

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 17 -18, 1979

Those in attendance included:

NAME	REGION	NAME	REGION
Steve Sparling	1	Dave Segal	2
Mark Pickens	4	Bob Costello	4
Anne Grappo	6	Cynthia Hilton	6
Martin Buerger	6	Karen Huffman	7
Dante DeAmicis	7	Mark Hinkle	7
Saul Rackaukas	9	Mike Grotke	10
Melinda Pillsbury-		Laura Twombly	11
Foster	11	Ed Wolford	12
Kevin Dye	12	Ed Ogawa	13
Bob Lehman	14	Sarah Foster	14
Carol Ann Moore	16	Bill Maxfield	17
Jack Dean	18	Will Marshall	18
Dyanne Peterson	18	Ginger Kenny	19
Sara Baase	20	Corby Sommerville	20
Thomas Jacobson	23	Dan Wiener	Chair
Mike Hall	S.V.Ch.	Eric Garris	N.V.Ch.
Lyn Sapowsky	Sec.	Michelle Kurtz	Rec. Sec.
Al Heitzman	Treas.		

Also attending were:

Ed Clark	Dave Bergland
Alicia Clark	Nicole Bergland
Ray Hendrickson	Zack Richardson
Jack Sanders	Rich Winger
Bruce Lagasse	Ellen Baker
Dave Wright	Ted Brown
Pat Cooper	Tom Ness
Andy Garrett	Jeff Smith
Shirley Gottlieb	Don Federicks
Jim Skalican	

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The resolution endorsing Proposition 2 passed. The vote was 20 to adopt and 5 abstentions. The vote for the 4 propositions was:

Prop.	1	2	3	4
YES	15	24	7	16
NO	0	0	2	3
NO POS.	8	0	14	5
ABSTAIN	3	2	3	2

MOTION:

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected.  
PASSED.

## VICE CHAIR REPORTS

In So. California the Clark office will open in about 2 weeks in office space donated by Joe Coberly Leasing.

In No. California the East Bay and San Francisco are working on preparing candidates for next November's election. There are over 7,000 registered Libertarians in San Francisco. Santa Clara has a new phone line (408) CRY FREE and a large slate of candidates preparing for next November.

Bart Lee received 3.5% of the vote for D.A. in San Francisco.

Mark Pickens ran for supervisor in the 11th district in San Francisco and received 2% (320 votes).

Andy Garrett ran in San Jose for the School Board and came in third in a field of five for two seats. He was attacked in the San Jose Mercury after the election.

Proposition Q received 38% of the vote in San Francisco. There is some slight chance of a revote due to a mistranslation of the ballots in Chinatown.

## MARIJUANA INITIATIVE

A new initiative was filed last week by NORML - it legalizes growing, possession, and transportation for personal use, but it does not legalize sale. It also sets up a commission to study marijuana laws. It saves millions in enforcement costs but the commission will cost several hundred thousand dollars. The general feeling of the ExecCom was that this was a good initiative despite its flaws. It should get on the ballot.

## MOTION:

That we endorse the call (by the American Cannabis Society, the Freedom Co-op, the Gilbert Initiative, SLS, American Harvest Committee, et al) for a conference on marijuana to end prohibition. Such a conference to take place in early 1980. PASSED.

## BALLOT DRIVE

Sara Baase, representing the oversight committee, reported \$157,855 has been raised, of which about \$132,000 has been allocated. New projects are starting up in Marin, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and many campuses. Current estimates put our registration totals at 66,000 to 68,000. The following people received applause for doing especially fine jobs on the registration drive: Pat Cooper, Jim Skalican, Dyanne Peterson, and Jack Sanders.

Libertarian Political Consultants presented a report (9 pages) on the ballot access drive as of 11/15/79 and various items, as well as our current problems with the county registrar were covered.

## LEGAL REPORT

Ray Hendrickson reported on the problems we are having with the L.A. County registrar, the letter the registrar is sending to all registered libertarians in L.A. County, our lawsuit against the individuals who we felt turned in fraudulent voter registration cards. Ray managed to pre-empt the news release by the registrar somewhat with our lawsuit filed just the day before. That kept the PR from being as bad as it could have been. The general consensus was that the ABC networks had been the worst of the three networks in reporting - it referred to "massive voter registration fraud."

The letter by the registrar was sent on 11/15 and returns will be coming in during the next three weeks. Letters that are returned "undeliverable" will be remailed. Ray Hendrickson and Dan Wiener will be meeting with the L.A. County registrar in three weeks (12/10/79).

The lawsuit in Orange County by the L.P.C. will probably not be pursued. It was done mainly for the publicity.

We will attempt to revalidate disallowed registrations.

Lawsuits currently in progress:

1. LPC vs. Olson - appeal on our lawsuit that put the word "Libertarian" on the ballot after Bergland's and Gallagher's names last year. Hearing on 12/4/79.
2. 2% Lawsuit - about to be filed, won't be heard this year.
3. Orange County Lawsuit - against fraudulent registration gatherers.

The LPC will be mailing 10 registration cards and a letter to every LPC member to get them to register friends. There will be a follow-up phone campaign. The Ballot Drive Oversight Committee is willing to allocate the funds so that the mailing will be done first class instead of bulk rate.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION

Bob Costello has resigned effective 12/1/79.

#### MOTION:

That we accept Bob Costello's letter of resignation. PASSED.

#### MOTION:

That we consider the appointment of an Executive Director for an interim period through 2/80 LPC Convention and that the possibility be investigated of splitting the position into a northern and a southern director, that the position be advertised, and that a committee be appointed to review resumes of applicants and make a recommendation. PASSED

Dave Bergalnd spoke on the problem of an independent contractor vs. an employee. Several lawyers within the party agree that we will have to consider the Executive Director an employee instead of a contractor.

#### MOTION:

That we empower the Chair to appoint a committee to investigate splitting the Executive Director into a northern and a southern position. PASSED.

#### MOTION:

In the interests of maintaining the continuity of the office, we will maintain the San Francisco office and appoint someone to the current vacancy in the interim and it is the LPC's objective to maintain two offices starting February 1980. PASSED.

## BALLOT STATUS AND PARTY ORGANIZATION

A report prepared by Rich Winger was passed out and discussed.

We have asked Assmelywoman M. Ryan to put our plan into code. Even if she doesn't introduce it, someone will in the next year, but after it passes it won't go into effect until 1981. Until then we have to choose one of the existing structures. Rich Winger and Eric Garris both favored the PFP structure.

### MOTION:

That we adopt the PFP plan but that we refuse to abide by the rules of gender as they are sexist. PASSED.

Note: As the California Libertarian Council we can endorse candidates, but once ballot qualified the Libertarian Party of California cannot endorse candidates.

The breakdown of power between the LPC and the CLC will have to be decided. We might try to have common membership, and also rule out people who don't register Libertarian. We are not required to have an elected county central committee until June - until then whatever we tell the Secretary of State goes.

The names of the members of the county central committee members must be given to Dan Wiener by 12/10/79.

### MOTION:

Officers and Executive Committee members chosen by the LPC are officers for the California Libertarian Council as well as for the LPC. Also, these bodies will meet jointly until July 1980 when the legal structure takes effect. PASSED.

Rich Winger was appointed to chair a committee to draft a Libertarian Party election code. Other volunteers for this committee were: Ray Hendrickson, Jerry Sievers, and Eric Garris.

### COMPOST REPORT:

Majority and minority reports were passed out and discussed. Bob Lehman and B.J. Wagener reviewed the majority report and Kevin Dye discussed his minority report. The discussion centered around what is to be the endorsing group.

### MOTION:

Regions of the California Libertarian Council are specifically empowered to recruit, run, endorse, withhold or reject endorsement of any candidate running as a Libertarian for any public office wholly or partially within that Region's jurisdiction. PASSED.

### CANDIDATE SEMINAR

On December 15th, in Oceanside, there will be a candidate training seminar provided by Liberty Communications. For further information contact Pat Cooper (714) 746-6356.

### MOTION:

The Executive Director send a letter to all candidates during the first week in December informing them of filing dates, candidate seminars, etc. PASSED.

Jerry Sievers is setting up a Libertarian Toastmasters Club in Los Angeles to help Libertarians practice public speaking.

MOTION:

That the LPC form two multi-candidate state-wide political funding committees (one for federal candidates and one for state candidates) known as the Victory Committees to raise and disperse funds as outlined in the Compost Report. The state Executive Committee will set policy and guidelines for the dispersing of funds. PASSED.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

A report on the 1979 National Convention was handed out. It was urged that comments and suggestions be sent to Ed Crane, Dave Nolan, and Dave Bergland.

Bruce Lagasse passed out his report on the National Committee meeting and it was discussed.

BUDGET

The budget for the next three months was handed out and discussed. It was reported that there are still some unpaid bills from the Sept. Caliber, and that costs for Caliber have gone up considerably over last year.

MOTION:

That resumes for editorship of Caliber be submitted to the Executive Committee by 1/15/80. PASSED.

MOTION:

That we accept the budget, subject to revisions regarding registrations. PASSED.

MOTION:

That we direct the Caliber editor to put out one more issue this quarter containing registration drive information and advance convention news and that it be received by 1/15/80. PASSED.

CLARK CAMPAIGN

The Steering Committee includes:

Ray Cunningham - Chair	Carol Cunningham
Dallas Cooley	John Hilberg
Chris Hocker	Dave Nolan
Ed Crane	

This committee has met three times so far - to develop campaign strategy. First a research study will be made to learn: (1) what do people know about us, and (2) what issues would cause people to vote for us. This will tell us what to emphasize. A campaign newsletter will come out in 1-2 weeks. Chris Hocker will be the National Coordinator and Christina Herbert is the Office Manager. Still open are the positions of Media Coordinator and Finance Director. All scheduling will be done from the Washington D.C. office so requests for Ed to appear somewhere should be made to that office.

Ed has already been on several trips and made several radio appearances. He's been to Illinois, Arizona, Tennessee, Louisiana, Iowa, and Colorado. News/talk radio programs around the country have been calling him. David Koch has also been getting into the spirit of campaigning and has been traveling around the country to the various state organizations.

PLATFORM COMMITTEE

Ed Wolford passed out copies of the platform and discussed what can be done before the committee meets (just prior to the February Convention) at 10 a.m. 2/15/80.

RESOLUTION

The Libertarian Party of California hereby endorses the 1980 California Marijuana Initiative sponsored by NORML.

While we do have significant reservations and objections regarding the establishment of a government commission to study full legalization and the gradualist nature of the initiative,

Be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of California supports the California Marijuana Initiative-1980 and will work for its passage. PASSED.

KARL BRAY AWARD

Bruce Lagasse presented an outline of the planned nominating procedure and criteria. This was modified by the general consensus of the committee to remove the necessity of going through one of the Vice-Chairs.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU

Past attempts to form a bureau haven't gone anywhere. Melinda Pillsbury-Foster, who is arranging speakers in Region 11, agreed to co-ordinate speakers statewide.

MOTION:

That we create a Speaker's Bureau and name Melinda Pillsbury-Foster as State Coordinator. PASSED

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

B.J. Wagener, Jim Skalican, and Eric Garris ran for the office of Interim Executive Director. Eric Garris was elected to the position.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

A Credentials Committee for the upcoming LPC State Convention was named:

Corby Sommerville	Lyn Sapowsky - Chair
Sandi Webb	Steve Sparling
	Cynthia Hilton

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

Tabled

LITERATURE COMMITTEE

It was pointed out that James Reichle's name should not appear as a member of the literature committee as that committee membership

NORTHERN VICE-CHAIR

Eric Garris resigned as Northern Vice-Chair and Steve Sparling was nominated and elected to fill the vacancy.

MOTION:

(1) The Recording Secretary is instructed to research the records of the LPC and prepare a list containing the complete text of all policy statements, resolutions, and committee appointments

made by the Executive Committee that are currently relevant and in effect. The date of each item shall be included.

(2) It shall be considered part of the Recording Secretary's job to maintain the compiled resolutions report and keep it up to date.

(3) The Recording Secretary shall provide copies of the report and of the minutes of the previous Executive Committee meeting for distribution to all new members of the committee at the first meeting held each year following the state convention.

(4) This motion shall be included in the report.

PASSED.

#### MOTION:

It shall be the policy of this committee that the committee will take no action on any reports or proposals more than one page long unless it is mailed to the members of the committee at least ten days prior to the meeting. The report or proposal may be discussed but the vote will be deferred to the next meeting or mail ballot. This requirement may be waived by a 2/3 vote for any particular proposal or report. PASSED

#### MOTION:

The LPC policy on caucuses within the party shall be:

(1) For recognition as a caucus a group must provide to the Executive Committee, each year, a list of at least ten members who are members of the LPC, and a statement of purpose that is consistent with the LP Statement of Principles;

(2) Each caucus with its address and telephone number, shall be listed at least twice a year in the state party newsletter;

(3) State convention organizers shall co-operate with caucuses to obtain caucus meeting rooms, to be paid for by the caucuses;

(4) The state LP mailing permit shall be made available to caucuses for mailings directed primarily at libertarians, with all mailing expenses to be paid for by the caucuses; and

(5) All caucus publications (e.g. pamphlets and newsletters) shall include the following disclaimer: "The views expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect the official views of the Libertarian Party of California."

PASSED

#### 1980 STATE CONVENTION

Information on the upcoming convention was passed out. Discussion covered entertainment, speakers, films, financing, and publicity. Pricing will be with the expectation of a low break-even point.

#### REGIONAL CHARTER PETITIONS

Region 19 (San Mateo County) and Region 21 (Kern County) both filed petitions with the LPC Secretary requesting that each be chartered as an official Region within the LPC.

#### MOTION:

That we accept the charters of Region 19 and Region 21 pending the correction of membership inadequacies. PASSED.

#### RADICAL CAUCUS

The Radical Caucus requested recognition as a caucus within the LPC.

MOTION:

That we accept the Radical Caucus as a legitimate caucus of the LPC. PASSED.

PROPOSAL TO RAISE DUES

MOTION:

That we direct the Secretary, Chair, and Treasurer to come up with perperson membership costs and submit this data to the Executive Committee at the February 1980 meeting. PASSED.

EDUCATIONAL TAX-CREDIT INITIATIVE

NTU has refiled for the November 1980 ballot. The new petition drive will start in about a month.

COALITION TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF RENTAL UNITS

George Abrahams presented a petition that would restrict governmental power with regards to price, rent, and lease controls.

MOTION:

To endorse George Abrahams petition. PASSED.

RESOLUTION

Whereas the current energy problem is caused in large part by government regulations and other intrusions into the energy market,

Be it resolved that the LPC condemns the current odd/even plan imposed by Governor Brown. PASSED

The meeting was adjourned.



NAMES SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION TO FILL UPCOMING VACANCIES  
IN THE STATE OFFICES

STATE CHAIR:

June Genis	Mike Anzis
Dan Dougherty	Jack Dean
Jack Sanders	

NORTHERN VICE CHAIR

Steve Sparling

SOUTHERN VICE CHAIR

Zack Richardson	B.J. Wagener
Bob Lehman	

TREASURER

Michelle Kurtz	Bob Costello
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SECRETARY

Lyn Sapowsky	Laura Twombly
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RECORDING SECRETARY

Ted Brown	Bob Lehman
Mark Pickens	

CALIBER EDITOR

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