a non-disclosure agreement which assures that I will not discuss the contents of what I have read, and I am allowed to take notes, but I have to leave them in the room.”

The politics of “free trade” brings together odd bedfellows. During the recent fight over a “free trade” pact with South Korea, President Obama was sleeping with such proponents as: The Boeing Company; Goldman Sachs; the Chamber of Commerce; JPMorgan Chase; and most House Republicans.

On the other side of the bed, there are many Democrats, a few Conservatives, and blue-collar voters. Joseph Nigro, President of the International

Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers asserts, *“This Administration would seek to extend the worst parts of horrible trade agreements,”* and that his union *“will only work for those candidates and parties that serve to support working people.”* With your continued financial investments, he’ll talking about the Constitution Party and our candidates.

Recently, the Senate approved “Fast Track” legislation that allows President Obama to move along quickly in finalizing the details with other nations, while fighting for final approval from the Senate (which is expected to go along). So the fight now starts in the House, where proponents of secret trade deals still lack the votes to pass the bill. But the White House and other TPP proponents are determined to garner enough support among representatives to pass the bill, in order to give themselves almost unilateral power to enact extreme digital regulations in secret. We cannot let that happen.

Veteran conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly commented: “Some people foolishly call our relationship with China ‘free trade.’ But there is nothing free or fair about it — we are in a trade war between a militantly protectionist communist government and a U.S. shackled by obsolete illusions about trade.” Our platform states: “We oppose the unconstitutional transfer of authority over U.S. trade policy from Congress to agencies, domestic or foreign, which improperly exercise policy-setting functions with respect to U.S. trade policy.”

This fight is winnable. Go to this website and tell the story the Constitutionals are in this battle. Our flag is not yet been seen.

[Congress Merge: Online Congressional Directory](#)

It was Henry Clay who summed up the stance we take: “The call for free trade is as unavailing as the cry of a spoiled child for the moon. It has never existed; it will never exist.”