

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 5-6, 1979

BONAVENTURE HOTEL, LOS ANGELES

Members present:

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| David Bergland, Chairman | Bill Webster, Region 2 |
| M. L. Hanson, Vice-Chairwoman | John Mason, Region 3 |
| Sylvia Sanders, Secretary | Rick White, Region 3 |
| (Chris Hocker, National Director) | Ben L. Olson, Region 4 |
| Jim Clarkson, at-large | William J. Howell, Region 5 |
| John Hilberg, at-large | Bernie Losching, Region 6 |
| Dick Randolph, at-large | Steve Mariotti, Region 6 |
| Murray N. Rothbard, at-large | Dr. S. Dallas Cooley, Region 7 |
| Tonie Nathan, Region 1 | Michael Fieschko, Region 9 |
| Williamson Evers, Region 2 | Nathan Curland, Region 10 |

Members absent:

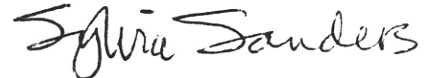
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| Paul S. Allen, Treasurer | Charles G. Koch, at-large |
| Edward E. Clark, at-large | Thomas J. Laurent, Region 5 |
| Edward H. Crane, III, past chair | James U. Blanchard, III, Region 8 |
| Carol Cunningham, at-large | Jeffrey Smith, Region 9 |

1. CALL TO ORDER, APPROVE MINUTES: The regular meeting of the National Committee of the Libertarian Party held in Los Angeles, California on September 5, 1979 was called to order by Chairman Bergland at 4:19 PM. In the temporary absence of Sanders, Howell acted as Secretary. Howell's motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 4-5, 1979 as written passed.
2. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE VACANCY: Hocker reported on the results of the mail ballot to fill the vacancy on the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules Committee (created by Frank Horn's resignation to serve as Wisconsin's representative on the Platform Committee). John Hilberg was elected as the replacement, with Leslie Graves Key as the first alternate and Craig Franklin and Vivian Baures as second alternates.
3. FINANCIAL REPORTS: Hocker spoke to the financial reports sent out prior to the meeting. Hanson suggested that pledges due to be received after the first of the year be shown as long-term receivable funds. Hocker noted that we were over budget on the current convention because we had to put up unexpectedly large amounts in cash. Hanson's motion to approve the financial reports passed.
4. ENVIRONMENTAL BOOKLET: Hocker displayed the new booklet on environmental issues. On question of Mason, Hocker stated that the Publications Committee had reviewed the text and made a few relatively insignificant changes.
5. VERMONT AFFILIATION: Hocker spoke to the petition for affiliation presented by the Vermont group. Howell moved to approve the affiliation subject to receipt of a copy of their operating rules. After discussion, the motion to approve affiliation for Vermont passed.

6. MISSOURI DISAFFILIATION: Hocker read a letter addressed to Bergland and sent to National Headquarters from Tony Haenni, chairman of the LP of Missouri, stating that a majority of the LPMO State Central Committee had voted to terminate their affiliation with the National Libertarian Party, effective August 15, 1979. (At this point in the meeting Sanders resumed the duties of Secretary.) Hocker reported that another group was petitioning for affiliation from Missouri, but that their petition was apparently delayed in the mail. After discussion, Olson moved to approve the affiliation of the group from Missouri, subject to the receipt of a valid petition by the Secretary and Credentials Committee. After more discussion, Olson withdrew his motion. Mason's motion to postpone a decision on the Missouri affiliation, and to reconvene at 9:15 AM September 6 to consider such, passed.
7. INTERPRETATION OF "IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR": Clarification of who is entitled to an ex officio position on the Nat Com was raised, in case the issue were not handled by the Convention. Howell moved that "It is the sense of this Committee that the term, 'immediate past chair,' in the Constitution, Article V, Section 1 (a), refers to the most recent chair regardless of how many terms the current chair has served." After discussion, Olson's motion to close debate failed. After more discussion, Mason's motion to close debate passed, and Howell's motion passed, 8 to 7.
8. RESOLUTION ON PRESS RELEASES: Evers raised the matter of a press release announcing the convention which said that the LP has been active in the anti-nuclear movement, and asked if guidelines should be developed to prevent future releases from misrepresenting the LP's positions. After discussion, Howell proposed the following resolution: "No press releases emanating from the National Headquarters or national Convention shall misrepresent the position of the Party as reflected in the platform." Hilberg's motion to close debate passed, and the resolution passed, 9 to 7.
9. COMPUTER COMMITTEE: Hanson announced a meeting of the Computer Committee after the general session September 6.
10. APPRECIATION TO BERGLAND: Howell moved that "The National Committee wishes to express its appreciation to Dave Bergland for his exemplary performance in presiding over meetings during the past two years." Motion passed by acclamation.
11. ADJOURN: Howell's motion to adjourn until 9:15 AM September 6 passed.
12. MISSOURI AFFILIATION: Chairman Bergland called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM September 6. (The 9:30 AM meeting had been postponed, to wait for a later mail delivery, since the petition from Missouri still had not arrived.) Curland's motion to not accept the de-affiliation of the previous Missouri affiliate, and to order the Credentials Committee to accept the previous delegate list, was ruled out of order by Bergland. Curland's appeal of the ruling failed. Certification that an affiliation petition had been signed by ten people from Missouri and sent to the Bonaventure Hotel was provided by Scott Kohlhaas of Missouri, with Eugene Hawkrige and Bruce Hillis, also of that state, concurring with Kohlhaas. Clarkson moved to accept this documentation in lieu of the petition apparently lost in the mail. Olson's motion to close debate passed, and Clarkson's motion passed, with Hilberg and Sanders recorded as opposed. The meeting was then adjourned.

(NOTE: At the Convention general session following this meeting, Missouri was reported as having five delegates accredited, based on the affiliation accepted by the Nat Com. Hilberg's motion to suspend the rules to amend Bylaw I, Section 1 to add, "The National Committee may accept other evidence of a state organization's desire to affiliate," failed to get a two-thirds favorable vote. On Friday, September 7, the affiliation petition in question arrived in the mail. The Credentials Committee confirmed the accreditation of the Missouri delegates at its meeting the morning of September 8. --Sec.)

Respectfully submitted,



Sylvia Sanders, Secretary

Please add to your list of compiled resolutions:

- A-13. No press releases emanating from the National Headquarters or national Convention shall misrepresent the position of the Party as reflected in the platform.