

NEW ILLINOIS

**Welcomes You
to the Third Constitutional
Convention**



**May 5-6, 2023
Quincy, Illinois**

NEW ILLINOIS HISTORY

New Illinois is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization founded in June 2018. In October 2018, the first informational meeting was held in Decatur, IL. New Illinois made a formal, public declaration of independence from the State of Illinois on October 17, 2020 on the steps of the Hancock County Courthouse in Carthage. New Illinois currently has committees in 29 counties with several more forming.

NEW ILLINOIS MISSION STATEMENT

New Illinois exists to educate Illinoisans about their right to pursue the formation of a new state separate from the State of Illinois, according to the procedure provided in Article IV, Sec 3 of the U.S. Constitution, following the West Virginia model.

NEW ILLINOIS VISION STATEMENT

New Illinois envisions a NEW state free from a tyrannical form of government, where residents will be able to experience a government representing their Constitutional Rights.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY NIGHT

(All events in Ballroom A unless otherwise noted.)

3:00pm-4:15pm	Registration, Lobby
5:00pm-5:45pm	Registration, Lobby
5:45pm-6:30pm	Social Time – Cash bar
5:45pm-6:30pm	VIP Meet & Greet, Ballroom C
6:30pm-6:45pm	Announcements – Don Glenn (MC) Official Welcome – G.H. Merritt
6:45pm-7:45pm	Invocation – Larry Mulch Dinner
7:45pm-8:00pm	Addressing Speaker – David Shestokas
8:00pm-9:00pm	Main Speaker – Diane Benjamin

SATURDAY SESSION

(All events in Ballroom A unless otherwise noted.)

8:30am-9:00am	Registration, Lobby
9:00am-9:15am	Opening Announcements – Don Glenn Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
9:15am-9:45am	Opening Speaker – Diane Benjamin
9:45am-10:45am	Main Speaker – David Shestokas
10:45am-11:15am	Finance Committee Report – Marty Kelly
11:15am-11:45am	Constitution Committee Report – Dan Juffernbruch
11:45am-12:45pm	Lunch
12:45pm-4:00pm	Assembly Session, Ballroom B
12:45pm-4:00pm	Senate Session, Ballroom C
1:00pm-3:00pm	Public Town Hall, Q & A – Larry Mulch, David Shestokas, Diane Benjamin
4:00pm-5:00pm	Joint Session – Larry Mulch, New Illinois Vice Chairman
5:00pm	Adjournment

NOTED SPEAKER

David Shestokas

President of Wirepoints, Inc.



Dave has been involved in elections and election law for over 30 years, including working with Judicial Watch as counsel in *Illinois Conservative Union v. Illinois State Board of Elections*. He was appointed to the Illinois GOP Ballot Integrity Committee in preparation for the 2022 elections. He also served as a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney and is currently a Chicago Board of Elections Hearing Officer

and a Will County Arbitrator.

In 1992, Shestokas joined attorneys of Lithuanian heritage from around the world as a member of the First World Congress of Lithuanian Lawyers. The Lithuanian President, government officials, and the Lithuanian Bar worked with that Congress to restore the rule of law and a constitutional government after four generations of Soviet occupation.

From April, 2021 to June, 2022 he was a candidate for IL Attorney General and devoted his campaign to explaining how the Attorney General has a role to play if citizens wish to "Make Crime Illegal Again."

He is the author of two books, *Creating the Declaration of Independence and Constitutional Sound Bites*.

NOTED SPEAKER

Diane Benjamin



Diane studied Psychology and Political Science before changing her major to Accounting and becoming a CPA. Later, she became a thriving entrepreneur, writing and providing software for the automobile industry. This lasted until the Obama administration introduced the “Cash for Clunkers” program, which caused half of her clients to go out of business.

She founded the McLean County Tea Party and led it through its early years of rapid growth until leaving to start BLN News, the “News Nobody Reports.” A government watchdog for 11 years, her reporting on the actions of the former mayor led to his censure by the city council. In another case, she uncovered corruption in the Bloomington city government and was responsible for 111 felony indictments being filed. Over \$400,000 was recovered for the citizens.

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