

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 2-3, 1980, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

Members present:

David Bergland, Chairman
Mary Louise Hanson, Vice-Chairwoman
Sylvia Sanders, Secretary
Dr. Dallas Cooley, Treasurer
Sara Baase, at-large
Edward H. Crane, III, at-large
Michael Emerling, at-large
Fred Esser, at-large
William J. Howell, at-large
David F. Nolan, at-large
Dick Randolph, at-large
Lew Beyer, Region 1
Bill White, Region 2
Bruce Lagasse, Region 2

Mike Anzis, Region 2
Vivian Baures, Region 3
Joe D. Yancey, Region 4
Rick White, Region 5
Norman F. Maucher, Region 6
John Mason, Region 7
Ben Olson, Region 8
Sylvia Moring, Region 9
Ann Marie Hammond, Region 10
Leslie Graves Key, Region 11
Eric O'Keefe, Region 12
Paul Grant, Region 13
Craig Franklin, Region 14
Jule Herbert, Region 15
Dan Feldman, Region 17

Members absent:

Mitchell S. Feldman, Region 16

Carl T. Helmers, Jr., Region 18

1. CALL TO ORDER, ETC.: Chairman Bergland called the regular meeting of the Libertarian National Committee to order at 12:15 P.M. on Saturday, February 2, 1980, at the Ramada Valley Ho in Scottsdale, Arizona. Sanders moved to accept the minutes of the November 10-11 meeting, with the addition of "14" in item 25 (listing those regions with written reports); motion passed. A new representative for Region 18 has been elected, Carl T. Helmers, Jr. of New Hampshire, who replaces Frances Eddy. A new green sheet, dated February 1980, was distributed, and the following changes noted:
Vice-Chairwoman Hanson: 753-0070 (h)
at-large Randolph: (907) 465-4954 (o), 586-3392 (h), Jan.-June
Region 2 Lagasse: 391-0711 x2630 (o)
Georgia: new chair, Gary Marcus, 3330 Atlanta Rd., Apt. N-8, Smyrna, GA 30080, (404) 436-9220 (h & o)
Maine: new chair, Steve Hrehovcik, P.O. Box 22, Kenneybunk, ME 04043, (207) 967-5771 (h), 985-2978 (o)
Montana: Duncan Scott has moved to 420 E. Front St., Missoula, MT 59801, (406) 728-3862
Ohio: LP office (216) 247-4333
The Secretary's Report for 1979 was handed out. Agenda revisions were made.

2. CLARK FOR PRESIDENT: A new Clark for President press kit was distributed. Ed Crane offered the following report: The LP has 1980 ballot status in 21 states, as shown on the map in the press kit except that Alaska, shown as completed, is still in progress. Response has been so excellent that ballot status will be pursued in all 50 states. Howie Rich is in charge of this project.

The campaign brochure has been revamped, and will be available in quantity soon. A direct mail package to 40,000 people is in the

works, as is another package with a self-contained BRE. A new bumper sticker is being produced. Short (4-5 page) issue papers are being written, and several lengthy white papers (on Social Security, Taxes and Spending, Foreign Policy and Education) are being produced. They will each be tied to a major news conference.

A full-page ad with Clark's response to Carter's State of the Union message is scheduled to appear in the Sunday, February 10 New York Times. Radio spots, individualized for each state, are being produced. Two different five-minute spots are scheduled to air on all three networks starting in June. The cost for the total of 60 spots is \$1.2 million.

Bill MacReynolds is working on fundraising, and Chris Hocker on speech writing and state and local organizing. The Clark campaign will be organized to the precinct level in some areas. A 12-15-minute film, useable in fundraising and local gatherings, will be available in about three weeks.

A professional survey by Opinion Research Corporation is currently in the field; results will be available in about five weeks. The results should help us find the best ways to convey our ideas.

An effort is being made to have Clark included in League of Women Voters debates and other forums with presidential candidates.

In response to questions, Crane said that regional gatherings may or may not be planned, depending on how the campaign is going. If planned, they would be held toward the end of the campaign. Canned speeches will be offered, and sent to federal candidates and state chairs.

Ed Clark spoke briefly, noting that the situations in Iran and Afghanistan have changed the focus of the campaign from domestic issues to foreign policy. Clark wants to integrate his campaign with those of other federal candidates, and would like to see LP congressional candidates in a majority of districts. He said that media response to the campaign has been excellent, and that our major task is to convince people--Libertarians included--that this is a significant campaign.

Dallas Cooley made a generous offer of matching funds for contributions or pledges to the Clark campaign from Nat Com members given during the weekend.

3. ALASKA ACTIVITY: Randolph reported that the tax initiative was going well (signatures have been turned in), and that he and other legislators are proposing numerous tax-cut bills, including one to repeal the state income tax, both personal and corporate. Randolph recently appeared in a one-hour TV debate with various state officials (a videotape is available). Other important issues in Alaska are opposition to a proposed government-funded Alaska General Stock Ownership Corporation, a land initiative ("get the Feds out"), and

an anti-draft resolution. Randolph is leaning toward a campaign for U.S. Senate.

4. HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES: Bill Burt, National Director, reported that the computer is now on line, with data entered; an F.E.C. report generated by the computer has been turned in. LP News was sent out in January; another issue will be out in late February. LP News will alternate monthly with Clark News. VIP mailings will be more frequent. Two to three letters-to-the-editor per week from Burt are being published. A collection of campaign skills papers is being revamped and will be offered in booklet form. Plans are to continue the Political Action Workshops during the year. There will be a push to line up congressional candidates. An educational program for "new" Libertarians is being planned. Until new ideas are developed, fundraising will continue with past programs; Burt stressed the need to develop incentives for getting new contributors and members.

Cooley discussed the terms of the computer lease agreement (four and a half years, \$625 per month, early termination clause). On Cooley's suggestion, Olson moved that the decision to terminate the lease between the Libertarian Party and CC Leasing may be made only by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the National Committee members present at a regular meeting of the National Committee. This resolution may be revoked only by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the National Committee. The motion passed.

Burt showed the new display booth, which was purchased for around \$500. The booth is available to rent for \$20 per day by state and local organizations; the rental rate is flexible. A Mailgram facility, under the direction of Tom Palmer, is now available for sending news releases; details will be sent out in a VIP letter. Jay Hilgartner is building a file of speeches and other to-the-public communications; people are urged to send in copies of any they have. There is no real news release program to date, as most of that is being handled by the Clark campaign. The LP did recently hold a news conference on its Post Office lawsuit.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Cooley presented a balance sheet as of December 31, 1979. Beyer moved to accept the report with a round of applause to Cooley for an excellent job. Applause followed, but B. White noted that we should actually have an audit committee to examine such reports. Cooley also mentioned that the party should be careful not to make any taxable income--such as interest from savings accounts--as that would affect our tax-exempt status.
6. FINANCE COMMITTEE AND RECESS: Hanson reported that she had talked with Ray Cunningham and received suggestions for the Finance Committee. It was decided to continue discussion of the Finance Committee after the budget was considered. Howell's motion to consider setting up an audit committee received 2/3 approval, and was scheduled to follow the fiscal year item on the agenda. A five-minute recess was called; the meeting reconvened in 20 minutes.
7. 1980 BUDGET--PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION: Cooley asked for an off-the-record discussion of the budget; Bergland extended the recess and

asked observers to leave the room. Following the recess, Howell, Nolan, Franklin, Esser, Yancey, Moring, Hammond, Beyer, Baures, Baase, Grant and R. White ^{and that it was not necessary for the observers to leave.} asked to be recorded as thinking that the recess was not necessary. The proposed budget, drawn up by Cooley and Burt, was looked over. Baures requested an expected-income breakdown in future budgets. Final consideration of the budget was scheduled for the following day.

Hanson read off a list of possible members for the Finance Committee, but no action was taken.

8. HEADQUARTERS PRIORITIES AND STAFFING NEEDS: Burt described the current staff and their responsibilities, emphasizing that job duties continually change and that flexibility is needed. The agenda was amended to immediately consider LP News proposals.
9. LP NEWS PROPOSALS: Franklin moved that the Nat Com appropriate funds for a Publications Director to edit LP News and other publications, and that the Nat Com appropriate funds for an expanded LP News during 1980. After lengthy discussion about whether current staff was stretched too thin, whether we could afford to hire an additional person, and what LP News should include, Hanson's motion to close debate passed, and Franklin's motion passed. Franklin moved that the Publications Director be responsible to and report to the Nat Com. After discussion, Hanson's motion to close debate passed, and Franklin's motion failed.
10. * ADVERTISING/PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Nolan presented a written report including the responses of state chairs to his ad concepts. Based on that feedback, Nolan moved that the Nat Com appropriate \$3000 for the production of six print ads, and that the six ads be offered to all state parties for their use at the cost of \$25 each. Nolan was to take responsibility for producing the ads, including submission of copy to the Review Committee, and would have the finished products in two months. After discussion, the motion passed.

Mason then presented a written proposal for developing a marketing strategy. Nolan moved that the National Committee authorize the National Chair to contract with an outside agency to develop and implement a marketing strategy on behalf of the Libertarian Party. Donations received through this agency shall be directed first to cover costs of the program, with profits to be shared equally by the agency and the Libertarian Party. Final agreement would be subject to review of the agency's Business Plan by the Advertising/Publications Committee and approval of specific contractual terms by the National Chair. All materials for publication would be subject to review by the Advertising/Publications Review Committee as required by National Committee Resolutions F-3 and F-4 adopted November 10, 1979. After discussion, Key's motion to close debate passed, and Nolan's motion passed.

11. ADJOURN, RECONVENE: The meeting adjourned for the day at 4:30 P.M., and reconvened at 9:25 A.M. on Sunday, February 3.

12. PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR: The issue of how the Publications Director would be chosen was raised. Bergland ruled that the subject would require a 2/3 vote to put on the agenda. Howell appealed, and the ruling was upheld. Howell then moved to put the item on the agenda immediately; his motion received 2/3 approval. D. Feldman moved that the Nat Com elect the Publications Director, that he/she be responsible to and report to the Chair, that he/she be elected at the May meeting, and that Burt send out notice of the opening, with resumés to be sent to Nat Com members by a certain date. On B. White's suggestion, the question was divided into two parts, who selects and the remainder. Olson's amendment to have the Publications Director chosen by the Chair, with the advice and consent of the Nat Com, was accepted as friendly. Franklin and Baase moved to close debate. Their motion passed, and the first part of the main motion passed. Lagasse's motion to close debate on the remainder of the original motion passed, and that part of the motion failed.
13. REGIONAL REPORTS: Written reports from Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14 and 17 were received. Nolan's motion to dispense with verbal reports passed.
14. YLA: Emerling urged revitalization of the YLA. Burt said that this was already planned. A written report on YLA by Jay Hilgartner was presented, including the recommendation to drop the YLA name. Olson moved to drop the YLA name, in favor of just having campus affiliates of the LP. After discussion, Baures' motion to close debate passed, and Olson's motion passed.
15. MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: Bergland announced that he had not yet appointed a membership chair. The position does not require a Nat Com member. Suggestions are encouraged.
16. MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES: Sanders moved to amend Resolution J-1 by striking the words "to provide savings to individuals." She pointed out that some states are currently keeping the 20 percent savings, and officially allowing this option gives all state parties an incentive to get more members. Howell objected to consideration, but was ruled out of order; he appealed the ruling, but it was upheld. Howell requested the following be recorded in the minutes: "It is my opinion that if the current policy described by the Secretary is being followed by state parties, they are stealing money from their national members unless they have clearly informed those members that this policy is being followed." Lagasse's motion to close debate passed, and Sanders' motion passed. Beyer's motion to not include Howell's statement in the minutes was withdrawn after clarification of the statement.
17. DRAFT RESOLUTION: Key moved to consider a resolution on the draft; it received the needed 2/3 approval. Emerling moved adoption of his "Anti-Draft, Anti-Registration Resolution." Nolan's suggestion to add "Whereas the Libertarian Party has a long standing opposition to registration and conscription, as stated in its national platform," as the first part of the resolution, was accepted as friendly. Herbert moved to substitute Esser's resolution for Emerling's. Baures' motion to close debate passed, and Herbert's motion passed.

(Sec. note: I have omitted the original texts of both Emerling's and Esser's resolutions because of length.) Herbert moved to delete "and a violation of the 13th Amendment." Baase's motion to close debate passed, and Herbert's motion passed. B. White moved to substitute "century" for "decade." Sanders' motion to close debate passed, and White's motion failed. Crane moved to amend "Libertarian Party National Committee" by deleting "Party." Baures' motion to close debate passed, and Crane's motion passed. Franklin's suggestion to add "and practical" after "moral" in the last section was accepted as friendly. O'Keefe's suggestion to add "mandatory" before "registration" in the last section was accepted as friendly. Olson's suggestion to substitute "urges" for "endorses" in the last section was accepted as friendly.

Nolan moved to substitute for the last section, "Be it further resolved that we recognize and applaud the moral position of those who practice civil disobedience in resisting the draft." After discussion, Mason's motion to close debate passed, and Nolan's motion failed. Recorded as in favor of Nolan's motion were: Baures, Hanson, Cooley, Herbert, Crane, Baase, Nolan, Moring, B. White and Mason. Recorded as opposed were: Howell, Emerling, D. Feldman, Lagasse, Franklin, Hammond, Maucher, Sanders, R. White and Yancey. Franklin moved to substitute "endorses" for "urges" in the last section; motion passed, Howell recorded as opposed.

O'Keefe moved to substitute "and whereas the military draft greatly facilitates the interventionist foreign policy of the United States government and its current pro-war policies, which pose" for "and poses" in the third section. Key's motion to close debate passed, and O'Keefe's motion failed. Key's motion to close debate on the entire resolution passed. Howell asked to be recorded: "I believe that we should have used the word 'urges' instead of 'endorses' in this resolution." The resolution then passed unanimously. In final form, it read:

"Whereas the Libertarian Party has a long standing opposition to registration and conscription, as stated in its national platform; and

"Whereas registration for the draft is nothing more than a prelude to military conscription; and

"Whereas conscription is slavery and poses the greatest threat to the survival of a free society in this decade;

"Therefore Be It Resolved the Libertarian National Committee opposes any form of compulsory registration or the draft, and

"Be It Further Resolved that we endorse civil disobedience as an appropriate moral and practical means of resisting mandatory registration and the draft."

The resolution will be used in a news release on Friday, February 9, and in poster form. Signatures were collected to be used on the poster.

Emerling proposed consideration of a Defense Fund for Draft and Registration Resisters, for which contributions had been collected on Saturday night. The item failed to get the needed 2/3 approval for consideration.

18. CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES: Sanders moved to consider Richard Winger's proposal for obtaining congressional candidates in at least 218 districts. The item failed to get the needed 2/3 approval for consideration. It was put on the agenda for the next meeting.
19. ASSISTANCE TO STATE PARTIES: Sanders reported that a productive meeting of 19 people (13 on the Nat Com) had been held Saturday night. Specific proposals were: (1) gathering and disseminating how-to information, (2) instituting Activist Mailings to state chairs and key activists in all states, including listings of services and materials available; (3) a program to utilize Clark coordinators and activists for organizational work after the November elections, paying their expenses; and (4) assistance with state newsletters.
20. FISCAL YEAR CHANGE: On Cooley's suggestion, Howell moved to amend Bylaw VI, Section 1 to read: "The fiscal term of the Party shall begin on January 1 of each year. From January 1 of each year until the National Committee has approved a budget, the National Director and/or the Treasurer are authorized to make expenditures for any item incorporated in the previous year's budget as long as the level of expenditure is consistent with that budget." Motion passed.
- AUDIT COMMITTEE: Nolan moved to establish an Audit Committee composed of Yancey as chair, Howell and Baures. Motion passed.
22. 1980 BUDGET--FINAL CONSIDERATION: Line 25 (Advertising) was changed to \$3000 yesterday (see item 10 in minutes). Cooley's motion to increase the National Director's salary to \$24,000 was withdrawn; the Salary Review Committee will prepare a recommendation. Mason's motion to add, as a new line 33-A, \$5000 for Assistance to State Parties, passed (see item 19 in minutes). Nolan's motion to increase line 2 (Headquarters Salaries) to \$60,000 to include funds for a Publications Director passed. In response to questions, Burt explained that the budget lists actual maximum dollar amounts that may be spent on given items; if less money is raised, priorities will need to be set, but spending would be roughly in the percentages shown in the budget. He also explained that the funds in line 39 (State/local campaign assistance) would be raised in cooperation with the local campaigns, and that guidelines for such assistance would be published. Cooley said that budgeted vs. actual expenditures would be presented at all future meetings, and that he would arrange meetings to go over financial reports in detail with interested people.
- Franklin's motion to raise line 31 (LP News production and printing) from \$5000 to \$10,000 passed. Baures moved to delete line 46 (state/regional conventions seed money, \$15,000). After discussion, Franklin's motion to close debate passed, and Baures' motion failed. Cooley accepted a friendly amendment to specify that line 46 be loans only. B. White's motion to change line 46 to \$5000 passed. Herbert's

motion to close debate on the budget as a whole failed. Nolan's motion to change line 21 ("Earth's Resources" production and printing, \$10,000) to \$3000 was withdrawn. Franklin moved to change line 17 (Headquarters travel and lodging, \$15,000) to \$10,000. After discussion, Olson's motion to close debate passed, and Franklin's motion failed. Crane's motion to close debate on the budget as a whole passed, and the budget was approved as amended.

23. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS: Crane moved to file Freedom of Information Act requests with the IRS, CIA, FBI and Justice Department on behalf of the Libertarian Party. After discussion, Esser's motion to close debate passed, and Crane's motion passed.
24. VALUE-ADDED TAX: Yancey urged action against the proposed Value-Added Tax; Burt responded that the LP would provide someone to testify against it in Congress.
25. 1981 CONVENTION: Mason reported that negotiations are underway with two Denver hotels for the 1981 national convention. The most probable dates are August 27-30, with the alternate being September 3-6. Convention committees are being set up.
26. 1983 CONVENTION/CONSTITUTION REVISION: Bergland moved to create a Constitution, Bylaws and Rules Revision Committee. The purpose of the committee shall be to (1) review and analyze the Libertarian Party governing documents; and (2) make recommendations for revisions to the governing documents with a view toward simplification, elimination of ambiguity and redundancy, and improving the effectiveness of the Libertarian Party organizational structure and convention processes. The committee shall provide a report, including recommendations, to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules Committee of the 1981 Party Convention a minimum of 90 days before the Convention. The committee may use any and all reference material or expertise available for the performance of its task. The committee shall be comprised of four persons, who shall be: The Chair, the Secretary, Bill Howell and Bill White. Bergland's motion passed. It was understood that the committee would analyze the comparative advantages of nominating our next presidential candidate in 1983 or 1984. A decision on this cannot be made until the 1981 convention (it would take a vote of the delegates to change from 1983 to 1984). In the meantime, bids may be taken from state parties wishing to host the 1983 convention.
27. CONSTITUTION REPORT: Howell reported that the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules amendments as recorded in the Convention Report were correct, and that the final document could be produced. (Earlier instructions to that effect apparently were not transferred from Hocker to Burt.)
28. MAILINGS TO STATE CHAIRS: The issue of state chairs not receiving mailings was raised by Sanders. It was the sense of the meeting that resolutions A-3 and D-2, requiring copies of Nat Com minutes and other mailings to Nat Com members also be sent to state chairs, be followed. Burt enthusiastically agreed to comply.

29. RESOLUTIONS FROM 1979 CONVENTION: Sanders moved adoption of two resolutions presented, but not considered, at the 1979 convention, one on Canadian Libertarians and one on barriers between the U.S. and Mexico. Olson's motion to table passed. The U.S./Mexico resolution was put on the agenda for the next meeting.
30. FUTURE NAT COM MEETING POLICY: Franklin moved to amend Resolution A-15 to require agenda items to be postmarked 19, instead of 21, days prior to meetings; his motion failed.
31. FUTURE MEETINGS: It was announced that the next meeting would be held May 3 and 4 in Dallas at the North Park Inn. Two options were offered for the following meeting: Michigan the first weekend in August or Anchorage in July. After discussion, Mason moved to hold the meeting August 2 and 3 in Michigan to assist with the ballot drive there; motion passed.
32. SPEICAL WORKING PLATFORM COMMITTEE: Sanders moved to take the Platform Committee proposal from the table; motion failed.
33. THANKS TO ARIZONA: Hanson's motion to thank Fred and Mimi Esser and the Arizona Party for hosting a great weekend met with unanimous applause.
34. ADJOURN: Emerling's motion to adjourn passed at 1:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Sanders

Sylvia Sanders, Secretary

Please add to or amend you copy of the resolutions as follows (the number in parentheses gives the item number in the minutes--additions or changes are underlined in the minutes):

- (1) Add H-3 on the computer lease (2/2/80:4)
- (2) Add K-6 on the Publications Director (2/2/80:9 and 2/3/80:12)
- (3) Add A-17 on marketing (2/2/80:10)
- (4) Amend J-1 by striking "to provide savings to individuals" (2/3/80:16)
- (5) Add A-18 on the draft (2/3/80:17)
- (6) Add F-12 on the Audit Committee (2/3/80:21)
- (7) Add F-13 on the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules Revision Committee (2/3/80:26)

Please also note the amendment to Bylaw VI, Section 1 (2/3/80:20)

Please note that agenda items for the May 3-4 meeting must be sent to Nat Com members, postmarked no later than April 12.