

NATIONAL LIBERTARIAN PARTY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1974 - 9 A.M.

CHAIRMAN: Edward H. CRANE III

Ramada Inn - Rosslyn, Virginia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(*Arrived late)

Andreas MILLEN, Vice-Chairperson
William WESTMILLER, Secretary
John KRAFT, Treasurer
*Karl BRAY, M-a-1
Edward E. CLARK, M-a-1
Robert H. MEIER, M-a-1
David F. NOLAN, M-a-1
Eric S. ROYCE, M-a-1
Francine YOUNGSTINE, M-a-1

Patricia A. ARTZ, Region 1
Lynn KINSKY, Region 1
William V. SUSEL, Region 1
*Porter DAVIS, Region 3
William J. HOWELL, Region 3
Winston L. DUKE, Region 4
Martin D. JAHN, Region 5
Brian DONERLY, Region 6
Phillip R. MANGER, Region 7
Jane T. REHMKE, Region 7
David E. LONG, Region 8
*Leland SCHUBERT, Region 8

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Susan L. Nolan, Past Chairman
D. Frank Robinson, M-a-1
Eric A. Westling, Region 2

OBSERVERS PRESENT:

Gary GREENBERG, New York
Eric GARRIS, California
Robert STEINER, New Jersey
Paul Beard, Alaska Chairman
Christopher J. Grieb, Maryland Chairman
Richard GENTRY, Virginia
Kathy ROYCE, Virginia

William Bobick, Maryland
Peggy Bobick, Maryland
Don Bobick, Maryland
Ramon A. Doiunoytre, Maryland
Vincent A. Drosdik III, Massachusetts
Dennis Frahmman, New York
Bobbi Jahn, Kentucky
S.E. Valek, Florida

1. CRANE brought meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and indicated changes to the printed agenda, adding San Mateo, Calif. submission for national convention; Oregon affiliation petition; Virginia de-affiliation matter and re-ordering of other items.
ROYCE moved adoption of the agenda, as amended.
- Motion ADOPTED -
2. WESTMILLER reported minutes of previous meeting had been distributed to all Execom members and state chairmen; offered to read formal motions.
ROYCE moved to dispense with reading of minutes and accept them as submitted.
- Motion ADOPTED -
3. ROYCE moved THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUSPEND THE CHARTER OF THE VIRGINIA LIBERTARIAN PARTY, AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 2 OF THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION.
ROYCE reported that the Virginia L.P. State Central Committee had voted unanimously to ask for suspension of its charter, indicating that they no longer had an interest in affiliation. Said state members had been invited by letter to participate; suggested that funds would be rebated to state members.
MANGER argued against suspension on constitutional grounds, that the state party had taken no action in conflict with the specific requirements of the constitution.
SUSEL inquired about the possibility of Central Committee members resigning.
ROYCE indicated that the committee had decided to ask for de-affiliation.
CLARK noted presence of other Virginia members in the audience and asked for their comments.
K. Royce said members were disenchanted with L.P. and wished to break ties with national.
D. Gentry said de-affiliation would solve immediate problem and allow state to reorganize.
CRANE asked ROYCE whether he intended to resign from the Executive Committee.
ROYCE indicated that was a possibility.
NOLAN read letter from ROYCE to S. Nolan, indicating that ROYCE intended to "bolt" the Party.

ROYCE said he had become disillusioned with the Party; said he couldn't support running a Presidential candidate and that he was dissatisfied with the national Party organization.

SCHUBERT argued against suspension, saying it set a bad precedent of national interference in the autonomy of state parties.

MANGER noted that de-affiliation would deprive state members of representation at the next national convention; argued that Central Committee members could call a convention and resign.

NOLAN moved to call the previous question.

- Motion passed -

CRANE requested reading of main motion and noted 2/3 vote requirement for passage.

- Motion FAILED 2/3: 11 aye; 9 no -

4. CRANE called for reports of officers; reported satisfaction with Headquarters activity, except for some lack of informational materials.

MILLEN reported pending plans of publications committee.

KRAFT reported net income of \$10,884.98, expenditures of \$10,621.84 during period from 1 June, to 30 November, 1974. Reported major income from memberships and sales of materials; major expenses of printing and postage. Reported income of about \$600/week during recent months.

(Report attached)

WESTMILLER reported good response to monthly ACTION newsletter; relayed report that David Bergland of California had agreed to investigate corporate and tax position of Party, foreseeing no immediate legal difficulties.

CRANE requested report from R. MEIER, finance committee chairman.

MEIER reported on recent traveling, pending plans for New Orleans economic conference.

CRANE indicated appointment of MEIER as party Executive Director; requested brief reports from other Execom members on activities.

- various comments from each Execom member, including brief reports of organizational activity and potential in Maine, Rhode Island, Missouri, Iowa and North Carolina.

CRANE requested reports on '76 election results.

- various comments and reports from Execom members; Eric GARRIS presented report of results compiled for REASON Magazine January issue.

5. CRANE called for consideration of affiliation petitions, indicating receipt of petitions from Indiana, Kansas, Connecticut, Oregon and Arkansas.

ROYCE moved THAT THE PETITION FOR AFFILIATION FROM THE STATE OF INDIANA BE GRANTED.

- Motion PASSED -

HOWELL moved THAT THE PETITION FOR AFFILIATION FROM THE STATE OF KANSAS BE GRANTED.

CRANE noted that Kansas and remaining petitions were not accompanied by Constitution & Bylaws.

HOWELL withdrew motion.

DUKE moved THAT THE PETITION FOR AFFILIATION FROM THE STATE OF KANSAS BE GRANTED ONLY IF COPIES OF THEIR CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS ARE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 31st, 1974.

HOWELL questioned whether constitution and bylaws were required by national constitution.

WESTMILLER reported that constitution required a petition signed by 10 members, the endorsement of the national Statement of Principles and the stipulation that affiliates not endorse any candidates for President and Vice President other than those elected at a national convention.

NOLAN said Execom had required constitution and bylaws from all previous affiliates, setting a precedent; said documents were required for reference and certain constitutional functions.

- Motion PASSED -

CLARK moved THAT THE PETITION FOR AFFILIATION FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT BE GRANTED ONLY IF COPIES OF THEIR CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS ARE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 31st, 1974.

- Motion PASSED-

ARTZ moved THAT THE PETITION FOR AFFILIATION FROM THE STATE OF OREGON BE GRANTED ONLY IF COPIES OF THEIR CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS ARE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 31st, 1974.

- Motion PASSED -

DUKE moved THAT THE PETITION FOR AFFILIATION FROM THE STATE OF ARKANSAS BE GRANTED ONLY IF COPIES OF THEIR CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS ARE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 31st, 1974.

- Motion PASSED -

6. HOWELL moved THAT BYLAW I, SECTION 1 BE AMENDED BY ADDING AT THE END THE WORDS: "...such organizations must file a constitution or other body of rules with national headquarters within one month after affiliation to remain affiliated, and must keep a copy of their current rules on file with national headquarters at all times."

ROYCE moved to call the previous question.

- Motion FAILED -

- General discussion of merits, alternatives; several motions offered and withdrawn in light of motion on the floor.

CRANE requested reading of main motion and noted 3/4 vote required for passage.

- Motion FAILED -

← NOLAN moved THAT STIPULATIONS ATTACHED TO PREVIOUS AFFILIATION PETITIONS BE STRIKEN.

- Motion FAILED -

CRANE indicated he would send mail ballot on the issue after Execom had had time to consider the question, in the event that any of the petitioning states failed to meet requirement.

7. CRANE requested report on New Orleans economic conference.

MEIER reported 20 commentators scheduled for 1975 Conference on International Liquidity and Monetary Reform, scheduled for March 14, 15 & 16 in New Orleans. Said state chairmen and execom members would soon receive a promotional and fund raising proposal which would allow states or individuals to earn commission on ticket sales.

DUKE quizzed MEIER on contract obligations with Blanchard, liability and financing; suggested that Execom authorize chairmen to sign contract.

CRANE suggested continuation of discussion after recess

- Motion to adjourn for one hour PASSED -

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

CLARK moved THAT NATIONAL CHAIRMAN BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ANY AGREEMENTS NECESSARY REGARDING THE ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

DUKE offered friendly amendment to add: NOT INCLUDING ANY AUTHORITY TO OBLIGATE THE PARTY TO ANY FURTHER EXPENSES BEYOND THOSE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- Motion, as amended, PASSED -

MEIER indicated that promotion packets would be sent out in about 2 weeks.

8. CRANE invited Richard Gentry to report on plans for a D.C. Information Service.

GENTRY said he would be willing to operate an information clearing house in Washington, D.C., providing advice to legislators on LP positions on various issues, forwarding questions on specific legislation to national headquarters and also providing information to LP members; reported existence of P.O. BOX 2834; WASHINGTON, D.C.: 20013 and pending plans for a telephone service.

ROYCE moved THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVE EXPENSES FOR WASHINGTON, D.C. SERVICE.

- Motion PASSED -

9. CRANE invited Gary Greenberg to report on New York election results.

GREENBERG reported that gubernatorial vote total would be about 10,000 votes, more than the total received by socialist parties who had a better ballot position, though less than total for Courage Party. Estimated expenditures of about \$65,000, deficit of about \$1,500. Suggested poor results were a result of large number of minor party competitors on the ballot and the co-opting of tax issues by the major candidates.

NOLAN described results as "unmitigated disaster".

- General discussion of merits of pranks, media orientation, etc.

CRANE requested delay in discussion until other state results were reported.

BRAY reported on poor vote totals as a result of I.R.S. prosecution, warned against image of criminal activities, expressed need for a brief slogan or phrase that could serve as rallying cry.

CLARK reported poor results in Hospers write-in campaign, efforts aimed at educational goals.

Garris reported on Keathley gubernatorial campaign with P & F Party nomination.

- General discussion of campaign techniques.

CLARK moved that discussion be continued until 4:30 p.m. recess.

- Motion Passed -

YOUNGSTINEIN cited budgeting techniques as poor, aimed at more fund raising rather than actual campaign; noted relatively better success of female candidates, possibly because of better voter identification with candidate personality.

- General discussion tended to favor pranks with a purpose, "hard" statements on the issues and more emphasis on person-to-person campaigning.

- Meeting recessed at 4:25 - FOR 10 MIN -

10. CRANE asked representatives to introduce state proposals for 1975 convention.
CLARK described bid for International Hotel in Los Angeles.
KINSKY discussed bid for San Mateo site.
DUKE offered Chicago area bid as possible compromise site.
STRONG presented bid for Radison Hotel in New York City.
- General discussion of media merits, transportation problems and financial arrangements
- Comments from each Execom member on merits of bids.
CRANE proposed dropping San Mateo bid due to lack of support and a series of votes on the three remaining bids, dropping the bid receiving the lowest total.
- First vote:
Chicago - 5 Los Angeles - 8 New York City - 9
- Second vote:
Los Angeles - 8 New York City - 10
- CRANE announced 1975 Presidential Nominating Convention would be held at the Radison Hotel in New York City on Labor Day weekend, August 28 thru September 1st.
YOUNGSTEIN indicated that efforts would be made to arrange crash space and charter flights.
11. WESTMILLER requested direction from Executive Committee on interpretation of certain sections of the Constitution regarding delegate allocation.
- General discussion
WESTMILLER moved THAT ALL AFFILIATE PARTY MEMBERS CERTIFIED BY STATE PARTIES BE RECOGNIZED AS AFFILIATE PARTY MEMBERS FOR THE PURPOSES OF APPORTIONMENT OF CONVENTION DELEGATES.
- Motion PASSED -
YOUNGSTEIN moved THAT DECEMBER 31st, 1974 BE CONSIDERED STRICTLY A CUTOFF DATE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF "PERCENTAGE" DELEGATES ONLY.
- Motion PASSED -
YOUNGSTEIN moved THAT THE NATIONAL SECRETARY BE DIRECTED TO COUNT INDIVIDUALS WITH DUAL NATIONAL AND STATE MEMBERSHIP AS ONLY ONE MEMBER.
- Motion PASSED -
12. MANGER moved to AMEND AGENDA IN ORDER TO CONSIDER PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT NEXT.
- Motion passed -
MILLEN reported plans to issue a new recruiting brochure before January: pending work on issue papers.
MEIER summarized written recommendations distributed to Execom, including a variety of introductory pamphlets, an annotated edition of the Platform, various spin-offs from position papers, production of a "Party book" and various informational/commercial packets.
- General discussion of merits, with expression of problems regarding Platform notation.
MILLEN indicated publications committee would work on proposals with general assent.
- Motion to adjourn for the day.
- Motion passed -

- Meeting reconvened at 10:10 a.m., Sunday, December 1st -
Members absent: S. Nolan, D.F. Robinson, E. Westling, E. Clark.
13. DAVIS moved THAT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS RECEIVE A FREE SUBSCRIPTION TO L.P. NEWS.
-Motion FAILED -
- General discussion of tabloid format, receiving general approval.
- General discussion of press release distribution.
14. ~~MEIER~~ NOLAN summarized written recommendations distributed to Execom regarding 1976 Presidential campaign; proposing a goal of 500,000 to one million votes in about 15 states (2-4%) as a means of distinguishing the L.P. as the third-party movement in America; campaign for Uniform National Ballot and court fight for 50-state listing; commission of a Campaign Book and establishment of campaign fund.
- General discussion prompted withdrawal of proposals for Uniform Ballot and court fight.
E. GARRIS reported on ballot-status research, indicating a 90% chance of obtaining ballot status in 20 states, with an additional 50% or better chance for 8 others; summarized individual prospects and offered to work on gaining ballot status in various states.

DAVIS reported on intentions of LINC '76 Committee; coordination of local and Presidential campaign efforts; noted lack of specific details from D.F. Robinson.

— NOLAN moved THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ESTABLISH A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION COMMITTEE AND THAT THE CHAIRMAN APPOINT A CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR.

- Motion PASSED, with ROYCE, REHMKE and SCHUBERT recorded abstaining -

CHAIR appointed GREENBERG.

15. — NOLAN moved THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- 1.) ESTABLISH A "LIBERTY '76" FUND SPECIFICALLY AND SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF RAISING MONEY FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS;
- 2.) APPOINT ROBERT MEIER AS FUND DIRECTOR;
- 3.) APPROPRIATE \$250.00 NOW AND \$250.00 AFTER 4 MONTHS AS SEED MONEY TO BE RETURNED TO THE PARTY AT THE TIME OF THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION;
- 4.) TURN OVER THE FUND CONTENTS TO THE PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES AFTER THEIR ELECTION OR RETURNED TO DONORS ON A PRO-RATA BASIS IF NO CANDIDATES ARE NOMINATED.

- Motion PASSED -

16. — NOLAN moved THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINT KARL BRAY AS EXECUTIVE LIAISON FOR NATIONAL ORGANIZING AND ERIC GARRIS AS ORGANIZING COORDINATOR, AND APPROPRIATE \$250.00 FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES.

- General discussion of funding for ballot status efforts, suggestion that state parties participate in financial burden.

-Motion PASSED -

17. — NOLAN moved THAT THE CHAIRMAN SEEK AN AUTHOR FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN BOOK AND APPROPRIATE ANY NECESSARY FUNDS.

- General discussion of method and payment scheme.

— NOLAN withdrew motion.

CRANE requested a sense of the body, received general assent to solicitation in L.P. News and discretion in initial arrangements.

18. CRANE reported receiving letter from Lawrence Jerome of Arizona, requesting that Execom retract an action taken in 1972 during a meeting in Albuquerque. Indicated that he had written Jerome asking for details, but received no reply.

ROYCE moved THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SEND AN OFFICIAL APOLOGY FOR "DOING A NASTY THING".

ROYCE explained that Execom had inappropriately rejected an affiliation petition from Arizona on the grounds of one-sided and inaccurate testimony regarding the conduct of temporary chairman.

— NOLAN expanded on circumstances of incident.

HOWELL noted that 1972 members of Execom were not present to defend their actions, nor were the various parties to the incident present to explain their actions.

YOUNGSTEIN moved to TABLE the motion.

-Motion to table FAILED -

ROYCE indicated that action need only be palliative to offended Arizona member.

— NOLAN offered to help re-draft motion.

ROYCE consented.

- Motion to RECESS for one hour -

-Motion PASSED -

- Meeting reconvened at 2 p.m. -

DONERLY moved THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SEND A LETTER TO JEROME, STATING:

While the Executive Committee believes that it technically acted within its authority at the meeting of Nov. 25, 1972 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, it hereby wishes to apologize for its ill-considered move in urging the appointment of Freeman Fox as temporary State Chairman without consulting all parties concerned."

YOUNGSTEIN objected to motion, noting that the present Executive Committee could not speak for the 1972 Execom.

— NOLAN noted that there was nothing improper about the appointment of a Chairman.

WESTMILLER reported that he had pursued question with S. Nolan after reading minutes of '72 meeting, and was informed that the minutes had inaccurately indicated the appointment of a "Chairman" rather than temporary chairman and that appointment was made only for the purpose of holding a proper state convention approving a constitution and electing officers.

LONG moved to call the previous question.

-Motion passed -

CRANE requested reading of the main motion.

- Motion FAILED -

WESTMILLER indicated he would send copy of minutes to Jerome and Arizona State Chairman.

19. CRANE reported receipt of letter from Tonie Nathan regarding establishment of a Speaker's Bureau, but indicated that no specific request for funds had been made.

ROYCE moved THAT THE CHAIRMAN OBTAIN DETAILS AND SUBMIT THE MATTER TO A MAIL BALLOT.

- Motion PASSED -

20. CRANE reported that expense of mailing L.P. News to REASON Magazine subscribers had been paid by Headquarters Fund because it exceeded the \$500.00 discretion approved by the Execom. and asked that Party reimburse the fund for \$250.00. Also reported that Headquarters fund would not be sufficient in the near future and requested that Execom appropriate \$200.00/month to the fund.

So moved THAT THE PARTY REIMBURSE THE HEADQUARTERS FUND \$250.00 AND THAT THE PARTY CONTRIBUTE \$200.00 PER MONTH TO THE FUND FROM GENERAL REVENUES.

- Motion PASSED -

21. ROYCE announced that he would resign from the Executive Committee following consideration of continuation of the Royce Report on Congress.

CRANE reported that ROYCE had agreed to continue preparation of the congressional report for a fee of \$75.00 per issue plus 20 free copies, following the pending issue.

- General discussion of motivation and future name of report, with general assent to a title including the word libertarian.

MILLEN moved THAT, BEGINNING WITH THE JUNE, 1975 ISSUE, THE NAME OF THE ROYCE REPORT BE CHANGED, AND THAT E. SCOTT ROYCE BE PAID \$75 00 AND 20 FREE COPIES FOR EACH REPORT HE PREPARES.

- Motion PASSED -

22. SUSEL moved THAT THE EXECOM APPOINT A COMMITTEE OF ONE TO: 1) COORDINATE CONTACTS WITH THE INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY WITH REASON MAGAZINE; 2.) SOLICIT ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE WITH PLATFORM AND BACKGROUND PAPERS; AND 3.) REPORT BACK TO THE EXECOM ON RESPONSES.

CRANE indicated that motion was unnecessary, that Publications Committee could use any assistance offered in preparing materials.

SUSEL withdrew motion

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23. JAHN moved THAT THE ^{EXECOM} CREATE AN ECONOMIC ADVISORY BOARD COMPOSED OF CHICAGO AND AUSTRIAN ECONOMISTS TO PREPARE A PROGRAM OF UP TO 6 POINTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

CRANE explained P.R. character of the board and lack of formal party commitment to the proposals they may offer.

- Motion PASSED -

24. HOWELL moved THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINT A CHAIRMAN TO THE CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE FOR THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION.

- Motion PASSED -

----- nominated BILL HOWELL as Chairman of the Constitution, Bylaws & Rules Committee

- Nomination PASSED -

25. MILLEN moved THAT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINT A CHAIRMAN TO THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE FOR THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION.

- Motion PASSED -

----- nominated EDWARD CLARK as Chairman of the Platform Committee.

- Nomination PASSED -

26. YOUNGSTEIN moved THAT THE VACANCY IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE PUBLICIZED AND A REPLACEMENT ELECTED AT THE NEXT EXECOM MEETING.

- Motion PASSED -

27. SCHUBERT moved to RECONSIDER THE VOTE ON THE MOTION TO CREATE AN ECONOMIC ADVISOR COUNCIL.

- Motion to reconsider FAILED -

28. DUKE moved THAT NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING BE HELD IN THE GREATER CHICAGO AREA ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, May 24-26.
 - NOLAN moved THE SUBSTITUTION OF "BEFORE THE CONVENTION" IN PLACE OF STATED DATE.
 - Motion FAILED -
 - NOLAN moved THE SUBSTITUTION OF LOS ANGELES FOR CHICAGO.
 - Motion FAILED -
 CRANE called for vote on main motion.
 - Motion PASSED -
29. WESTMILLER reported that the Execom mail ballot issued in September resulted in 20 favorable votes and 3 negative votes on the two questions of Party participation in the New Orleans conference and the \$1000.00 funding, and
 moved THAT THE REPORT OF THE MAIL BALLOT BE RECORDED AND THE BALLOTS DESTROYED.
 -Motion PASSED -
- NOLAN moved to ADJOURN until May, or the call of the Chairman
 - Motion PASSED -
 - Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m -

ADDENDA: INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT - 1 June - 30 Nov., 1974

ASSETS

CASH ON HAND	\$	
AS OF 1 JUNE, 1974	--	2,566.44
CASH INCOME	--	10,884.98
CASH PAYMENTS	---	10,621.84
CASH BALANCE		
AS OF 30 Nov., 1974	--	2,829.58
INVENTORY	--	400.00
ACCTS. RCVBL.	--	200.00
TOTAL ASSETS	--	3,429.58

LIABILITIES

ACCTS. PAYBL	--	.00
<u>CAPITAL ON HAND</u>	--	3,429.58

CASH INCOME

	\$
Memberships	3,533.00
L.P. News Sub	1,429.90
Material Sales	3,107.35
Contributions	816.00
Miscellaneous	1,998.73

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Adv. & Layout	782.27
Printing	
& Postage	4,092.69
Inventory	
& Supplies	2,039.83
Telephone	693.31
Secretary Acct.	346.50
Miscellaneous	1,892.65

MATERIAL SALES BREAKDOWN - 9 Sept +

Royce Reports	413.50
Platforms	823.01
Flyers	265.25
Libersigns	207.50
Buttons	145.05
Bumperstickers	235.95
Posters	231.25

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