

1988

Libertarian Party of California Executive Committee Meeting

August 12-13, 1988

Los Angeles, California

The ExeCom of the LPC was called to order by Ted Brown at 1:10 p.m., on August 12, 1988. Marion McEwen announced that the National Committee meeting will be held in Burlingame next weekend. Additions to the agenda were made and approved. It was moved (Sapowsky-Smith) to table approval of the last meeting's minutes until Sunday. The motion PASSED.

Chair's Report (Brown):

Brown and Jack Dean were on KFI radio on a call-in talk show and the 800 number was mentioned. 8 of the 9 Bond measures on the November ballot will have Libertarian arguments against them. Ed Vallen, of the American Patriots movement, is helping to get LPC and Ron Paul booths at gun shows. The mailing to the voter registration list brought in 53 new members. Voter registration figures are at 46,500 statewide.

Secretary's Report (Lang):

Two mail ballots were sent since the last meeting. The one regarding Fundraising PASSED but the other regarding a Voter Registration mailing FAILED due to lack of a quorum. An investigation into Jim Peron's use of the LPC list without authorization indicated that its use may have been accidental. It was moved (Lang) to rescind the motion against Peron made at the last meeting. The vote was 12 to 7 to rescind but FAILED (required a 2/3's vote). A book of resolutions was distributed. Discussion concerning the mail ballots resulted in re-votes of both items. Both PASSED.

Treasurer's Report (Maxwell):

540 Income Tax raised \$2,561.04 income. We have 69 pledgers giving about \$1000 per month (total). Both the fundraising letters were discussed. Money has been sent to the Ballot Access Committee as it's come in. People on the 800 number inquiry list are sending money for Ballot Access.

Northern Vice Chair's Report (Sweany):

Ted Brown has asked Sweany to represent the LPC at a debate/forum hosted by the California Journal. Roger Pope, (former) Chair of Sacramento County, has moved out of state and a replacement is being sought. Chuck Carr hired John Slavin to do fundraising. Slavin left Carr with \$3000 of phone bills. Many counties want to start voter registration drives. Discussion to appoint David Morris Chair of Santa Barbara was tabled to verify facts.

It was moved (Sapowsky-Smith) "that the 20% discount allowed by the LNC for memberships secured and processed by the LPC shall be earmarked for the LPC registration effort. This designation of funds shall not be abridged by less than 3/4 of the entire Executive Committee. This resolution shall take effect at the beginning of October, 1988, and shall dissolve at the end of fiscal year 1990. Remaining funds shall be designated to the 1992 Ballot Access Drive upon approval of the LPC ExeCom present and voting on the matter." The motion PASSED.

Southern Vice Chair's Report (Goldsworthy):

Goldsworthy was elected the L.A. County Chair to the County Central Committee. John Vernon has 33 radio spots and is running a very active campaign. A written report is available on request.

Office Report (Sapowsky-Smith):

A number of reports were passed out regarding the office activities. Copies are available upon request. Sapowsky-Smith requested the acquisition of a new copier, an additional cabinet for in-house storage of database information and an adding machine. She also requested the repair of the IBM Proprinter.

Newsletter Report (Foster):

Circulation is at about 1600. Additional funds are needed to pay for folding and paper and printing costs. \$125 is the cost of printing 1500 copies. 2000 copies would cost about \$150 with the paper cost going up \$10. It was moved (Lieberman) "to increase the newsletter printing budget to \$2440. (\$225 per month for the remainder of the fiscal year)." The motion PASSED.

Budget Report (Maxwell):

It was moved (Lake) "to raise the Misc. income item to reflect the increase of the newsletter budget by \$140." The motion PASSED.

It was moved (Sapowsky-Smith) "to establish a Chair's discretionary fund of \$500. This shall be a revolving fund with the approval of the ExeCom. It shall be included in the Chair's Report at every meeting." The motion was amended (Alexander) by substituting the second sentence with "This fund may be replenished at each ExeCom meeting by the approval of the ExeCom." The motion as amended PASSED.

Fundraising Report (Hinkle):

A pledge drive to support the office staffperson will go out soon. A discussion of inheritance prospects as a fundraising idea was discussed.

Membership Report (Lang):

Nine of our candidates are not paid members. A discussion of sending a membership letter asking people who are ex-members why they haven't rejoined was discussed. A \$500 Life Membership category should be included in the California Libertarian News form. It was moved (Sapowsky-Smith) "to rescind a standing resolution allowing the Secretary to exercise judgement as to signing the initiation of force statement." The motion PASSED.

Contract Services and Management Report

It was moved (Hinkle) "that the LPC shall fund, for an indefinite period, a full-time staff member who reports to the Chair, who shall work in the LPC headquarters. The LPC shall consolidate the database contract within the LPC headquarters. The Chair's direction to this staff member, in matters concerning the responsibilities of other officers, shall be with the advice and consent of those officers. The funding of this staff member shall not exceed the current funding of the office manager and the database manager." The motion PASSED.

Brown appointed Jerry Douglas as Contract S and M Chair.

The LPC Convention Contract is unsigned, as is the Newsletter Editor's contract.

Legal Report (Brown):

Various activities of Richard Winger and Jack Dean were reported. The LPC part of the suit against March Fong Eu is going to the Supreme Court. Dean continues to pursue the collection of the \$160,000 judgement.

Committee to Study Proportional Representation Report (Lake):

Lake is looking into a unicameral legislative initiative in conjunction with the AIP and the Peace & Freedom Party. Winger is attending the P & F Convention this weekend.

Reorganization Committee Report:

No report.

Strategy Committee Report:

No report.

National Committee Preparation Report:

It was moved (Sapowsky-Smith) "that the LPC recognizes the inalienable right of its Nat Com Reps to express their own opinions and to maintain their independence while serving in the capacity of regional representative from California. However, we wish to make it explicitly clear that actions taken pursuant to the resignation of the

national Chair are not condoned nor sanctioned by the LPC at this time. Be it further known that the LPC condemns any and all attempts to seek the resignation of the LP Chair, a duly elected Officer of the Libertarian Party. Herewith, the LPC advises its representatives to the Libertarian Nat Com to identify their actions in this matter as an expression of individual preference and not necessarily the views of their constituents." The motion PASSED.

Convention Update (Lang):

The Convention is coming along nicely. Speaker contracts and early-bird rate notices will go out soon. David Nolan will be the Key Note Speaker.

CQE Initiative Results:

No report.

It was moved (Lang) to accept the minutes of the last ExeCom meeting. The motion PASSED.

The following recommendations PASSED regarding the ExeCom positions on the upcoming November Propositions:

87-no position	94-no	101-no
88-no position	95-no	102-no
89-no	96-no	103-no
90-yes	97-no	104-no
91-no	98-no	105-no
92-no	99-no	106-no
93-yes	100-no	

The following resolution was moved (Foster):

Whereas the Libertarian Party recognizes that the right to use and dispose of one's property is an inalienable right, and

Whereas the Libertarian Party has long called for an end to zoning boards, zoning regulations and similar odious restrictions that interfere with this right to property (such regulations are not to be confused with deed restrictions and covenants which are entered into voluntarily by individuals through contract--these we do not oppose), and

Whereas we hold as fundamental the principal that the initiation of force to achieve individual, social or political goals is unacceptable in a free society, and

Whereas we hold that raising monies for government purposes through a system of punitive fines is a particularly vicious way to raise revenue, and

Whereas we further hold that the most just solution to social problems, such as a shortage of inexpensive housing, can best be provided in the free market, where men and women can strive to provide goods and services unhampered by odious regulations and restriction, and

Whereas the Libertarian Party Platform calls for a sharp reduction in the size of government and the scope of its police powers, and

Whereas Proposition 95, the "Homeless Initiative," is the anti-thesis of what Libertarians view as the proper scope and function of government, and its passage would require and result in the following:

1. A gigantic increase in the size and scope of government through a new statewide army of bureaucrats that would further harrass and intimidate the residents and businesspersons of California;
2. An enormous increase in public indebtedness, since the Public Corporation to be created would have the power to sell bonds unapproved by the voters;
3. The end result being a decrease in the housing stock as low-income property owners, often seniors and members of minorities, would be forced to give up their homes,

Therefore be it resolved that we, the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California, categorically condemn Proposition 95 and pledge our opposition. PROPOSITION 95 MUST BE DEFEATED!

Recognizing that an informed electorate is the best way to assure the defeat of Proposition 95, we ^{turner} ~~therefore~~ resolve that the following steps be taken in order that the voters of California become aware of our stand and the reasons for it:

1. We urge our candidates for public office to speak out against it;
2. We urge our members to work with those individuals and groups which have already declared opposition;
3. We urge our members to contact those legislators whom we believe would be opposed to it, so that they may become knowledgeable on the matter and will inform their constituents, ~~and~~ "

It was moved and PASSED to skip the item on '88 Election Brainstorming due to time considerations.

A media visibility plan was discussed by Ernst Ghermann. Th motion (McEwen) "that the LPC, in conjunction with the candidates, chairs and regions, issue press releases that

combined could equal one per day. The LPC will appropriate \$810 for the Chair and Vice Chairs portion of this proposal" FAILED.

The following resolution was moved by Steven Pencall, 59th Assembly Candidate, with the consent of the ExeCom:

" Whereas, the pending proposal of the California Department of Health Services to regulate the sale of wild mushrooms would create a new "advisory committee" to oversee the sale of wild mushrooms;

Whereas, this "advisory committee" would not be required to hold meetings that are open to the public;

Whereas, the certification fees to be imposed on wild mushroom buyers, pickers and sellers are unlikely to generate enough revenue to cover the costs of administering this complicated proposal;

Whereas, the proposal will have the effect of decreasing the variety and amount of edible mushrooms available to the public and increasing the price of such mushrooms;

Whereas, no serious poisonings have been traced to commercially available wild mushrooms, indicating the competence and integrity of businesspersons involved in the wild mushroom trade, and the proposal would do nothing to address the problem of misinformed persons who are poisoned by mushrooms they pick themselves;

Whereas, the proposal would constitute a costly and unnecessary intrusion into the affairs of small businesspersons which would impose onerous paperwork requirements;

Be it resolved, that the Libertarian Party of California is unequivocally opposed to this and all similar proposals put forth by the California Department of Health Services."

The motion PASSED.

The following motion (Foster) was made:

" Whereas Libertarians hold that the "violations" sought by the Underground Economy Task Force are nothing less than the normal and rightful acts of free people and should not be made illicit; and

Whereas, the Underground Economy Task Force and Hotline (aka, "The Ratline") represents a vicious attack upon the very principles we cherish, including the right to trade with others openly and without fear; and

Whereas the Task Force and the Ratline are anathema to those principles upon which this country was built: trust, benevolence and voluntary cooperation, plus those rights which are guaranteed protection under the Constitution: the right to be secure in one's person, house, papers, and effects; the right to be confronted by one's accusers; and

Whereas, the Task Force and the Ratline encourages the most deplorable traits in human personality: envy, betrayal and suspicion, and are therefore an affront to decent persons everywhere;

Therefore be it resolved, that we, the Libertarian Party of California, declare our complete condemnation of, and opposition to, the Underground Economy Task Force and "the Ratline."

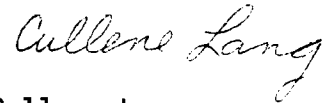
We further reaffirm our opposition to government licensing laws, restrictions on working at home, and similar regulations, as expressed in Platforms of both the LPC and the national Libertarian Party."

The motion PASSED.

The next meeting will be held November 12-13, 1988, in San Luis Obispo, arrangements to be made by Ted Brown.

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m. on Sunday, August 13, 1988.

Respectfully submitted,



Cullene Lang
Secretary, LPC

Attachment A

Alameda: Marion McEwen

Butte: Mark Sweany

Contra Costa: John Corl

Orange: Richard Martin

San Diego: Randy Myseth

San Mateo: Lyn Sapowsky-Smith

Santa Clara: Mark Hinkle, Todd Greene, Dave Maxwell, Steve Alexander, Scott Lieberman

Santa Cruz: Karen Huffman

Ventura: Aaron Starr

61: Nancy Neale, Jerry Douglas

62: Fred Schaefer, Chris Hofland

63: Kim Goldsworthy, John Thie

64: Ted Brown, Bill Lake, Sally Foster

66: Dave Nichols, Cullene Lang

67: Gail Lightfoot



Libertarian Party of California

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San Jose, California 95126

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE (1-1-88)

Results for 4 Months\$ 23,086.78

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$ 18,394.02
Pledges	\$ 3,966.48
Donations	\$ 5,334.02
CA 540 Donations	\$ -0-
Interest	\$ 544.84
Label Sales	\$ 6.00
Misc.	\$ 1,234.03

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 29,479.39

EXPENSES-Administrative

Dues-Regions	\$ 4,623.00
Dues-National	\$ 5,475.00
Telephone	\$ 854.24
Printing	\$ 428.82
Postage	\$ 209.27
Legal (Remaining Balance-\$ 1,041.91)	\$ 2,535.25
Fundraising	\$ 2,549.97
Vice Chairs	\$ -0-
Bank Charges	\$ 110.28
Misc.	\$ 223.95

Total Administrative Expenses

\$ 17,009.78

EXPENSES-Contract Services

Database Administrator	\$ 2,000.00
Chair's Assistant	\$ 100.00
Computer Rental	\$ 503.50
Answering Service	\$ 151.39
Clipping Service	\$ 132.00
Mail Drop	\$ 36.00
Supplies	\$ 114.52
Telephone-800#	\$ 463.55
Office Rent	\$ 300.00

Total Contract Services Expenses

\$ 3,800.96

EXPENSES-Membership

Postage	\$ -0-
Printing	\$ 287.55
Misc.	\$ -0-

Total Membership Expenses

\$ 287.55

EXPENSES-Newsletter

Editor's Fee	\$ 600.00
Printing	\$ 790.87
Postage	\$ 685.00
Misc.	\$ 14.75

Total Newsletter Expenses

\$ 2,090.62

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 23,188.91

NET INCOME (LOSS)

\$ 6,290.48

ENDING CASH BALANCE (4-30-88)

\$ 29,377.26



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1988 BUDGET REFLECTIONS

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> ^(4 months) _{thru 4-30-88}
INCOME		
Membership Dues	\$ 31,000.00 *	\$ 18,394.02
Pledges	\$ 17,300.00	\$ 3,966.48
Donations	\$ 10,000.00 *	\$ 5,334.02
CA 540 Donations	\$ 2,800.00	\$ -0-
Interest	\$ 1,000.00 *	\$ 544.84
Label Sales	\$ 150.00	\$ 6.00
Misc.	<u>\$ 2,827.16 *</u>	<u>\$ 1,234.03</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$ 65,077.16 *</u>	<u>\$ 29,479.39</u>
EXPENSES-Administrative		
Dues-Regions	\$ 11,000.00 *	\$ 4,623.00
Dues-National	\$ 12,000.00 *	\$ 5,475.00
Telephone	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 854.24
Printing	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 428.82
Postage	\$ 900.00	\$ 209.27
Legal	\$ 4,327.16 *	\$ 2,535.25
Fundraising	\$ 5,000.00 *	\$ 2,549.97
Vice Chairs	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -0-
Bank Charges	\$ 400.00	\$ 110.28
Misc.	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 223.95</u>
Total Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 40,527.16 *</u>	<u>\$ 17,009.78</u>
EXPENSES-Contract Services		
Database Administrator	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Chair's Assistant	\$ 1,500.00 *	\$ 100.00
Computer Rental	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 503.50
Answering Service	\$ 600.00	\$ 151.39
Clipping Service	\$ 600.00	\$ 132.00
Mail Drop	\$ 150.00	\$ 36.00
Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 114.52
Telephone-800#	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 463.55
Office Rent	<u>\$ 1,200.00 *</u>	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Total Contract Services Expenses	<u>\$ 14,450.00 *</u>	<u>\$ 3,800.96</u>
EXPENSES-Membership		
Postage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -0-
Printing	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 287.55
Misc.	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Total Membership Expenses	<u>\$ 3,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 287.55</u>
EXPENSES-Newsletter		
Editor's Fee	\$ 1,800.00 *	\$ 600.00
Printing	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 790.87
Postage	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 685.00
Misc.	<u>\$ 900.00</u>	<u>\$ 14.75</u>
Total Newsletter Expenses	<u>\$ 6,500.00 *</u>	<u>\$ 2,090.62</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 65,077.16 *</u>	<u>\$ 23,188.91</u>

* Changed from 11/87 budget.



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State Central Committee

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1988 Budget *~ APP'D 11/87*

OFFICERS

- President: Kirk Hinkle, Jose
- Regional Vice Chair: Thomas Olson, Francisco
- Regional Vice Chair: Linda Pillsbury-Foster, Culver
- Secretary: James McLean, Cerrito
- Treasurer: Gene Lang, Beach

ST CHAIRS

- Clark
- Coons
- Cunningham
- Evers
- Gingell
- Hall
- Lagasse
- Reichle
- Sanders
- Susel
- Wiener
- Westmiller
- Dean*

**MEMBERS OF THE
MAY AWARD
FOR ACTIVISM**

- 9 Jack Dean
- 10 Dan Mahaffey
- 11 No Award
- 12 Less Antman
- 13 Karen Huffman
- 14 No Award
- 15 Jim McClarin
- 16 Bob Lehman
- 17 Ted Brown

Income

Donations	\$ 2,800.00
CA 540 Donations	2,800.00
LaBEL Sales	150.00
Interest	500.00
Membership Dues	11,400.00
Pledges	17,300.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$34,950.00
1987 Carryover	11,900.00
TOTAL BUDGET INCOME	\$46,850.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$41,750.00
1988 Carryover	5,100.00
TOTAL BUDGET EX	\$46,850.00

Expenses

Administrative

Bank Charges	\$ 400.00
Postage	900.00
Printing	1,200.00
Telephone	2,500.00
Vice-Chairs	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	2,000.00
Total Administrative	\$ 8,200.00

Contract Services/Expenses

Chair's Assistant	3,000.00
Answering Service	600.00
Clipping Service	600.00
Computer	2,200.00
Database Administrator	6,000.00
Mail Drop	150.00
Supplies	1,000.00
Telephone 800#	1,200.00
Total Contract	\$14,750.00

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Membership

Postage	\$ 1,000.00
Printing	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total Membership	\$ 3,600.00

Newsletter

Editor's Fee	\$ 1,500.00
Postage	1,500.00
Printing	2,300.00
Miscellaneous	900.00
Total Newsletter	\$ 6,200.00