



LPSM officers elected for 2002

New faces join old in activism efforts—positions still available for volunteers

by Robert Giedt

In January, the LPSM Annual Meeting was held, and a majority of the LPSM Executive Committee officers were elected for the 2002 calendar year. Many officers were reelected, and a couple newcomers were added to the fold. Your 2002 LPSM officers are as follows:

Chair: Jack Hickey, **Vice Chair:** Christopher Schmidt, **Secretary:** Linden Hsu, **Treasurer:** Margaret Schmidt, **Campaigns Chair:** Maad Abu-Ghazalah, **Fundraising Chair:** Harland Harrison, **Newsletter Editor/Chair:** Robert Giedt, **Database Chair:** Christopher Schmidt. **Judicial Committee:** Christopher Schmidt, Linden Hsu, Harland Harrison.

There are still open positions for Membership Chair, Publicity Chair, and Activities Chair. Descriptions of these officers' duties can be found on the LPSM website at <http://www.lpsm.org>. If you're interested (and are a dues-paying member of the LP), come to our next meeting and let us know! ☎

November, January and February meeting notes

by Linden Hsu

November notes

Although the dinner meeting was relaxed, the business meeting was exciting. Ten people attended the dinner meeting including newcomers Harland Harrison, Frederick Graham, and Kate and Steve Lundy.

Officer reports

Chair: Measure C passed but did so by a lower total and percentage of votes than a similar measure a few years ago did. Jack recruited Leonard Warren to run for Central Committee. Jack also hosted an election night party with several candidates attending.

November 2002 petition drive

The (petition in-lieu of fee) signature drive hit the bottom end of targets. The shortage will result in filing fees of roughly \$100, \$300, and \$500, for R. Fliegler, R. Giedt, and M. Abu-Ghazalah, respectively. The Executive Committee authorized the disbursement of \$220 to pay for half of Maad Abu-Ghazalah's filing fee to run for Congress. (5-0-0) Maad plans to hold future fundraisers and expects to be able to reimburse the Party.

March 2002

The Executive Committee authorized the LPSM to take a position against any March 2002 local ballot measure that would in-

crease taxes for the residents of San Mateo County. (5-0-0)

Utility taxes

Although no action was taken by the Executive Committee, Jack expressed very strong interest in spear-heading an effort to eliminate utility taxes from San Mateo County. Most agreed with the concept but wanted a clearly defined strategy before committing the LPSM to the effort. If you have ideas or would like to help formulate a game plan please contact Jack Hickey.

January notes

Attendance: Chair (Jack Hickey), Secretary (Linden Hsu), Newsletter (Robert Giedt), Jonathan Baker, Fred Graham, Mark Ackley, Maad Abu-Ghazalah, Harland Harrison A quorum was present. The November Minutes were approved as posted. (8-0-0).

Officer reports

Chair: Jack has begun raising money for his run for County Supervisor. Jack wrote, collected signatures, and submitted arguments opposing the Redwood City School District Bond Measure and the Cabrillo Parcel Tax Measure. Jack wants to build an infrastructure of volunteers to help hand out literature, register voters, and publicize candidates/measures. He is calling for people to volun-

teer as Zip Code and Precinct Captains.

Announcements

Robert Giedt will be attending several candidate events including a debate in Pacifica on January 26.

Maad Abu-Ghazalah has been receiving tremendous (quantity and quality) press coverage on his campaign.

Business

The annual LPSM officer elections were held (see article above. -Ed), and all positions were filled unanimously and uncontested. In addition, the following delegates to February's California LP convention were filled:

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NEXT 2 BUSINESS MEETINGS:

Thursday, April 18 and
Thursday, May 16
Hobee's Restaurant
1111 Shoreway Road
Belmont

(off Ralston on the bay side of 101)

Dinner (optional):

6:00-7:30PM in the dining room alcove

Business meeting:

7:30-8:45PM in the dining room alcove

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Meeting Notes—
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Platform Committee: : Maad Abu-Ghazalah (Delegate), Linden Hsu (Alternate).

Program Committee: Linden Hsu (Delegate), Maad Abu-Ghazalah (Alternate).

Convention: Maad Abu-Ghazalah (Delegate), Linden Hsu (Delegate), Robert Fliegler (Delegate). All eligible (dues paying, certification signing) LPSM members are Alternates.

February notes

Attendance: Chair (Jack Hickey), Secretary (Linden Hsu), Newsletter (Robert Giedt), Fundraising (Harland Harrison), Fred Graham, Robert Fliegler, Bob Green. A quorum was present. The January Minutes were approved as posted. (4-0-0).

Officer reports

Chair: Jack Hickey had an interview with the Inde-

pendent Newspaper. He has printed and begun mailing his Lady Liberty outreach. He is targeting newly registered Libertarians and third party voters having libertarian leanings.

Secretary: Linden Hsu along with Robert Fliegler and Maad Abu-Ghazalah attended the LPC Convention. It was enjoyable and a great learning experience. Linden is helping with Maad's campaign.

Editor: Robert Giedt completed his web page and is speaking at various engagements.

Business

The Executive Committee approved the disbursement from the Lady Liberty Fund, not to exceed \$500, for Jack Hickey to procure postage for the Lady Liberty outreach postcards. (3-0-1).

Robert Giedt requests an updated Treasurer's Report. He would like to have an online discussion (among the Exec-Comm) to create this year's budget. ☺

Membership Form
(includes membership in the national, state & local Libertarian Party)



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I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

Signature: _____

I choose to set my dues at:

- \$10 Local newsletter only
(signature/pledge not required)
- \$25 Basic
- \$100 Sustaining
- \$250 Sponsor
- \$500 Patron
- \$1,000 Life

Add'l contribution to the San Mateo Region:

- \$ _____ Monthly Pledge
- \$ _____ One-time Donation

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