

Libertarian Party of California

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LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: MAY 31-JUNE 1, 1975

FIRST SESSION - Ray Cunningham's house, San Francisco, May 31.

Meeting called to order by Bill Westmiller, chairman, at 1:30pm. Roll of Execom taken and following members in attendance.

Bill Westmiller, Ch
Ray Cunningham, NCh
Ed Wolford, Sec
Dan Weiner, Treas.
John Harris, Rc6ec
Bill White, Rc7ec

Lynn Kinsky, Rc9ec
Mike Grotke, Rc10ec
Earl Gottlieb, Rc11ec
Ernst Ghermann, l2ec
David Bergland, Rc18ec
Sara Baase, 20ec

Due to lack of quorum, (14), proceedings of day conducted by "committee of the whole" comprised of Execom members in attendance, a report of recommendations to be made at first available quorum.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Corrections in minutes, March 22-23 meeting, submitted, approved and noted. Report on current membership given: March - 13 new, 16 renew, 21 expired. April - 26 new, 7 renew, 11 pending. May - 23 new, 1 renew, 17 pending. Total membership - 518. Secretary spoke on difficulty of obtaining renewals from old members.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Revised budget for 2nd quarter explained. Due to lack of anticipated renewals of old members, budget cuts were necessary as well as a reshifting of available funds. Letters will be sent to lapsed members urging renewal and regional chairmen will be notified for further followup.

INITIATIVE DRIVE - ("none of the above") Dave Bergland estimated petition format to clear Attorney General's and Secretary of State's offices by mid-July. 150 day time limit would then take effect to qualify Initiative for June '76 primary election ballot. He said that if Initiative becomes qualified and wins in June '76's election, "none of the above" would take effect on the Nov. '76 general election. Dave recommended 1,000 petitions be printed to start off with; and that fund raising, membership and registration activities would be conducted at the same time. 500,000 signatures, (20,000 petition sheets) will be sought to insure ballot qualification. Regional office space and secretarial help will be helpful when Initiative Drive begins.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU - Bill Susel, Speaker's Bureau Director, gave short report of progress. A list of available Libertarian speakers is being compiled. Various political and social groups have and will be notified of Bureau's existence. The need now is to obtain big name speakers for large groups, as well as speakers able to speak to smaller groups on various Libertarian subjects. Bill Susel and Jean Klein should be contacted for further info.

NATIONAL LP REPORT - Ed Crane, National chairman, informed Execom of \$30,000 raised by LP at the monetary conference held in New Orleans. Ed said that funds would be used in good part for fund raising and direct mailing purposes. He announced the appointment of Bob Meyer as the new National Director to replace Ned Hutchinson. He recommended that someone from LPC attend the Monex Conference in Los Angeles the following week.

"FUND RAISING CONTRACT" REPORT - Ray Hendrickson, LPC legal advisor, suggested that clauses dealing with agent's commissions on donations of goods or services should be struck from contract due to problems which could arise in determining true value of donation. He recommended incorporation of LPC in order to limit possible liability of individuals within Party. It was decided that the Execom, rather than the Judicial Committee, should determine whether a breach of contract has been committed by a fund raising agent, and whether to terminate the contract or not.

Motion made that any two officers of LPC, if not an "agent" of contract in question, may act as signatores binding Party and agent. Seconded and passed.

Motion made that the application form to be filled out by prospective agent(s) should include financial and business as well as personal references. Agents of contract should be bondable. Seconded and passed.

Motion made to accept contract form as amended. Seconded and passed.

COMPUTER CARD REPORT - Ed Wolford informed Execom on progress of a computer card mailing and membership program now being completed by Rod VanOrden, LPC member. Initially the program will be used for mailing labels and membership lists. As the Party grows to substantial size however, program may replace current method of membership record keeping.

"CODEL SUIT" REPORT - Rich Winger spoke optimistically on the progress of the Codel Suit to reduce requirements of minor parties to gain ballot status. He mentioned four court decisions, one in California, which have determined it unconstitutional to have law making it easier for a ballot qualified party to stay on the ballot than for an unqualified party to get on ballot. The Codel Suit is nearing decision at State Supreme Court. Ray Hendrickson will represent LPC in suit.

Motion made to approve minutes of March 22-23 Execom meeting as amended. Seconded and passed.

MAIL BALLOT REPORT - Results of mail ballot on initiative-registration issue read, approved and ballots ordered destroyed.

Budget for second quarter with revisions put into abeyance for approval until next day's session.

YOUNG LIBERTARIAN ALLIANCE REPORT - Tom Palmer discussed plans now underway to get YLA on every major college campus in California. He said the YLA was having considerable success so far. Requirement for membership include mandatory membership in LPC.

Current need now is for state-wide coordination and communication between campuses, massive literature distribution, speakers, etc. A polished YLA newspaper is being planned, geared towards college and high school students. Tom asked Execom approval to use LPC membership lists to mail YLA material to its membership. Discussion ensued over whether this would conflict with LPC Constitution.

Motion made to allow authorized LP members to use LP mailing labels for mailing YLA materials to YLA membership. Seconded and passed.

NATIONAL PLATFORM DELEGATE - John Hospers was elected to represent California on the Platform Committee at the National Convention.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7pm. Seconded and passed

Motion made to reconvene meeting at 9:30 am. Seconded and passed.

Bill Westmiller suggested that LPC allocate funds for phone call costs between California media and New York where sound clips with highlights of the upcoming National Convention will be available. It is hoped the media will want to use these clips on their news programs.

Adjournment of "committee of the whole" called at 7:10pm.

SECOND SESSION - Ray Cunningham's house, San Francisco, June 1.

Meeting called to order by Bill Westmiller, Chairman, at 10:30am. Roll of Execom taken and following members in attendance:

Bill Westmiller, Ch	Earl Gottlieb, R11ec
Ray Cunningham, NCh	Jean Klein, 11ec
Ed Wolford, Sec	Ernst Ghermann, 12ec
Dan Weiner, Trea	Sally O'Connor, R14ec
Bill White, R17ec	Fran Kirby, R16ec
Lynn Kinsky, R19ec	David Bergland, R18ec
Nike Grotke, R10ec	Sara Baase, 20ec

A quorum of the Execom was in attendance. Minutes of the previous day's session read.

Motion made to accept "committee of the whole" report. Seconded and passed.

Jim Trotter, the only currently announced Vice Presidential candidate for the Libertarian Party, was introduced. He spoke on the need for the LP to appeal to the leftest "culture," especially of social liberties issues. Jim said he enjoyed speaking to small left wing groups where he has had some success in clarifying the so called social liberty vs. private property and economic freedom controversy. Jim was formerly a member of the SDS, and has been active in the Libertarian movement since 1970. He is currently registered Peace and Freedom, but will reregister Libertarian.

Motion made to sell special financial issue of the Reason Magazine purchased by the LPC to the various regions for \$1.50. Seconded and passed.

CALIBER REPORT - Bruce Lagasse, managing editor pro-tem, asked that all regional reports be submitted no later than the 3rd Saturday of the month. He said that after the June issue, he would try to get Caliber out at the first of each month. The Caliber mail box number for regional news is: P.O. Box 5235, Sherman Oaks. He solicited any news worthy information for use in the Caliber. He plans to use more pictures in Caliber.

Motion made to make Bruce Lagasse permanent managing editor of the Caliber. Seconded and passed.

COUNTY FAIR BOOTH - Bill White announced plans underway for the construction of a fair booth which can be used both outdoors and indoors. As construction plans have not yet been completed, the cost of building this portable booth are at present unknown. Bill requested financial assistance from the Execom.

Motion made to provide \$100 from Party funds to help pay for cost of materials of Fair booth. Seconded and passed.

Motion made to make Mike Hall the new Platform Committee Coordinator to replace Mike Morrison. Seconded and passed.

Motion made to adopt amended budget. Seconded. Discussion and additional corrections made. Passed.

Motion made to hold next Execom meeting on 27-28 Sept. 1975, in San Diego. Seconded and passed. Suggested that Execom members respond a week prior to meeting whether they would be able to attend.

NO. VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT - Ray Cunningham announced success of Bay Area Supper Club in garnering persons interested in the Libertarian Party. Stated he planned to make a sweep of the northern California counties in order to get the regions reorganized.

SO. VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT - Susan Love Brown was not at the Execom meeting. She was in Chicago helping to prepare a film version of the "Incredible Bread Machine."

NEW REGIONAL PHONE NUMBERS - No. Calif -(415)841-0539, Region 9 - (805) 964-4310, Region 18 - (714) 9603366, Region 20 - (714) 223-3313.

BARR CAMPAIGN FUND - Donations collected at previous Execom meeting for Charles Barr's campaign for Los Angeles City Council which was subsequently cancelled were agreed by Execom to be used by Charlie for Libertarian Party Ads in the Hollywood Reporter. The sum was approximately \$50.

Notion made to adjourn meeting until Sept. 27, 1975. Seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Edward Wolford
LPC Secretary
7 June 1975