

The “Do's & Don'ts”

The goal of the national organization is to encourage each Chapter President to create their network the way they want it to be. There are only a few things that Chapter Presidents and organizers cannot do, including going against our mission statement and stepping outside the legal boundaries of a non-profit organization. The following information discusses the basic “do's and don'ts”, which are the essentials on what can and cannot be done on behalf of Liberty on the Rocks.

Do's (in general)

- **DO** Invite liberty-oriented individuals to come and speak briefly if you'd like (5-15 minutes should be maximum, or else we're just like all the other formal speaking groups!). This is entirely optional – all chapters should do what works best for them
- **DO** If you have someone speak, provide a disclaimer (on email, facebook invitation and/or in person) which states, “Disclaimer: Speakers and/or guests do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of Liberty On The Rocks”. This is helpful due to the fact that we don't always know what they will say before they say it
- **DO** If you invite a candidate to speak about a specific liberty-oriented topic, be sure to provide a disclaimer, both on the invitation and in person stating, “Disclaimer: Liberty on the Rocks does not endorse specific candidates or legislation.” Candidates may only come to educate the group on liberty-oriented issues; they are not allowed to give “stump speeches” about why people should vote for them. It is possible for them to discuss why they are running for office or to mention a specific bill during the “30-Second Soapbox” portion (if applicable) as it is a public venue, but it must be known that we are a non-partisan group and are therefore not able to endorse specific candidates or legislation
- **DO** Encourage polite discussion amongst your guests, even if they have different viewpoints – we're here to learn from each other!
- **DO** Educate guests and members about important current affairs related to our mission. If it is educational information about specific legislation (i.e. what its economic effects would be and/or were, etc.), it is of extreme importance to ensure that you *do not* prompt or encourage guests to support or denounce specific legislation on behalf of LOTR, or in any capacity of LOTR. Instead, assume with the proper information, your guests can figure it out for themselves!

Don'ts (in general)

- **DON'T** Endorse conspiracy theories at LOTR meetings. LOTR is not associated with either side on these issues, and will not be a part of the debate over them
- **DON'T** Collect any money – if people wish to donate, thank them, and ask them to go to your chapter website to donate using our online (and secure) Paypal service. If you do not yet have a website and/or button installed for your local network, send an email to info@libertyontherocks.org to request one
- **DON'T** Endorse candidates at your meetings, or allow others to do so on behalf of LOTR. Candidates are more than welcome to attend, but are never to be invited to give “stump speeches”. They can speak their mind during “open forums” such as a “30-Second Soapbox”, but cannot be invited to speak on behalf of their campaign. Some IRS rules allow you to invite candidates as long as everyone running (all parties) are invited and given equal time to speak. If you are interested in pursuing this, please contact Amanda@libertyontherocks.org before you do to ensure all rules are being followed
- **DON'T** Tell people how to vote on specific legislation
- **DON'T** Label LOTR as having a specific political affiliation
- **DON'T** Support anything on behalf of LOTR that goes against our core principles of free markets, property rights, individual liberty, and/or the non-aggression principle
- **DON'T** Have your meetings at a private home – this creates a liability
- **DON'T** Make your meetings into formal lectures – but **DO** invite individuals to speak briefly about interesting topics (up to 15-20 minutes)

Do's & Don'ts (regarding literature table)

- **DO** provide information on pro-liberty events/happenings in the local community (or statewide if applicable)
- **DO** provide information on local (and national) free market think tanks or other liberty-oriented groups
- **DO** encourage free market/liberty-oriented groups to bring their own literature, but do not encourage them to hand out information on candidates and/or legislation. We cannot limit people from bringing what they want, so be sure to post a sign on the “literature” table noting that LOTR does not endorse candidates, and that any info that is related to candidates and/or specific legislation has been brought by individuals not associated with LOTR. It is important not to bring this kind of literature back to future meetings, as organizers are strictly forbidden from disseminating campaign literature

- **DON'T** allow information regarding conspiracy theories to be left out on your "Events & Organizations" table. Liberty on the Rocks is not and will not be associated with these theories one way or another
- **DON'T** provide information supporting or rejecting specific legislation
- **DON'T** provide or disseminate information that is endorsing or opposing specific candidates (yes, this needs to be repeated!)
- **DON'T** provide information that goes against the principles of free markets, individual liberties, property rights, and/or the non-aggression principle