

LPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 4-5, 1979

Delegates attending this meeting included:

Steve Sparling	01	Leonard Duck	03
David Segal	02	John Fund	03
David Wright	02	Robert Costello	04
Christine Dorffi	04	Justin Raimondo	04
Eric Garris	N.V. Chair	Al Heitzman	Treasurer
Bill Anderson	05	Anne Grappo	06
Cynthia Hilton	06	Lyn Sapowsky	Secretary
Mark Hinkle	07	Karen Huffman	07
Ray Strong	07	Saul Rackauskas	09
Martha Webb	10	Clyde Steele	09
Mike Grotke	10	Melinda Pillsbury-Foster	11
Ed Wolford	12	Laura Twombly	11
Kevin Dye	12	Ed Ogawa	13
Robert Lehman	14	Carol Ann Moore	13
Dan Wiener	14	Jon M. Hall	S. V. Chair
Jackie Davies	16	Jack Dean	18
Michelle Kurtz	Rec. Sec.	Dan Mahaffey	18
William Lambert	19	Sara Baase	20
Corby Somerville	20	Mike Anzis	18
Kelly Haughton	06		

Others attending included:

Kathleen Lambert	Gloria Rotunno	Dante DeAmicis
Colonel Dockstader	Dan Dougherty	Lori DeAmicis
Barbara Kamm	Dyanne Peterson	Jeff Pudewell
John Robertson	B. J. Wagoner	Carol Blanchard
Zack Richarson	Sandi Webb	Lyn White
John Ryland	Ed Crane	Bob Burnside
Bruce Lagasse	Bill Wade	Jay Flynn

CHARTERING OF REGION 23

Region 23, headed by Dan Dougherty, presented and Costitution and By-laws, and the required number of signitures on a petition to Charter Region 23 in Marin County.

MOTION

To charter Region 23. TABLED

DELEGATE CHALLENGE

Region 18 requested that since several of its members had been added retroactively it be granted another ExecComm Representative.

MOTION

That we grant Region 18 one additional ExecComm Representative at this time, until the issue can be clarified. FAILED

MOTION

That we accept the revised membership figures for last December and change the regions affected, except that no region lose ExecComm representatives because of this. PASSED

MOTION

To charter Region 23, Marin County. PASSED

DISPUTE IN REGION 10

There is a dispute in Region 10 as to who the elected ExecComm Representative is. M. Grotke was elected last December and maintains that he is still a rep. M. Webb says that he was removed from office by a vote of the regional officers under the provisions of the new regional constitution. M. Grotke says the old constitution was still in effect when the vote was taken and that under those rules the vote to remove him from office failed. In addition, during that time period the region has grown & been realigned and this has also complicated matters. Both sides requested the ExecComm to make a decision in this matter.

MOTION

That M. Grotke and M. Webb be accepted as ExecComm reps from Region 10 at this meeting. PASSED

The ExecComm also requested the region to try to settle this dispute internally.

MOTION

To accept the Secretary's membership figures for this meeting and to allow each region 1 rep. plus 1 additional rep. for each 5% of the state membership. PASSED

Thus Regions 4, 6, 7, and 18 each have three reps, all other regions have 2 each.

CHAIR'S RESIGNATION

James Reichle resigned as Chair of the Libertarian Party of California and his resignation was accepted.

VICE CHAIR'S RESIGNATION

Jon M. Hall resigned as Southern Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party of California and his resignation was accepted.

MOTION

To elect a new Chair before deciding on a Southern Vice Chair. FAILED.

SOUTHERN VICE CHAIR

Dan Wiener was nominated and elected.

ELECTION FOR CHAIR

The candidates for the position were: Eric Garris, N. Vice Chair and Dan Wiener, S. Vice Chair. The vote total was

Wiener	28
Garris	10
NOTA	2
Abstain	1

Dan Wiener became the new Chair of the LPC.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary gave a report on current membership levels and the current capabilities of the computer with regards to generating lists and data for the various regions.

MOTION

To accept the Secretary's Report. PASSED

MOTION

To accept the previous meeting minutes as corrected (page 6, change New Political Times to California Political Times). PASSED

NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT

Ed Crane reported that about 500 people have preregistered and that many more are expected. He discussed events to attend at the convention and speakers who will appear.

TUITION-TAX CREDIT INITIATIVE

Ed Crane spoke against the voucher plan and in favor of the tuition-tax credit initiative and the legal ramifications of each.

MOTION

That we endorse the tuition-tax credit initiative. PASSED

REGISTRATION DRIVE

Jack Dean and Dan Mahaffey reported on the progress of the registration drive. The rate of registration gathering is increasing and the staff is enthusiastic and working at high speed. It is estimated that 10% of the money has been collected and 10% of the needed signatures have been gathered to date. The pay scales that have been established reward the hardest workers. Reports from the county registrars around the state are needed, and a request was put in that the various regional chairs try to get that information for the Orange County Drive.

MOTION

That the ExecComm commend Orange County, Region 18, for taking charge and doing a great job. PASSED (unanimously)

REGISTRATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

To date all the funds received have gone to the drive in Orange County. A fundraising person/committee is needed to continue to find financing for this drive. So far about \$13,000 has been received and about \$10,000 in matching funds is still due in.

MOTION

That we request from National an advance on the profits from the National Convention of \$10,000 for use on the ballot drive. PASSED

This is keeping in mind that the current Clark for Governor campaign debt is \$11,000 and that the LPC share of the convention profits are already pledged to that.

FUNDRAISING

A plea was made by the staff of the registration drive that we do not do any fundraising mailings to new registrants to avoid alienating them before January.

Nominations were opened for a fundraising chair. Several people who were not in attendance were nominated and the issue was tabled until those people could be contacted.

B.A.D. §

Bob Costello spoke on efforts to get various vendors in accept B.A.D. § in S.F.

NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

Keeping track of delegates and alternates on the convention floor will be difficult considering our numbers.

MOTION

That a committee be formed to design a system of traffic control of delegates on the floor and that alternates be chosen from those on the floor. Once debate has closed on an issue no more change of delegates can occur until after the vote. PASSED

The following people were chosen for this committee:

Jon M. Hall
Cynthia Hilton
Lyn Sapowsky
Dan Wiener (ex-officio)

PROBLEMS THAT COULD ARISE ONCE WE'RE BALLOT QUALIFIED

Eric Garris spoke on the organizational structure of ballot qualified parties at the county and state level. We are going to have to be careful to retain control of our party.

County Central Committees are the legal body in each county and they are elected in the June primary. They set policy in each county. We must be sure L.P. people run in each primary. Party nominees are ex-officio members of this committee.

State Central Committee consists of the party nominees for state legislature (120), Congress (43) and state offices (8), and three appointees each. Thus the potential committee is around 700 people.

MOTION

That we request Eric write up a proposal for discussion at the next meeting. PASSED

SAN JOSE CONVENTION (1979)

Cynthia Hilton reported that after the regions and the state party had split \$3,000 in profits, there was a final balance of \$163.02 to divide up.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The next quarterly budget was presented and it contained a shortfall of about \$3500. Possible sources of income to cover this were discussed, as well as were costs that could be cut.

Among the budget items discussed was: the 2% lawsuit, and it was decided to continue with it; Caliber, which hopes to become eventually self-supporting through advertising revenue; Literature, since local regions are paying the state organization for literature they order; computer time, and possible ways of cutting down on disc space; fundraising.

MOTION

To delete any member whose membership expired more than 2½ years ago. However hard copy it to be retained on that member. PASSED

MOTION

Unless a procedure already exists a majority of the six officers are authorized to approve a fundraising contract with a paid fundraiser.

MOTION

That we approve the budget as it exists, unbalanced. PASSED

MOTION

Undesignated contributions shall be used at the discretion of the Treasurer unless the Treasurer is informed in writing within two weeks of deposit of funds.

It was suggested that regions, in their newsletter, should add a note that contributions, unless otherwise designated, go to the state party.

A. Laurens has offered to invest donated funds at 9%. This was left at the discretion of the Treasurer.

MISSING CONVENTION RULE

It was brought forward, and supported, that Convention Rule XIII, which was passed at the 1978 Convention was omitted from following copies of the Constitution & By-laws.

MOTION

To amend the Constitution and By-Laws to include Rule XIII. PASSED

MOTION

That the report of the Style Committee be accepted. PASSED

MOTION

That Libertarian Review be granted a one-time rental of our mailing list at a cost of \$50/thousand, and that such list exclude registered libertarians who are not Libertarian Party of California members and have not made inquiries. PASSED

MOTION

That Vanguard be granted a one-time rental of our mailing list at a cost of \$50/thousand and that such list exclude registered libertarians who are not Libertarian Party of California members and have not made inquiries. FAILED

MOTION

This body strongly urge that no one use the list of registered voters until after the registration drive. FAILED

CANDIDATE STRATEGY

It was brought out that filing dates for candidates is often in January or February, so we must start looking for candidates now.

MOTION

That the ExecComm as a whole search out candidates to run for public office. FAILED

MOTION

That the Political Strategy Committee be commissioned to search out a full slate of candidates. PASSED

Jack Sanders & Corby Somerville were appointed fundraising co-chairs.

LPC ACTIVIST AWARD

Bruce Lagasse presented his proposal for the LPC Activist Award which is to be called the Karl Bray Memorial Award.

MOTION

That we give our sanction to the Karl Bray Memorial Award, and that any LPC member can nominate a candidate to the Award Committee. PASSED

MOTION

To accept up to \$10,000 in loans at the discretion of the Oversight Committee. PASSED

LPC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CONTRACT

A draft contract was presented to the ExecComm and various amendments were discussed, including correcting the wording to insure the Executive Director is not an employee but a contractor. It was decided that the contract as a whole was acceptable, with the changes made, but that it should be recast by a lawyer.

MOTION

That we accept the contract as a whole, with changes to be made when it is recast by a lawyer. PASSED

The state busdget will be amended to change "salary" to "contractor's fees".

NEXT EXECCOMM

It was decided to hold the next ExecComm in Palm Springs the weekend of November 17-18.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved,

That the Executive Committee expresses its gratitude to immediate Past State Chair, James Reichle of Nevada County, for making a tremendous mental, emotional and financial investment during the last six months in helping us to build our party's future. His full-time commitment to the LPC during this period

helped to accelerate interest and activity throughout the state, and provided much of the inspiration and enthusiasm which has resulted in our current Ballot Access Drive. PASSED

LPC MAILING PERMIT

Region 4's use of the state mailing permit was challenged, since it was used to do a mailing for the Radical Caucus, which had been denied use of the permit at the last ExecComm.

It was ruled that no action will be taken since this was done with the action of the previous Chair.

MOTION

No Region shall, on behalf of any caucus, use or transfer its right to the Libertarian Party of California bulk mailing permit.

PASSED

INITIATIVE AMERICA

This is a proposal being put forward nationwide to create a national initiative. It could be good, it could be bad.

MOTION

To table this idea. PASSED

Ed Wolford, the Platform Co-ordinator, requested each region to notify him of their regional rep to the Platform Committee.

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Libertarian Party of California opposes government tyranny throughout the world;

And whereas the present government of Vietnam through its tyrannical actions has forced thousands of people, mainly of Chinese ancestry, to flee their homes and to seek refuge in other lands;

And whereas many of these people are now living in very crowded and unhealthy conditions and are unwelcome in the countries where these refugee camps exist;

Be it therefore resolved that the Libertarian Party of California strongly urges the U.S. State Department and the Immigration Service to eliminate all restrictions against immigration of these so-called Boat People in to the United States;

Be it also resolved the the Libertarian Party of California favors abolition of all immigration quotas;

Further be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of California opposes the use of tax monies to provide public assistance for any immigrant to the United States.

PASSED

The meeting was adjourned