

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 10-11, 1979

HYATT HOUSE, DES MOINES

Members present:

David Bergland, Chairman	Joe D. Yancey, Region 4
Mary Louise Hanson, Vice-Chairwoman	Rick White, Region 5
Sylvia Sanders, Secretary	Norman F. Maucher, Region 6
Dr. Dallas Cooley, Treasurer	John Mason, Region 7
Sara Baase, at-large	Ben Olson, Region 8
Edward H. Crane, III, at-large	Sylvia Moring, Region 9
Fred Esser, at-large	Ann Marie Hammond, Region 10
Michael Emerling, at-large	Leslie Graves Key, Region 11
William J. Howell, at-large	Eric O'Keefe, Region 12
David F. Nolan, at-large	Paul Grant, Region 13
Lew Beyer, Region 1	Craig Franklin, Region 14
Bill White, Region 2	Jule Herbert, Region 15
Bruce Lagasse, Region 2	Mitchell S. Feldman, Region 16
Mike Anzis, Region 2	Dan Feldman, Region 17
Vivian Baures, Region 3	Frances Eddy, Region 18

Member absent: Dick Randolph, at-large

1. CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF MINUTES, AGENDA REVISIONS: Chairman Bergland called the regular meeting of the Libertarian Party National Committee to order at 2:10 P.M. on Saturday, November 10, 1979, at the Hyatt House, Des Moines, Iowa. Sanders moved to accept the minutes of the September 5-6 and September 9 meetings without reading; motion passed. Additions and revisions were made in the agenda.
2. NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES: Chris Hocker, National Director, reported that the headquarters had moved to a new office October 1, and that Frances Eddy had been hired to replace Cyndy Ingham as office manager. On a later question by Mason, Eddy clarified that she would resign as regional representative after moving, if Region 18 could find another representative better able to travel around.

Esser requested canned speeches for use by state LP's. Hocker suggested that speeches developed for Ed Clark could be adapted, and Bergland suggested that interested state chairs work with the Committee on Assistance to State Parties to develop materials.

Crane moved to spend up to \$1000 to purchase a portable LP booth for use at other groups' conventions, etc. After discussion, Esser's motion to table failed. After more discussion, Mason's motion to close debate passed, and Crane's motion passed.

Hocker reported that the new platform was at the printer's, and that the draft of the new constitution, bylaws and rules had not yet been received from its committee.

A new green sheet was distributed, and the following changes in it noted:

Vice Chairwoman Hanson: ext. 2746

Treasurer Cooley: 280-1106 (h)

at-large Esser: zip 85007

at-large Emerling: 356-3930 (h)

at-large Howell: 651-1784 (o)

at-large Randolph: address from January 12 through June: Pouch V, Juneau, AK 99811

Region 2 B. White: 497-3324 (o)

Region 2 Lagasse: 501-0769 (h)

Region 3 Baures: town is Ruch; no office number

Region 9 Moring: zip 72207

Region 13 Grant: new phone, 897-0823

Region 17 D. Feldman: office phone is area code (201)

Region 18 Eddy: 4400 East-West Highway, Apt. 1111, Bethesda, MD 20014, (202) 333-8209 (o)

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Cooley submitted a Statement of Revenue and Expenses, January 1 - July 31, 1979 and a Balance Sheet as of July 31, 1979. Hocker presented a written memo to the effect that "the amount of money we can reliably expect to receive in any given month is roughly equal to the amount it takes to pay all our fixed costs, routine bills, and maintain a basic acceptable level of materials and services." The average monthly income (not including contributions of over \$1000) and average monthly expenses (not including special projects) are both just under \$12,000.

Cooley asked for input from members of the Nat Com as he makes up the 1980 budget, which will be presented at the next meeting.

Baures asked if the LP books are regularly audited. Cooley responded that they were not, but that his accountant is working on the problem. Baures urged that an outside audit be started as soon as possible.

4. **COMPUTER COMMITTEE:** Hanson deferred to Cooley, who presented a written and oral report. After meeting with the Clark for President Committee in Los Angeles in September to make sure the campaign needs could be met with the anticipated computer system, the Computer Committee accepted the bid of a Washington, D.C. vendor for a combined hardware-software package. Final delivery is expected during the first week of December. Cooley will be the purchaser of the computer, and will lease it to the LP. Capabilities of the computer (a Data General MP 100) include generating mailing lists on a variety of sorts, word processing, handling FEC reports and bookkeeping.

After extensive discussion of the lease arrangement, Nolan moved to accept and expedite the recommendation of the Computer Committee. On question of B. White, Bergland ruled that he, as LP Chairman, would sign the final lease contract. B. White appealed this ruling; the Chair was upheld. Beyer's motion to close debate passed, and Nolan's motion passed.

5. **HOCKER TO CLARK FOR PRESIDENT:** Ed Clark addressed the Committee and announced that Chris Hocker would be working for the Clark for President Committee as Volunteer Coordinator. Clark urged the Nat Com to favorably consider the application of Bill Burt for National Director. Action on the matter was scheduled for the following day.

6. MAILING LIST COMMITTEE: The Mailing List Committee is composed of the Chair, the National Director, and three Nat Com members appointed by the Chair. Bergland appointed Cooley, Lagasse and D. Feldman.
7. FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ray Cunningham resigned as chairman of the Finance Committee in September. Nolan nominated Hanson to replace him; she was elected. Also elected to the committee, with their terms to begin in January, were: Esser (nominated by Hanson), Yancey (nominated by Esser), and previous members James Blanchard, John Hilberg and David Padden (nominated by Herbert, subject to their acceptance).
8. SALARY REVIEW COMMITTEE: The Salary Review Committee consists of the Treasurer and two other Nat Com members. Cooley appointed Olson and M. Feldman.
9. MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: Jim Clarkson has resigned as Membership Chair. On request of Berglan, the matter of filling this position was deferred. The position does not require a Nat Com member. Suggestions were encouraged.
10. ADVERTISING/PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Nolan moved that the National Committee create a new Advertising/Publications Committee, with the authority and responsibility to produce "outreach" material for use by LP national, state and local parties, specifically, print ads, radio spots and brochures; that said committee consist of Dave Nolan, Ed Crane and Bill Howell; and that it be appropriated \$5000; and that a Review Committee, consisting of David Bergland, Murray Rothbard and Robert Poole, be appointed, to review material prior to production, with a limit of 15 days' review time.

It was agreed to divide the question to consider the Advertising/Publications Committee proposal first. On suggestion of Herbert, Cooley was added to the committee to coordinate budget matters. On suggestion of Howell, the appropriations section was deleted, so that funding would be handled as a routine matter. Baase's motion to close debate passed, and Nolan's motion, as amended, passed. D. Feldman moved to add R. White to the committee. Cooley withdrew, as the budgetary concerns had been removed. Franklin's motion to close debate passed, and D. Feldman's motion passed. Mason moved to appoint Nolan chair of the Advertising/Publications Committee. Franklin's motion to close debate passed, and Mason's motion passed.

The question of the Review Committee was then considered, using the current resolution (F-4) on the Publications Committee as a basis. Nolan moved to rename the current Publications Committee the Advertising/Publications Review Committee. B. White moved to amend the current resolution to read "the national Chair" instead of "David Bergland"; his amendment failed, and the main motion passed.

Nolan moved to name the following people to the Advertising/Publications Review Committee: David Bergland, Murray Rothbard and Robert Poole. Herbert's motion to add Bill Evers failed; Olson's motion to close debate passed; and Nolan's motion passed.

Nolan moved, on Howell's suggestion, to add the following wording: "All material must be approved by two thirds of the committee within 15 days of receipt before production. Failure to object within 15 days of receipt shall be considered approval." Baase moved to amend this to require unanimous approval. Esser's motion to close debate passed, and Baase's motion failed.

B. White moved to amend "receipt" to "the date of mailing"; motion failed. O'Keefe moved to amend "15" to "30"; Lagasse's motion to close debate passed, and O'Keefe's motion failed. Franklin moved to amend by adding "30 days if the material is over 20 pages"; Herbert's motion to close debate passed, and Franklin's motion failed. Lagasse's motion to close debate passed, and the main motion (Nolan/Howell's) passed.

11. SET ADJOURNMENT, RECONVENING TIMES: Herbert's motion to adjourn failed. Olson's motion to adjourn at 6 P.M. passed. Emerling's motion to reconvene at 8 A.M. Sunday passed.
12. REPORT OF THE '79 CONVENTION COMMITTEE: Crane presented a written report on the financial results of the '79 Convention. The convention incurred a \$37,000 loss, resulting from an approximately \$100,000 shortfall in projected registration fees. Actual expenses were very close to projected expenses. The Clark Steering Committee voted to pay \$35,000 toward convention expenses, in light of the fact that \$93,000 was raised for the Clark campaign at the convention banquet.
13. 1980 CONVENTION: Bergland reported that he, Hocker, David Padden and Rich Sutter of the Illinois party, and David Galland of the Convention Connection had met in Chicago to research sites for a 1980 convention, and had an offer from the Marriott Hotel. Mason questioned who would be responsible for the convention: the national LP, the Illinois party or the Clark campaign; there was no decision.
14. ADJOURN, RECONVENE: The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M., and reconvened by Chairman Bergland at 8:30 A.M. November 11.
15. 1980 CONVENTION, CONTINUED: After more discussion about the proposed convention, Olson questioned if perhaps the whole thing was a bad idea. The suggestion was made to hold a series of regional rallies/conferences instead, and this option was preferred by a majority of the Nat Com in a straw vote. Olson then moved that there not be a national LP convention in 1980, and that the Clark campaign take responsibility for planning any regional gatherings; the motion passed.
16. IOWANS: Vicki Mongeau, Coordinator of Iowans for Ed Clark, reported that the goals for media exposure, activating volunteers and raising money during the weekend had been met or surpassed, and thanked the Nat Com members for their part in making the weekend a success.
17. HUNSCHER FOR SENATE REPORT: Ken Sturzenacker presented a written plan from the Committee to Draft Bill Hunscher for Senate. The CDBHS will be concentrating on raising seed money from Libertarians from now until early next year; they can accept up to \$5000 per person per calendar year. A serious effort to win is planned, with a budget of \$250,000. The advertising involved will benefit other New England states in addition to New Hampshire. Sturzenacker invited feedback and assistance.
18. CLARK FOR PRESIDENT ACTIVITIES: Clark reported that the steering committee had met three times, and that an office was open at 2300 Wisconsin in D.C., with Kristina Herbert as office manager. Clark will be taking a leave of absence from his job beginning in June. He has campaigned in several states since the convention during weekends. David Koch has also begun to campaign.

Substantial research and production of issue papers is needed. Three field coordinators are already working on the ballot drive. A campaign newsletter is planned. Clark emphasized that there is no limit to how well we can do in this election.

19. NATIONAL DIRECTOR: After extensive discussion, Bergland appointed Bill Burt as National Director for a term of one year. Olson moved to approve the appointment. Burt addressed the Committee and answered questions. After more discussion regarding postponing the decision or appointing Burt temporarily, Key's motion to close debate passed. Emerling requested a roll call vote. The motion to approve Burt's appointment passed, 22 to 7, with the following in favor: Hanson, Sanders, Cooley, Baase, Crane, Esser, Nolan, Beyer, B. White, Lagasse, Anzis, Yancey, Maucher, Mason, Olson, Key, O'Keefe, Franklin, Herbert, M., Feldman, D. Feldman and Eddy; and the following opposed: Emerling, Howell, Baures, R. White, Moring, Hammond and Grant. Howell wished to place on record that his vote was not against Burt, but against the method of selection--that he would prefer to see the matter opened up, and put to a mail ballot. R. White, Emerling, Hammond, Moring and Baures wished to be recorded as agreeing with Howell.

Vice-Chairwoman Hanson presided over the following portion of the meeting.

20. FISCAL YEAR: Howell pointed out that the LP's fiscal year runs from the end of one convention to the next, but that there is no 1980 convention scheduled. He moved the following resolution: "In the absence of a national convention in any year, it is the sense of the National Committee that the fiscal year of the Party shall end one year following the first day following the adjournment of the previous national convention." After discussion, Key's motion to close debate passed, and Howell's motion passed. It was noted that we might change the Bylaws to make our fiscal year the same as the calendar year, which in practice it already is, and Howell requested the matter be put on next meeting's agenda.
21. 1981 CONVENTION: Emerling moved to table consideration, stating that the Illinois party should have the opportunity to apply; his motion failed. Mason moved to designate Denver as the 1981 convention site, and presented a proposal from the Colorado party. Olson asked for a straw vote on whether or not we would be able to make a decision today; the majority said yes. Franklin suggested establishing a system of rotating from one region to another for future conventions. Key moved to close debate; her motion failed. Emerling called Mike Hepple in Illinois, and Bergland talked with him and reported that the Illinois party would like to present a proposal. R. White asked for a straw vote on how many would prefer Chicago for the 1981 convention if they had a comparable proposal to Colorado's; the vast majority of the Committee preferred Denver. R. White then moved to close debate; his motion passed, and the main (Mason's) motion passed.

D. Feldman nominated Hanson to chair a new '81 Convention Committee; she declined. Bergland moved to create an '81 Convention Committee composed of three non-Colorado Nat Com members. Herbert's suggestion of Olson, Crane and Bergland was accepted. Nolan's suggestion of adding Hanson, and Mason, as chair, was accepted. On question of R. White, Mason stated that the Colorado party would accept all risk and responsibility for the convention, and would cooperate with the Nat Com in developing the program and abide by any veto by the national chair. After more discussion, Franklin moved to replace Hanson

with R. White on the committee. Key's motion to close debate passed, and Franklin's motion failed. Lagasse's motion to end debate passed, and the main motion (Bergland's) failed. D. Feldman moved to allow the Colorado party to handle the convention, with Bergland as liason between them and the national Party. Nolan suggested Hanson as liason instead, but she declined. Feldman's motion passed.

22. SPECIAL WORKING PLATFORM COMMITTEE PROPOSAL: Richard Kenney presented a written and oral proposal to "create a Special Working Platform Committee, to last from now until the creation of the next Regular Platform Committee, consisting of ten members and charged with the following tasks: (1) Preparing a comprehensive, detailed and openended plan for the revision of the current Platform, utilizing the Report of the 1979 regular Platform Committee; (2) Designing a Platform Study Guide to assist the general public, as well as Party members, in understanding the references made by--and the rationales for--various planks; (3) Developing Party promotion materials based upon, or utilizing elements drawn from, the Platform; and (4) Working with the 1981 National LP convention committee to formulate procedures which will ensure optimum consideration of the official Platform Committee Report by that convention."

B. White moved to amend the proposal by appointing ten members of the regular Platform Committee immediately, and charging them with tasks (1), (2), and (4). Nolan's motion to table failed. Baures' motion to change the number of members to 20 was withdrawn. B. White moved to change the number of members to five. After discussion, Esser's motion to close debate passed and B. White's motion passed. R. White's motion to table passed. B. White requested that the matter be put on the agenda for the next meeting, with appropriate notice to LP members who may be interested.

23. APPROPRIATE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF NAT COM MEMBERS: Howell offered the following resolution: "Whereas, the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of the Libertarian Party are either unclear concerning or do not speak to the question of what activities, short of actual candidacy, are appropriate to National Committee members vis-a-vis other parties; and Whereas, a number of National Committee members would like to have this question clarified in order that they may know what policies to follow in their own activities and the appropriate attitude to take toward such activities; Now, therefore, the National Committee of the Libertarian Party hereby goes on record as strongly urging the next National Convention to adopt rules to clarify this question for the future." This issue arose at the last meeting due to Emerling's working for a Democratic candidate; his employment has since changed. After discussion, Howell withdrew his resolution. Franklin's motion to table the matter passed.
24. NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS STAFF SALARIES: After a brief consultation, the Salary Review Committee recommended that Bill Burt be paid \$18,000 annual salary, plus moving expenses from California. Crane's motion to close debate passed, and the motion passed. After discussion, B. White moved that for all headquarters staff other than the National Director, the approval of salaries by the Salary Review Committee is sufficient; the National Director's salary requires Nat Com approval. Motion passed.
25. REGIONAL REPORTS: Bergland requested, and B. White moved, that all future regional reports be submitted in writing. Anzis' motion to close debate

passed, and the main motion passed. Written reports were received from representatives of Regions 1, 3, 7 and 18. Each regional representative spent approximately a minute reviewing the status of his/her state parties orally.

26. NEXT MEETINGS: Suggestions for future meetings were early February in Phoenix; and early May in Texas, Oregon or Washington, D.C. Bergland moved to meet in Phoenix in February and in Texas in May; motion passed. Nolan moved to start the meetings at 10 A.M. on both Saturday and Sunday, but withdrew his motion after discussion. Esser's motion to hold the next meeting the first weekend (2-3) of February passed. Mason's motion to recess for five minutes passed.
27. RULES OF ORDER: Howell reported that the Florida party recommends a change from Robert's to Sturgis' Rules of Order. He moved to appoint someone to prepare a report on the advantages and disadvantages of changing to Sturgis. Howell was appointed, and the motion passed.
28. WRITTEN NOTICE FOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS: Howell moved that "any items of business for the National Committee not sent to Nat Com members and postmarked at least \_\_\_ days in advance of a meeting may not be voted on without the approval of \_\_\_ of the Nat Com." The blanks were subsequently filled with "21" and "two thirds," respectively, and the motion passed.
29. AFFILIATION WITH C.A.R.D.: After pointing out that we are already listed as an affiliate on C.A.R.D. literature, Baase moved that "the Party shall become affiliated with the Committee Against Registration and the Draft." Olson's motion to close debate passed, and Baase's motion passed, with Mason recorded as abstaining.
30. THANKS TO CHRIS: Emerling expressed the Nat Com's appreciation to Chris Hocker for doing a fine job a National Director, wishing him the best of luck with the Clark campaign, and welcoming him back as National Director next November; accepted with a round of applause.
31. SET ADJOURNMENT: Crane's motion to adjourn was withdrawn; Bergland's motion to adjourn at 2 P.M. passed.
32. OPEN MEETINGS: Franklin moved the following: "Nat Com meetings are open to Party members. Nat Com subcommittee meetings are open to Party members. Judicial Committee meetings are open to Party members. (Of course, participation is not permitted, except by dispensation of the meeting chair; disturbers will be removed.) Nat Com minutes and working documents, and minutes and working documents of the other committees and subcommittees, are documents available to Party members willing to pay the total cost of reproduction and mailing." The resolution passed.
33. COMPUTER LEASE: Franklin moved that the lease to be signed for computer service by the LP and Dallas Cooley shall include a clause stating that the lease may be terminated at any time by the LP, with maximum liquidated damages of six months' payment, as negotiated. Motion passed.
34. LP NEWS: Franklin requested that his proposals and others for the LP News be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

35. CONVENTION REPORT: Sanders moved adoption of the Report of the 1979 National Convention (sent by mail earlier) ; motion carried.
36. NEXT ANNUAL REPORT: Sanders requested the national headquarters to send copies of the last annual report to new members of the Committee, and requested prompt input from all Nat Com members on their requests for this year's report.
37. PLATFORM, CONTINUED: Sanders moved to remove the Special Working Platform Committee proposal from the table; motion carried. After more discussion, Mason's motion to table again passed. Franklin moved to commend Richard Kenney for his efforts and to encourage him to work further on his ideas, and further moved that the national office assist in publicizing the proposal; motion carried.
38. ADJOURN: B. White's motion to adjourn passed at 1:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sylvia Sanders*

Sylvia Sanders, Secretary

Please make the following corrections to your compiled resolutions:

ADD a new A-14: Regional reports shall be submitted in writing at Nat Com meetings. (11/11/79:25)

ADD a new A-15: Any items of business for the National Committee not sent to Nat Com members and postmarked at least 21 days in advance of a meeting may not be voted on without the approval of two thirds of the Nat Com. (11/11/79:28)

ADD a new A-16: Nat Com meetings, Nat Com subcommittee meetings and Judicial Committee meetings are open to Party members. (Of course, participation is not permitted, except by dispensation of the meeting chair; disturbers will be removed.) Nat Com minutes and working documents, and minutes and working documents of the other committees and subcommittees are documents available to Party members willing to pay the total cost of reproduction and mailing. (11/11/79:32)

CHANGE F-3 to read: The National Committee shall create an Advertising/Publications Committee, with the authority and responsibility to produce "outreach" material for use by LP national, state and local parties, specifically: print ads, radio spots and brochures. The committee will consist of David Nolan, chair, and Ed Crane, Bill Howell and Rick White. (11/10/79:10)

CHANGE F-4 by substituting the name Advertising/Publications Review Committee for Publications Committee in the title and text. Add: All material must be approved by two thirds of the committee within 15 days of receipt before production. Failure to object within 15 days of receipt shall be considered approval. Members of the committee shall be David Bergland, Murray Rothbard and Robert Poole. (11/10/79:10)



CHANGE F-6 to read: Denver shall be the site of the 1981 convention; the Colorado party shall handle the convention, with David Bergland as liason between them and the national Party. (11/11/79:21)

CHANGE F-9 by deleting the current list of names and adding: Members are Dallas Cooley, chair, and Ben Olson and Mitchell Feldman. (11/10/79:8)  
For all headquarters staff other than the National Director, the approval of salaries by the Salary Review Committee is sufficient; the National Director's salary requires Nat Com approval. (11/11/79:24)

DELETE F-12 on the Computer Committee--this is now obsolete

CHANGE G-2 to read: Bill Burt is appointed National Director for one year at a salary of \$18,000 per year, plus moving expenses. (11/11/79:19, 24)

DELETE G-4--this is now obsolete

CHANGE I-2 by deleting the current list of members and adding: Members of the Finance Committee as of January 1980 are: M.L. Hanson, chair; and Fred Esser, Joe Yancey, James Blanchard, John Hilberg and David Padden. (11/10/79:7)

ADD a new I-3: In the absence of a national convention in any year, it is the sense of the National Committee that the fiscal year of the Party shall end one year following the first day following the adjournment of the previous national convention. (11/11/79:20)

CHANGE L-3 by deleting the current list of names and adding: Members of the Mailing list Committee are David Bergland, Bill Burt, Dallas Cooley, Bruce Lagasse and Dan Feldman. (11/10/79:6)

Please take some time to look over the minutes and note the projects, proposals and committees that require your attention. Also note that we already have several items on the agenda for the February 2-3 meeting; and that additional material for that meeting must be postmarked to Nat Com members no later than January 12, per our new resolution A-15. Thanks--see you in February--

Sylvia

I have underlined items in the minutes that were passed (other than routine or procedural ones); please let me know if this is helpful or not. - 3.