



To Lead Our Party in 2020 Three Seek Nomination



Bill Bayes

Mississippi
I was born on April 26th, 1951 in Amsterdam, New York. My Dad was career mili-

tary, having served as an Army medic in the Korean War during the time that I was born. He then switched to the Air Force and retired in September of 1970. Because of this I have lived in many areas of the country, New York, Michigan, Alaska, California, Texas, and Mississippi. I graduated from Biloxi High School, Biloxi, Mississippi in May of 1969 and from the University of Southern Mississippi in May of 1974. I have been a high school band director and have been in sales.

I currently own a small manufacturing business that I've operated for 20 years.

Growing up in the military has given me a unique perspective on the country. I began noticing the encroaching power of the federal government in the fall of 1965 during the build-up of the Vietnam War. I saw at that



Phil Collins
Nevada

Since Jim asked someone else to run for president, I'll run. I have a BA in political science.

When I lived near Chicago, I was a township trustee. I spent about \$10 on my campaign, and I defeated two incumbents. I was in the Navy for 21 years, including six months near Baghdad. I moved to Las Vegas because my wife, Nicole, is a pastor, who was hired by a Las Vegas church.

If I'm the nominee, I'll say that the president and Congress should cut spending and only spend money on subjects that are authorized by Article I Section 8 of the Constitution. Since the federal government would need less money, the same bill should cut tax rates. I'm pro-life and pro-gun rights. I hope that ICE will deport more illegal aliens. I have 4,999 facebook friends, and about 2/3 of them are conservative.



Adam Seaman

Massachusetts
My name is Adam Seaman. I live in Southwick, Massachusetts. I am 36 years old,

married 6 years now, and have a 5-year-old son. I am a veteran of the United States Army. I joined the Prohibition Party in November, 2016.

I want to take the Party back to its traditional progressive roots: woman's rights, constitutional government, reform, and temperance. I also want to bring the Party into the 21st Century and address issues like net neutrality, space exploration, and climate change. I am pro-life, pro-Second Amendment, anti-war, and pro-environment. Reform health care, education, and our foreign policy.

I want to bring temperance and prohibition back into the political conversation. This party is built around the solid moral foundation that is prohibition. There is no greater

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Election Procedure

A list of members in good standing will be provided to all members by the end of October. When the vote is called, the Treasurer will conduct a roll call vote of members present on the conference call (in person or by proxy).

Voting Membership

Anyone who wishes to vote on our presidential nomination must be a paid-up member by October 25, at least having your envelope postmarked by that date (and emailing the Treasurer that your check is in the mail - hedges@prohibitionists.org).

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**From the
Chairman's
Corner**
Rick Knox

I have great news: This party is on the radar screen. We now have three candidates for the Presidential nomination, and we are taking a front-line position in the fight about increased alcohol sales. We have not faded into history, we have just been silent.

Bill Bayes of Mississippi, our vice-presidential candidate in 2016, was the first to announce his candidacy for our Presidential nomination. More recently, Phil Collins of Nevada and Adam Seaman of Massachusetts have also decided to seek the nomination. I ask you to carefully evaluate each candidate and to choose the one that will best represent our Party.

This marks the first time in my memory that we have had three candidates seeking the Party nomination. We did have a race that was contested in 2011, and that was decided in a very close vote. If your dues are current, you can vote in the conference-call convention. We held a telephone conference in 2015, when Jim Hedges was chosen as our Presidential candidate.

Billy Joe Parker informed me recently that a local-option election on Sunday sales in Cherokee County, Georgia will be included in the November General Election. Our Party is always opposed to more alcohol sales and to any other measures that will increase drinking, and we will be in the mix of this battle because alcohol destroys lives and families. The basic plank in our platform has

always been opposition to the spread and use of alcohol. When it comes to this issue, we have to fight like a mongoose against the giant special interest groups who, like the cobra snake, are no good. They worship the dollar and couldn't care less about the damage alcohol causes.

Friends, it's not the time to take a seat on the sidelines. The time has come to get in to the middle of the action. We have a cause to win, a noble cause which shows real concern for our fellow man. Let's all pitch in and do our part. We need you. Straight ahead, and ever forward!

Georgia Dry

Billy Joe Parker has been working to defeat a Sunday-sales referendum in Cherokee County, Georgia. The National Committee is providing \$2500 to purchase 50,000 robo calls urging a "no" vote on Sunday sales at the coming general election.



Conference Call Recommends

Twenty members (and 10 proxies) participated in the 13 November conference call. The recommendations adopted by the participants are merely advisory and must be "affirmed" (or not) at a nominating convention held during the year before the presidential election (Convention Rules, Art. 10).

Bill Bayes and C.L. "Connie" Gammon were chosen to be the Prohibition national ticket for 2020. Bayes' biographical note and platform statement are printed on the previous page. Gammon's biographical note was published in the Oct-Nov-Dec 2017 issue.

A platform for 2020 was proposed; writing that occupied most of the 2-1/2-hour meeting. A preliminary draft had been written and circulated by several of the more progressive members, largely repeating the contents of the 2016 platform. Several of the meeting participants left after the nomination vote was held. Those remaining went over the draft plank by plank.

The 2020 platform is very similar to the

2016 platform (Indeed, our platform changes very little from election to election.)

Most notably, the members eliminated the environmental protection plank, entirely. There had been one in every platform since 1992.

The preliminary draft would have added opposition to capital punishment to the Pro-Life Plank; this was rejected. It was proposed that we support pregnancy counseling as an alternative to abortion; this also was rejected.

A line proposed for the Labor and Management Plank advocating the living wage and family leave was rejected.

The meeting rejected criticism of Trump Republicans' use of private, for-profit detention centers to confine illegal immigrants.

It rejected granting civil unions to same-sex couples.

Although the platform is mostly supportive of religious freedom, the meeting rejected a plank allowing churches to set their own criteria for "marriage," instead leaving rules for marriage with the government.

In the Education Plank, the members rejected a sentence advocating vouchers for all students, to be used wherever parents wished.

The meeting refused to adopt a Health Care Plank, leaving the Prohibition Party without an official position on this major issue.

And finally, it refused to continue from the 2016 platform a line advocating programs to assist tobacco farmers and vineyard owners in changing to other crops.

The over-all impression given by the 2020 platform is that the Prohibition Party has lost compassion and focuses now more than ever on abstruse states' rights and anti-government doctrines.

Members of the ad hoc committee which wrote the preliminary draft of the platform are worried that the 2020 platform will repel the young voters who have been attracted to the Prohibition Party through its social media and who are essential to the survival of our Party.

Politics is supposed to be the second-oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.

-- Ronald Reagan



Editor's Musings

The wife and I attended service at (Hagerstown, Maryland) Trinity Lutheran last Sunday, where her granddaughter was baptized. The church bulletin contained the following passage, beginning with James 3:13 (New Revised Standard Version) --

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

The just-concluded circus around the Kavanaugh hearing, and a video'd threat by the GOP candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania against the Democrat candidate that "I'm going to stomp all over your face with golf spikes," reminds me of some additional a propos verses:

Let all bitterness, and anger, and wrath, crying, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all maliciousness. -- Ephesians 4:31 (Geneva Bible)

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. -- Colossians 4:6 (New International Version)

He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace. -- Proverbs 11:12 (KJV)

Overall, the economic cost of alcohol abuse in America is over 200 billion dollars a year. Unfortunately, the alcohol industry pays less than 10% of that in taxes, leaving the overwhelming burden of alcohol use and alcoholism on the various levels of government and on private individuals and their families.

The Prohibition Party . . .
A Choice not An Echo

We knew it all along, now Science agrees No Safe Level of Alcohol Consumption

"Alcohol is a leading risk factor for global disease burden and causes substantial health loss. We found that the risk of all-cause mortality, and of cancers specifically, rises with increasing levels of consumption, and that the level of consumption that minimized health loss is zero."

"The total attributable burden of alcohol use ... Increases monotonically with consumption.....These findings strongly suggest that alcohol control policies should aim to reduce total population-level consumption."

Thirteen hundred scientific studies on the health effects of alcoholic beverages were evaluated by an international team of experts and published online last August by The Lancet, a highly regarded medical journal. The study was paid for by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. (See: [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(18\)31310-2](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(18)31310-2))

This is a retrospective study (not new research) summarizing the literature on the health effects of beverage alcohol. Drinking advocates point out that "garbage in -- garbage out," which is sometimes true of literature reviews. Well done, however, reviews evaluate each cited report and give less weight to those which were poorly designed. Reports paid for by organizations with a financial interest in alcohol sales are customarily disregarded.

(General Booth said that, if offered money by the Devil, he would take the Devil's money and use it to fight the Devil, but today's scientific protocol is to reject research supported by interested parties.)

Maps accompanying the report show that the hardest-drinking places are the Christian nations of the Western Hemisphere and western Europe, plus Australia and New Zealand. The most abstinent places are the belt of Muslim countries in the Middle East and north Africa, plus Indonesia. Asian countries and the poor nations of sub-Saharan Africa are moderate consumers. In all places, women drink less than do men.

"In 2016, alcohol use led to 2.8 million deaths [world-wide] and was the leading risk factor for premature death and disability among people aged 15-49 years, [amounting to] nearly 9% ... for men and more than 2% for women."

The Magic Bank Account

Imagine, that you have won the following prize in a contest: Each morning, your bank will deposit \$86,400 into your private account, for your own use.

However, the prize has rules: Everything that you don't spend each day will be taken away from you. You may not transfer the remaining balance into another account, you may only spend the money now. At any time, the bank may declare "Game Over" and end it without warning.

Actually, this game is real. Each of us already is a winner of this prize. The prize is "time" -- each morning when we awake, the bank gives us 86,400 seconds as a gift of life, and when we go to sleep at night, any time remaining is forever lost. And, our life may be ended without warning.

So, what will you do with your daily 86,400 seconds, seconds which are worth so much more than an equal amount of dollars? Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by much more quickly than you think. Take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply, and enjoy life! Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day, every day. Start spending...

From an anonymous clipping found in the billfold of Alabama coach Paul "Bear" Bryant after his death.)

New Educational Video

"Opioids" The Untold Story of Millions," a short video, has just been released by the American Character Builders; American Character Builders is a non-political companion organization related to the American Council on Addiction and Alcohol Problems. Production of this video was supported, in part, by the Pennsylvania Prohibition Committee.

The video may be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/FKVSWz0UtV4>, or by reference to the website www.acaap.us. It may be freely shared with one and all.

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**Eleanor M. (Chafin) Stockman
(1856-1924)**

Eleanor Chafin Stockman was a member of the Mason City, Iowa school board. Her brother was Eugene W. Chafin, the 1908 and 1912 presidential candidate of the Prohibition Party. Mrs. Stockman was married to a local doctor, George Stockman. They lived in a house previously designed by noted architect Frank Lloyd Wright, which now is a local tourist attraction. The website for the Stockman house is www.stockmanhouse.org

The Superintendent of Schools in Mason City in 1883 was Carrie Chapman Catt, the Founder of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, so that may have had an influence on Eleanor. At the 1901 meeting of the national organization, Eleanor was recognized as one of the most successful fundraisers of the organization through her gift of the proceeds of a carload of hogs donated by Iowa farmers. She was quite active in getting the vote for women.

Mrs. Stockman was the Prohibition candidate for (Iowa) Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1918.



An honest man in politics shines more there than he would elsewhere.

-- Mark Twain

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moral issue that is universally ignored by every politician in America than alcohol. That includes on the reservations. Arguably, no other body of people have suffered more from the effects of alcohol than Native Americans. We can help them, and we should! We must show people the problem it is, the way we see that it is, and that we have the solution!

I want this Party to champion woman's rights again. This Party blazed the trail for the first woman mayor, the first woman vice-presidential candidate, for woman's suffrage and equality. We need to appeal to women by showing them that we are looking out for them and for their place in this world, and that we always have.

We need to re-ignite our reformist ideals. If prohibition is our meat, reform is our mashed potatoes. If elected, I will call for reform in our electoral system, education, energy sector, and foreign policy. We also need to reform ourselves as a society. These mass shootings have to stop. We need to address mental health in this country and to make America healthy again. I am pro-life and anti-war, because the two are inseparable. We need to stop making war with the world whenever the Executive Office feels like it. Give the war powers back to Congress.

I am pro-Second Amendment and believe the founding fathers made it very clear as to why it is in the Constitution.

We need to invest in our infrastructure, in our space program, and in the environment, all of which are vital to the future of our nation, indeed to the future of mankind. Climate change is real, overpopulation exists. Leave the internet alone, free and informative as it was intended. I support constitutional amendments against corporate personhood and for the abolition of political parties, as George Washington wanted.

As your candidate, I will represent America's oldest third party with intelligence and vigor. I will champion all your causes and all your issues. The issues that now divide America will not divide this Party. In a political climate increasingly reaching for extremes find the center. Nominate me as your candidate for President. Thank you for your time and attention!

Social Media

Manager Andrew Oliver recently paid for a 1-day advertisement about the Prohibition Party. Our "social-media following grew more than it did in the entirety of 2017. It was very exciting, and I hope to be able to continue this kind of growth and advertising in the future, bringing more people into the Party."

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age that Vietnam was going to be another no-win war because of what my Dad told me about Korea. I hated seeing our troops sacrificed for absolutely nothing. I still see that to this day. The last declared war we had was World War II. We have not had one since.

I believe in limited government at the national level and at the state level. I believe that the government should be accountable to the American people. It is not. The founders' intent was for limited self-governance. I believe that people should be public servants, not career politicians. I totally agree that beverage alcohol should not be allowed to destroy the family. I believe that a man should provide for his family first. The Federal income tax is a direct violation of the 10th Amendment of the US Constitution, as are the majority of the federal agencies such as the Department of Education and the EPA. The Federal Reserve should be gotten rid of. It is a private foreign bank run by the Rothschilds. Congress and Congress alone has the right to coin money. I am sick of fiat currency.. It loses value every year. I believe in the Second Amendment. We have a God-given right to protect ourselves, our family, and our property. We also have a right to protect ourselves from a tyrannical government. That is why the Founders wrote the Second Amendment. They had dealt with corrupt King George III and the corrupt English Parliament. We fought a war over taxation. If the founders saw what America has become today, they would shake their heads in disbelief. We are literally taxed to death and in addition to the government at all levels picking our pockets, they invade our privacy on a daily basis. We should never have any interaction with the federal government in our entire lives. That is what the Founders intended when they wrote the Constitution. The Constitution was written to control the federal government, not you and I. Every office holder and every person serving in the military is under the Constitution.

I was the Prohibition Party Vice-Presidential candidate in the 2016 campaign. I have experience doing radio interviews where I talked about freedom, liberty, individual rights, states' rights, the founding principles of America and the Constitution. I will continue to represent the Prohibition Party to the best of my ability. I ask for your vote at the nominating convention in November of 2018.

On account of being a democracy and run by the people, we are the only nation in the world that has to keep a government four years, no matter what it does.

-- Will Rogers