

# Libertarian Party of California

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**Ray Cunningham**  
Chairman

**Elizabeth Jacobsen**  
Northern  
Vice-Chairwoman

**Bruce Lagasse**  
Southern  
Vice-Chairman

**Michelle Kurtz**  
Secretary

**Michael Zeldis**  
Treasurer

LPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
April 30 - May 1, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Ray Cunningham, chairman  
at 2:00 April 30, 1977.

Those in attendance were:

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| Ray Cunningham    | Tom Arriet       |
| Jim Gallagher     | Carol Cunningham |
| Jack Dean         | Liz Jacobsen     |
| John Robertson    | Bruce Staller    |
| Mike Grotke       | Sara Baase       |
| Carlos Henkel     | Dean Sandin      |
| Cynthia St. Clare | Mike Hall        |
| Chris Hocker      | Jane Heider      |
| Peter Van Sant    | Gordon Johnson   |
| Robert Burnside   | Saul Rackauskas  |
| Leon Steinhardt   | Bruce Lagasse    |
| Michelle Kurtz    | June Genis       |
| Michael Zeldis    | Ernst Ghermann   |
| Ray Hendrickson   | William C. White |
| Melinda Pillsbury |                  |

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the last meeting be approved. **PASSED.**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Michelle Kurtz reported total membership is currently 1006. She also reported that she had written to psychologist Irwin Rodman, to get his help in drafting exit and entrance membership questionnaires. Suggestions on the contents and form of these questionnaires were taken.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Michael Zeldis reported that dues were recieved from 202 members in the first quarter. The current account balance is \$4438. This can be broken down into:

- 977 - for loan repayments
- 540 - for registration effort
- 17 - for May issue of Caliber
- 825 - owed to the regions
- 1294 - owed to Ray Hendrickson
- 22 - owed to National LP
- 762 - for general funds

Profits from the 1977 LPC convention were \$1258 of which about \$250 is the return of an advance to Paul Lepanto. The treasurer also reported that political parties traditionally have not been asked to file tax reports.

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MOTION: That the extra items added to the agenda be placed under the chairman's report and that we proceed to the chairman's report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a) The overpayments collected by Lloyd Taylor have been returned.
- b) Doug Hoiles, of Liberty Bookstore, would like the use of our mailing list.

MOTION: To provide the use of our mailing list to Doug Hoiles for \$50 plus postage. PASSED

- c) Senate Bill 834 would require an effort be made to identify the economic consequences of legislation. Ray Hendrickson will do an analysis of this.
- d) June Genis received a letter from Uncommon Sense. For \$1.50 they wanted to send her a questionnaire and the results will be sent to Congress. Region 18 will investigate this organization.
- e) Mike Hall reported that at the LPC table at the Future of Freedom Conference literature was sold and distributed. Between \$30 and \$40 was made on literature sales.
- f) The L.A. P.O. Box was discussed. It was decided that Ray Cunningham should send a letter to Ed Clark thanking him for the time he and his secretary put into collecting and distributing the mail that comes to the box.
- g) Melinda Pillsbury reported on the upcoming election to fill Alan Sieroty's vacated seat in the 44th Assembly district. Larry Kellam, Region 12 vice-chairman, is running as an independent and is on the ballot, thanks to the efforts of Ray Hendrickson. There are 10 candidates on the ballot, the district is 65% democratic, the favorite is a Tom Hayden backed socialist named Yannatta, and the primary is May 31st.
- f) Ray Hendrickson reported that NORML is supporting a bill introduced by Willie Brown which would reduce the penalties of growing marijuana at home for personal use from a felony to a misdemeanor.
- g) Bruce Lagasse, Liz Jacobsen, and June Genis reported on tax protest efforts in various parts of the state. These included marches, post office vigils, and radio ads.
- h) Possible locations for next year's (and following years') LPC Convention were discussed.

MOTION: To open the period of bidding to run from April 30, 1977 to August 31, 1977 with intent to bid submitted by July 1, 1977, and that a Convention Committee be formed to set up guidelines and criteria, and to receive bids. PASSED.

- i) Ray Hendricksen reported on the status of legal activities. The two main areas discussed were: (1) the Codel Suit, which is

being appealed in the Supreme Court, and (2) State Assembly bills 329 (sponsored by Assemblyman Bill Thomas) and 341 (sponsored by Assemblyman Willie Brown) both of which will enable minor parties to get on the ballot more easily.

MACBRIDE COMMITTEE REPORT

See attachment

1977 LPC CONVENTION

The changes made to the constitution, by-laws, and platform were discussed.

MOTION: That the list of changes to the constitution, by-laws, platform, and resolutions be handled by mail ballot, and that challenges should be submitted to Ray Cunningham by May 7, 1977 and a mail ballot will be sent out. PASSED

The list of delegates to the National Convention was reviewed and it was brought up that John Hospers and Dave Bergland are ex-officio delegates to the National Convention.

MOTION: That the list of delegates be accepted. PASSED.

It was requested that copies of the list be sent out with the next Execom mailing.

PUBLICATION POLICY

Discussion tabled till tomorrow.

BACKGROUND FLYER

Liz Jacobsen reported on the background flyer she had prepared. The general feeling of the Execom was that the flyer was too detailed to pass out casually on the street but very good for serious inquiries. There was discussion about changes to be made, particularly that the discussion of foreign policy should be broader. Liz Jacobsen was then directed to make the agreed upon changes and applauded for putting the flyer together.

MOTION: That the Execom approve this as a background flyer (with the changes discussed). PASSED.

The master will be made available to any region that wants to print it up.

CALIBER

The format was discussed and the various options considered.

MOTION: That Caliber go to a tabloid format. PASSED.

MOTION: That the editor of Caliber be instructed to seek and accept ads at his/her discretion and that all ads be labeled as such. PASSED.

MOTION: That Caliber subscription be lowered to \$4.00 and membership be lowered to \$14.00. TABLED

Meeting was adjourned at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Ray Cunningham, chairman, at 9:15  
May 1, 1977.

#### MAILING LIST SYSTEMS

The need for some form of automated mailing list system was discussed. Ray Cunningham mentioned several that Venita Baldwin had researched. It was decided that a committee shall be established to study Venita's research and make recommendations.

#### GRADUALISM COMMITTEE

Because Bernie Perra was not in attendance he will mail his report on gradualism to Ray Cunningham.

#### NATIONAL LP CONVENTION REPORT

Ray Cunningham gave a report on the upcoming National LP Convention. He discussed some of the activities, and how the site and speakers were chosen. One speaker the Convention Committee is still trying to get is Milton Freidman.

A tabloid about the convention will be mailed out by National LP within two weeks and a newsletter will be mailed out in California within the week. Regional chairmen were urged to get names of people who are willing to work in exchange for admission to the convention.

#### REGIONAL REGISTRATION EFFORTS

John Robertson of Region 18 discussed joint efforts with the "open beach" (i.e. clothing optional public beaches) people in Orange County.

June Genis of Region 7 talked about using voter registration cards as raffle tickets at the county fair booth

Chris Hocker reported on the LIBRE Committee. They began 3/5/77, are funded through pledges which are now up to \$880/month, and have a full time staffer. They have bought radio ads in San Francisco.

MOTION: That a mailing be made for LIBRE for the cost of the postage. The time to be chosen by LIBRE. PASSED.

#### BUDGET

There was discussion on reorganizing the budget into new catagories.

MOTION: That we modify our budget to reflect publications, Caliber, legal expenses, membership solicitations, voter registration, administration expenses, fund raising activities, membership

renewals and new member processing to make the budget more program oriented. PASSED.

MOTION: That if there is a surplus from Caliber then that surplus be available for general party activities.

MOTION: To pay \$700 owed to Ken Stahl in New York for legal action connected with Supreme Court appeal.

MOTION: To immediately pay \$261 to cover deposition costs.

Ray Hendrickson reported on the costs of LPC legal activities. He identified three major areas of activity: (1) the state's appeal of a favorable ruling in the Codel suit, (2) our appeal to the Supreme Court of an unfavorable ruling in the Codel suit, and (3) lobbying efforts for independent candidate legislation.

MOTION: That all designated monies for registration activities be allocated and no further monies be allocated at this time. Also that we disperse funds to LIBRE to pay for the cost of a statewide mailing. PASSED.

MOTION: That we allocate \$2000 from general funds, plus additional funds as can be raised, for legal expenses. PASSED.

MOTION: That we project an income from legal fundraising efforts of \$2000 and that we project a corresponding outgo of \$2000. PASSED

MOTION: That we allocate \$900 per year for membership renewal and processing of new members. PASSED.

MOTION: That we consider administrative expenses next. PASSED.

MOTION: That we allocate \$1400 per year for administrative expenses out of general funds. PASSED.

Possible programs for identifying people registered to vote as libertarians were discussed.

MOTION: That \$500 this year be set aside for active new membership solicitation. PASSED.

MOTION: That we allocate \$200 for fiscal '77 to be expended by a media committee to be used as front money for the development of a regionally supported media system. PASSED.

The state fair booth was discussed. Space rental will cost \$100 and the booth will be manned by members of Region 3.

MOTION: That we allocate \$75 to pay for booth space rental at the state fair. PASSED.

MOTION: That the allocation for literature be to cover the following expenses only:

- (1) Printing of the 1977 platform
- (2) Revision (by reprinting or suppling) of the constitution and by-laws
- (3) The background flyer.

PASSED.

MOTION: That we print the platform and resolutions on one 8½ x 11 sheet of paper making the type as small as necessary. PASSED.

MOTION: That we print the constitution and by-laws on one 8½ x 11 sheet of paper making the type as small as necessary. PASSED.

MOTION: That \$150 be allocated to printing:  
 (1) the background flyer  
 (2) the constitution and by-laws  
 (3) the platform.  
 PASSED.

MOTION: That \$300 be allocated for fund raising events to be dispersed by a fund raising committee. PASSED.

MOTION: That \$50 be allocated for the preparation, printing, and distribution of Libertarian Ratings of California Legislators. PASSED.

Gordon Johnson volunteered to take charge of the YLA. He was asked to identify activities and potential costs and to present them to the Execom.

MOTION: That we approve the budget with \$25 labeled as miscellaneous. PASSED.

Ray Cunningham asked for, and was granted, general authority to increase projected contributions as required to balance the budget.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

| <u>Committee</u>          | <u>Head</u>       | <u>Members</u>                |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Membership                | Liz Jacobsen      | -                             |
| Fund-raising              | -                 | -                             |
| Political Strategy        | *                 | Mike Hall<br>Chris Hocker     |
| Mailing List Systems      | Jim Gallegher     | June Genis<br>Bill White      |
| Marketing (Public Info)   | Jack Dean         | -                             |
| Media                     | Leon Steinhardt   | Bruce Lagasse                 |
| State Convention Criteria | Cynthia St. Clare | Liz Jacobsen<br>Bruce Lagasse |

\*Ray Cunningham will approach Ed Clark and ask him to head this committee.

The above appointments were approved by the Execom.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. May 1, 1977.

# MACHRIDE CAMPAIGN LOAN STATUS

1/25/77 HEC

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| Creditor         | Loan Amt     | Amt Repaid  | Amt Forgiven | Amt Owed       | Remarks |
| Ake Martin       | 500          | 500         |              |                | 1       |
| E. Vander Ende   | 500          |             |              | 500            | 2       |
| Jane Heider      | 900          |             |              | 900            | 3       |
| Bill Stanley     | 1000         | 1000        |              |                | 4       |
| Gordon Johnson   | 1000         | 500         |              | 500            | 5       |
| Almg Harkin      | 500          | 500         |              |                | 6       |
| June Lewis       | 900          |             |              | 900            | 7       |
| John Hix         | 200          | 200         |              | <del>200</del> | 8       |
| Charles Marr     | 300          | 300         |              |                | 9       |
| Saul Mackaniskas | 500          | 500         |              |                | 10      |
| Jim Foley        | 300          |             |              | 300            | 11      |
| Joseph Shaber    | 800          | 300         | 500          |                | 12      |
| Bruce Lagasse    | 500          |             |              | 500            | 13      |
| Ray Cunningham   | 1000         |             |              | 1000           | 14      |
| Irwin Hoffman    | 900          | 900         |              |                | 15      |
| Joe Corbly       | 1400         |             |              | 1400           | 16      |
| Lloyd Taylor     | 950          | 950         |              |                | 17      |
| Lloyd Taylor     | 275          | 275         |              |                | 18      |
| John Sutherland  | 270          | 270         |              |                | 19      |
| Gail Machin      | 800          |             |              | 800            | 20      |
| Ater Capello     | 500          |             |              | 500            | 21      |
| Dan Wiener       | 300          |             | 300          |                | 22      |
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less cash on hand or other assets 2000

Other Liabilities  
Unpaid legal fees 700 (est) 700

Total AFPC Liability \$ 5700

Other "Possible" Liabilities  
National LP 1000  
Bruce Staller 900  
Bill Sasel 300  
\$ 2200

# LPC LOAN STATUS

4/28/77 HEC

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| Creditor       | Loan Amt       | Amt Repaid  | Amt Forgiven | Amt Owed       | Remarks |
| Bill Susel     | 500            |             | 500          |                | 1       |
| John Hospers   | 1000           | 1000        |              |                | 2       |
| Ed Clark       | 1000           |             | 1000         |                | 3       |
| W. O'Hara      | 150            | 150         |              |                | 4       |
| Joseph Shaber  | 200            | 200         |              |                | 5       |
| Dave Kingston  | 500            |             | 500          |                | 6       |
| Joe Coberly    | 1700           |             |              | 1700           | 7       |
| Bill Sumner    | 425            | 425         |              |                | 8       |
| John Matonis   | 401.50         |             |              | 401.50         | 9       |
| Chris Hecker   | 500            |             |              | 500            | 10      |
| Ray Cunningham | 1500           |             |              | 1500           | 11      |
| Region II      | 200            |             |              | 200            | 12      |
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less designated contributions on hand 7500 (est)

Total LPC Liability \$3551.50

Note: Actual amount of designated contributions on hand is \$1177 rather than \$750 estimated on 4/28/77. Thus total LPC liability as of 4/28/77 was actually \$3124.50 plus any interest that is accruing.

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