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Thank you this confirms the receipt and meeting the requirements. It is the prerogative of the Secretary to assign region numbers per custom, so I am assigning you 4 as you have traditionally been for continuity purposes. Congratulations on your region.

In Liberty, Caryn Ann Harlos LNC Secretary and LP Historical Preservation Committee Chair ~ <u>561.523.2250</u>

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Greetings Madam Secretary,

Pursuant to our Bylaws, we elected Ms. Meredith Hays as our Region Four Representative, and Mr. Gary Alvstad as our Region Four Alternate. We have 10% to be our own representative region and desire to do so.

Please consider this email my electronic signature to form the region.

Below are links to our Convention Minutes and Bylaws respectively:



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BYLAWS

Bylaw 1: Name

The organization shall be named the *Libertarian Party of California*, hereinafter referred to as the "Party."

Bylaw 2: Mission Statement

Advancing individual liberty through peaceful, political action.

Bylaw 3: Purpose (3/4 required to amend)

The Party exists to implement libertarian policy through political activities designed to win political office and implement libertarian policy, to uphold, promote, and disseminate the philosophy and principles of libertarianism. To that end, it shall engage in political activity designed to achieve those purposes. Also, it shall proclaim and implement the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party by engaging in political and informational activities in California.

The Party shall do so by:

- A. Developing an on-going political strategy to identify, expose, combat, and defeat the opponents of liberty in the political arena;
- B. Engaging in political activity in all segments of the population;
- C. Identifying, persuading, and recruiting influential individuals and opinion leaders to become members of the Party;
- D. Identifying and developing coalitions with other organizations in order to realize the ideas of liberty as proclaimed in the Statement of Principles;
- E. Employing media experts, political tacticians, field workers and others, as needed;
- F. Preparing a statewide political environment to enhance the election of Party candidates pledged to the Statement of Principles for the singular purpose of abolishing statist law, and restoring civil and economic liberty and property rights as proclaimed in the Principles and defined in the Platform;
- G. Nominating, endorsing and promoting registered Libertarians who pledge to proclaim and implement the Statement of Principles of the Libertarian Party of California as candidates for public office in California; and
- H. Promoting, chartering, and coordinating County Central Committees throughout the state.
- I. Promoting initiatives and referenda to realize the ideas of liberty as proclaimed in the Statement of Principles.

Bylaw 4: Scope

The Party shall conduct its activities primarily within the state of California. Any Party activities taking place outside of California shall be coordinated with and approved by the state or national Libertarian Party organizations having jurisdiction over the areas affected.

Bylaw 5: Definitions

- A. "Registered Libertarian": A person who is registered as Libertarian per the California Elections Code.
- B. "Central Committee member": A person who is eligible to vote on Party business consistent with these Bylaws and Convention Rules.
- C. Certification: "I certify that I oppose the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals." Certification shall be required to be a member of the State Central Committee. Individuals who have executed previous versions of the certification shall also meet this requirement.
- D. All references in these Bylaws and Convention Rules to "mail," "written notification," or similar terms shall be considered to include electronic communications.

Bylaw 6: Membership

Section 1

Individuals may be members of the State Central Committee by meeting the following requirements:

- A. Residing in California, and
- B. Accepting the Certification, and
- C. Being a registrant of the Libertarian Party if eligible, and either
 - 1. Holding elected public office in the State of California (being a member of a County Executive Committee does not meet this requirement), or
 - 2. Paying such dues as prescribed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may authorize participation in a joint membership arrangement with the national Libertarian Party for the purpose of satisfying the dues requirement.

No State or County Central Committee member shall be a registrant of or hold office in any political party other than the Libertarian Party.

All Party officeholders are required to be members of the State Central Committee.

Lifetime Central Committee members may retain their Central Committee membership in the event they no longer reside in California, so long as they meet all other requirements.

Section 2

The Executive Committee shall establish associate, non-voting membership for those persons ineligible or unwilling to become members of the State Central Committee.

Section 3

All Party candidates for public office, Executive Committee members, county Party office holders, Libertarian National Committee representatives, and Judicial Committee members shall be registered in the Libertarian Party in California if eligible.

Section 4

The Secretary automatically shall terminate a State Central Committee membership if that member requests in writing such termination, or if, except for elected Central Committee members, that member fails to remit prescribed dues by that member's renewal date.

Section 5

The Executive Committee shall have the power to suspend a County or State Central Committee membership for failure to maintain all the qualifications of membership established in Section 1, or for cause. Notification of the suspension is subject to written appeal within thirty days of notification. Failure to appeal shall terminate the membership. The Executive Committee may reinstate memberships terminated under this section. The term "cause" as used in this section shall include but not be limited to the following:

- A. Intentionally involving, or threatening to involve, legal authorities in any non-civil dispute against the Party or one of its affiliates; or
- B. Having unpaid debts over ninety days old outstanding to the Party.

A member subject to a suspension for cause shall be provided at least 15 days' notice before proceedings begin, in writing, of the cause. The member shall have the right to attend the proceedings and be given an opportunity to contest the cause, including the right to submit evidence, to call witnesses, and to have the assistance of counsel.

These meetings shall be held in executive session unless the member subject to suspension affirmatively waives their right to privacy.

Section 6 (3/4 required to amend)

Upon appeal by a County or State Central Committee member, the Judicial Committee shall hold a hearing concerning the suspension. Following the hearing, the Judicial Committee shall rule either to terminate the membership or to restore the membership.

Section 7

- A. Any individual wishing to renew their membership, having previously requested the termination of their membership through the means prescribed in Section 4, shall do so in an associate, non-voting member role, and shall be eligible for full reinstatement as a Central Committee member following a period of 12 consecutive months.
- B. Full Central Committee membership status may be reinstated at any time by a majority vote of the Executive Committee or by a majority of those Central Committee delegates present and voting at Convention.
- C. This rule shall not apply to any membership terminated through Sections 5 or 6.

Bylaw 7: Membership Lists

Section 1

The Executive Committee shall provide one copy of a County Central Committee's membership list monthly to that county organization's Secretary or designated officer at no charge, or by mutual arrangement, or to any other officer of that county at cost within ten days of a request.

The Executive Committee may also provide mailing lists to individuals or groups, but not to any government official or government agency. Counties may exchange lists.

Section 2

The Executive Committee shall provide a County Central Committee's membership list to the national Libertarian Party, a Libertarian candidate, campaign committee, or initiative committee, or an interested Party member in conjunction with Party activities that facilitate the Party organization under the following conditions:

- A. Three Party officers or two County Central Committee officers give approval to the request,
- B. The requesting individual or group agree to pay the amount for receiving the list in effect at the time of the request as established by a current Standing Resolution of the Executive Committee, and
- C. The requesting individual or group agrees to terms, in effect at the time of

the request as established by a current Standing Resolution of the Executive Committee that are solely intended to assure that the membership list is not to be used for any other purpose, nor sold or furnished to any other group, organization, government official or agency.

Section 3

If maintenance of the State Central Committee membership database is delegated to someone other than the Secretary, the Secretary and the Chair shall be provided with current membership information in keeping with their Party duties.

Bylaw 8: Dues Sharing

The state Party and the county Parties are encouraged to actively pursue new members and renewing membership. As of July 1, 2013, dues collected by the state or county Parties shall be shared as follows.

Section 1: New and Renewing Membership Dues

A new member is one who has no membership record in the state Party's database at the time they pay annual membership dues. A renewing member is one who has a record of membership in the state Party's database at the time they pay their dues. The state and county Party organizations shall split the new and renewal membership dues 50/50.

Section 2: Collection of Dues

Collection of dues includes receiving cash, checks, money orders, authorized billing information, or other consideration approved by the state Party Chair, as well as donations through online services that are initiated directly from the organization's website or e-mail appeal.

Section 3: Duration of Membership

Annual membership dues are good from the date the collecting organization receives the payment, or from the date of payment to an online payment service. Membership expires at the end of the last day of that month in a subsequent year. Annual membership can be renewed for no more than two years from the end of the month in which the dues are collected.

Section 4: Qualification for Renewing Membership

Members may renew their expired membership if they are not removed from the Party for cause, or for as long as their record is not removed from the state Party's database, and their membership expiration date will be as described in Bylaw 8: Dues Sharing, Section 3: Duration Of Membership. Donors who have no membership record shall join as new members.

Bylaw 9: Leadership Standards

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, no member who has been convicted of a felony against person or property shall be an endorsed candidate, officer, or hold any other position of leadership in either the Party or a County Central Committee without the consent of two-thirds of the eligible Executive Committee members.

Bylaw 10: County Organizations

Section 1

The Party shall be divided into county organizations. Each county organization shall have its own County Central Committee.

Section 2

State Central Committee membership shall be the only requirement for County Central Committee membership.

A Party member may be a member of only one County Central Committee, which does not have to be the Committee of the county of the member's residence.

Notwithstanding any other language in these Bylaws, a county organization may enact a rule stating that a nonresident of such county must have been a member of such county organization for a reasonable period of time in order to participate in such organization's business. A reasonable period of time, for the purposes of this section, means a period of time of up to 90 days in length.

A County Central Committee membership confers voting privileges for that member in that county.

Section 3

County Central Committees shall conduct their business in any manner they choose consistent with these Bylaws and the national Bylaws. County Central Committees may endorse only those candidates for public office in any partisan election whose political party affiliation is either "Libertarian" or "No Party Preference." In a nonpartisan election, a County Central Committee may endorse any candidate the committee sees fit.

Section 4

The appropriate Area Coordinator may appoint a county Chair Pro Tem for any county in which there is no active county organization. It shall be the responsibility of said Chair Pro Tem to promote the development of a county organization within that county.

Section 5

Each County Central Committee may maintain one or more campaign finance funds independent of any campaign finance funds maintained by the State Central Committee or any other Committees of the Party.

Each County Central Committee shall be responsible for compliance with any applicable election and campaign finance laws.

Section 6

A county organization is deemed as having selected its officers only if an election notice has been mailed to its members at least thirty days but no more than sixty days in advance of that election. The election notice shall also be sent to and received by the Party Secretary at least thirty days in advance of the election. Such notice shall specify the reason for the meeting and a time and place reasonably accessible to its membership. An election shall be held every year. The results of the election shall be reported to the Party Secretary within fifteen days after the election. Any member of that County Central Committee may challenge the legality of an election by bringing the issue before the Judicial Committee. The Executive Committee may declare a county organization to be inactive if it fails to hold elections in accordance with this section.

Bylaw 11: Officers

Section 1

The Party officers shall consist of a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. All of these officers shall be elected for two-year terms, beginning in odd-numbered years at an annual convention of the State Central Committee of the Party, by attending delegates, and shall take office immediately upon the close of such convention.

Section 2

No state offices shall be combined. No state officer shall:

- A. Be a registrant of or hold office in any political party other than the Libertarian Party, or
- B. Use any office in the Party to support a candidate of another political party.

Section 3

The Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party. The Chair or his or her designee shall preside at all Party conventions, all meetings of the Executive Committee, and at all meetings of the Operations Committee.

Section 4

The Vice-Chair shall act as an assistant to the Chair, performing such duties as the Chair shall prescribe, shall perform the duties of the Chair in the event that the Chair is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office.

The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the Party membership list, for receiving or sending formal notifications as specified in these Bylaws and Convention Rules, and shall be responsible for recording and promptly distributing minutes of Party proceedings. The Secretary shall be responsible for the maintenance of all Party records.

The Secretary shall cause the minutes of each Executive Committee meeting and of each state convention to appear on the Party website not more than thirty days after adoption. The Secretary shall email a summary of the results of the Executive Committee meetings, votes, and mail ballots to all county officers within ten days.

The Secretary shall cause the most recently adopted Platform, Program, and Bylaws and Convention Rules, as well as the Bylaws of all county organizations to appear on the Party website not more than thirty days after adoption.

Section 6

The Treasurer shall receive, disburse, and account for the funds of the Party, under the supervision and direction of the Chair and the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer shall compile a quarterly report which shall consist of a balance sheet and a profit and loss statement. The balance sheet and the profit and loss statement shall be available to members of the Party from the Treasurer upon written request.

Section 7

An officer or Operations Committee member may be suspended from office by the Executive Committee. The office of the suspendee shall be declared vacant unless the suspendee appeals such suspension to the Judicial Committee in writing within ten days of notification of such suspension. Upon written appeal by the suspendee, the Judicial Committee shall rule within three days to either uphold the suspension, thereby vacating the office, or restore the suspended member to full authority. A failure to rule shall be deemed as restoring the suspended member to full authority.

Section 8

The Executive Committee shall appoint new officers, including the Chair, Executive Committee members or alternates, or Operations Committee members if vacancies occur. Such appointments shall be to complete the term of office vacated unless a convention meets sooner, in which case a new election shall be held for any position so filled.

If an Executive Committee member advises the committee in writing that such member wishes to resign, the member's resignation shall be effective as of the date specified in such written notice, or immediately if the notice does not specify an effective date, without the need for the committee to formally accept the resignation.

Bylaw 12: Finance and Accounting

Section 1

The fiscal term of the Party shall begin on January 1st of each year. The annual budget shall be provided to each member of the Executive Committee immediately following the close of each convention.

Section 2

The Treasurer may authorize expenditures for any item incorporated into the proposed budget until the Executive Committee has ratified the budget for the current year.

Section 3

The Executive Committee shall not enter into any contract lasting more than three months, incur any expense in a non-budgeted category, or incur any expense in a budgeted category greater than the amount budgeted by more than \$1,000 without a two-thirds vote of the entire Executive Committee. Anyone who incurs such financial liability without such approval shall be held personally liable.

Section 4

The Executive Committee shall not make any disbursements of \$100 or more using cash. The Executive Committee shall not make any disbursements without supporting documentation.

Section 5

The Executive Committee, or a county organization, when receiving contributions that do not have a designated purpose, shall decide how contributions shall be used; however, if the received contributions have a designated purpose, then the Executive Committee or the county organization shall use the contributions for that purpose. Neither the Executive Committee nor any county organization shall use dues to finance individual campaigns.

Section 6

The Executive Committee shall cause an annual budget to be projected at its final meeting of the fiscal year for ratification the following year.

The Executive Committee shall select a Financial Standards Committee during the first three months after a convention. The Financial Standards Committee shall review the financial records and processes of the Party and report its findings at each subsequent Executive Committee meeting and at the next state convention.

Bylaw 13: Executive Committee

Section 1

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the control and management of all affairs, properties and funds of the Party between conventions consistent with these Bylaws, and any resolutions which may be adopted in convention. The Executive Committee may endorse any registered Libertarian candidate for public office, or it may rescind its endorsement of any candidate for public office.

The Executive Committee of the Party shall be composed of the following members of the State Central Committee:

- A. The four elected officers of the Party;
- B. Three Area Coordinators. There shall be three Area Coordinators: a Northern Area Coordinator, a Central Area Coordinator, and a Southern Area Coordinator.

The Northern Area Coordinator shall be affiliated with one of the 32 counties in the Northern Area of the state, which are: Alameda, Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, and Yuba.

The Central Area Coordinator shall be affiliated with one of the 20 counties in the Central Area of the state, which are: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Monterey, San Benito, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Amador and Alpine San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Ventura.

The Southern Area Coordinator shall be affiliated with one of the 6 counties in the Southern Area of the state, which are: Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego.

Each Area Coordinator shall be responsible for coordinating and assisting with any and all county organization activities in their respective area of the state, and shall be elected by the delegates from that area for a two-year term.

C. Eight at-large members, four elected for two-year terms at each

convention; and

D. Two alternates, each elected for one-year terms. There will be free substitution of alternates in ranked order at Executive Committee meetings. In the case of vacancies alternate(s) will serve in ranked order temporarily until a replacement At Large member is appointed by the Executive Committee.

Section 2

The Executive Committee shall have the primary duty of developing, funding, and implementing, either directly or through such committees as it shall appoint, a political strategy to elect Libertarians pledged to the Party Statement of Principles and to proclaim and implement those principles into public policy.

Section 3

The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and place as may be determined by action of the Executive Committee, by a call of the Chair, or by written request of one-third or more of the members of the Executive Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Executive Committee shall hold at least one in-person session per year that shall not be within six weeks of an LPCA convention. The Secretary shall mail to each member of the Executive Committee, and to each county Chair, a notice of the time and place of each session, not less than fourteen days prior to such session. Sessions conducted electronically shall require seven days' prior notice, unless all members of the Executive Committee attend the session and each expressly waives such notice at the beginning of the session.

Section 4

A majority of eligible Executive Committee members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5

A two-thirds majority of the eligible positions on the Executive Committee shall be required to pass the following:

- A. Removal from office, censure, or suspension of a Party officer, Operations Committee member, Executive Committee member, Libertarian National Committee representative, or County or State Central Committee member, or reinstatement of a County Central Committee member.
- B. Endorsing or rescinding its endorsement of any candidate for public office.
- C. Endorsing or opposing any proposed ballot measure, but rescinding such action shall be considered a normal main motion.
- D. The annual budget, or any financial liability or contractual obligation lasting

more than three months.

E. Providing the Party mailing list to non-Libertarian groups or individuals, or to candidates for public office not endorsed by the Party.

Section 6

On all other matters, main motions shall require a simple majority of the eligible positions on the Executive Committee to pass.

Section 7

An Executive Committee member who fails to attend two consecutive sessions of the Executive Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his or her seat, as of the close of the second consecutive session missed. The member may be reappointed.

Section 8

If there is only one candidate for an office, the election will be conducted by voice vote, with the choice between the candidate and None of the Above.

Bylaw 14: Operations Committee

Section 1

The Operations Committee shall consist of the Chair, the three other Officers, and one member of the Executive Committee chosen by the Executive Committee.

Section 2

The Operations Committee shall meet at such time and place as may be determined by call of the Chair or two members of the Operations Committee. At least three days' notice is required unless all members of the Operations Committee attend the session or expressly waive such notice prior to the session.

Section 3

The Operations Committee shall have the powers of the Executive Committee between meetings of the Executive Committee, except for the following:

- A Establishing or modifying the Party budget, except that the Operations Committee shall have a budgeted discretionary amount of \$10,000 per quarter. At least four members shall approve any expenditure over \$2,000.
- B. Creating, modifying, or repealing standing resolutions.
- C. Incurring any non-budgeted expense or debt.
- D. Suspending or censuring any member of the State or County Central Committees.
- E. Overturning any Executive Committee action.

The Operations Committee, may, by unanimous vote, approve any other action that would require a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 4

The Operations Committee may, by unanimous vote, fill any vacant Party officer or Operations Committee position on an interim basis until a meeting of the Executive Committee is held.

Bylaw 15: Judicial Committee

Section 1

The Judicial Committee shall consist of five State Central Committee members elected at a convention of the Party by the attending delegates. The term of a Judicial Committee member shall begin at the close of each convention held in an even-numbered year and end at the close of the next convention held in an evennumbered year after a new committee has been elected. Two Alternates, in ranked order, shall be elected at a convention of the Party by attending delegates to ensure a full committee in the case of a vacancy or recusal.

Section 2 (3/4 required to amend)

A Judicial Committee member may not be a member of the Executive Committee, the Operations Committee, or the Program Committee. The Judicial Committee shall be the final body of appeal in all Party matters, subject to the provision that a decision of the Committee may be overturned by a three-quarters vote of a convention.

Section 3

The Judicial Committee review of a Party action or inaction shall be limited to the consistency of that action or inaction in accordance with the governing documents of the Party, including these Bylaws and documents to which they refer, with the only exceptions being Judicial Committee duties mandated by these Bylaws, and arbitration of Party contracts that explicitly call for arbitration by the Judicial Committee.

At least two Judicial Committee members shall agree to hold a hearing or to consider an appeal. The Judicial Committee may choose to hold hearings in person, by teleconference, or by videoconference.

Section 4

The Judicial Committee shall elect a Chair, who shall receive all appeals and petitions and schedule hearings so as to obtain a quorum of the Judicial Committee. When a hearing is requested, the Chair shall set a hearing date within seven days of receiving the request.

The Judicial Committee shall provide at least ten days' notice to each of the parties to a hearing, unless an earlier date is agreed to by the Judicial Committee and the participants.

Section 6

The Judicial Committee shall hold a hearing within thirty days of receiving a request, unless otherwise specified.

Section 7

All parties to a hearing shall have the right to represent their own interests in the manner of their own choosing.

Section 8

The Judicial Committee shall provide a written ruling within seven days of the conclusion of the hearing, unless otherwise specified. The Judicial Committee report shall be confidential and reported to the next convention in executive session if the matter involves suspension of membership and the member requests it. That ruling shall state either that no action is necessary, or shall state specifically what violation of the governing documents justifies the action or remedy sought by the appellant(s). In the event that the Judicial Committee fails to issue a written ruling within the timeframe required, the Judicial Committee shall be considered to have taken no action on the matter at hand.

Section 9

With the consent of all parties, the Judicial Committee Chair may call for written arguments and mail ballot of the Judicial Committee, with a ruling to be provided to all parties and to the Executive Committee no later than thirty days following the date of the initial petition.

Bylaw 16: Meetings

Boards and committees may conduct business by teleconference or videoconference. The Executive Committee shall have power to adopt special rules of order and standing rules to facilitate the conduct of business by teleconference or videoconference.

Bylaw 17: Committees

Section 1

The Executive Committee shall have the power to create and appoint committees, but may delegate the authority to make such appointments as it deems appropriate. No standing committee created by the Executive Committee can be appointed until 7 days after the committee's creation if it is created without notice. All special committees must have a targeted end date for their final report.

Section 2: Bylaws Committee

Not later than sixty days following the close of each convention, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Bylaws Committee of five State Central Committee members to recommend changes in these Bylaws and Convention Rules. The Bylaws Committee shall adopt its initial report not less than seventy days prior to the convention and the Secretary shall cause it to be published on the Party's website not less than sixty days prior to the convention. The Bylaws Committee shall adopt its final report, which may include corrections or improvements to proposals in the initial report but shall not introduce new proposals, not less than twenty days prior to the convention and the Secretary shall cause it to be published on the Party's website not less than fifteen days prior to the convention.

Bylaw 18: Campaign Financing

The Executive Committee shall establish one or more Party campaign funds from which funds may be allocated to candidates of the Party. Such funds shall be independent of any campaign funds maintained by County Central Committees or other committees of the Party. The Campaign Committee shall have the discretion to allocate campaign funds among the various candidates. The campaign fund may also be used to support Party campaign publicity not specifically promoting an individual candidacy.

Bylaw 19: National Committee Regional Representation

Section 1

The Party may enter into an agreement with other affiliates of the national Libertarian Party (LP) in accordance with the LP Bylaws in order to form a region for representation on the Libertarian National Committee (LNC). The terms of any new agreement shall be reported by the Party Secretary to the Chair and Secretary of the LNC without delay.

Section 2

Delegates to each Party convention that immediately precedes a national convention shall elect representatives to the LNC. Those elected representatives shall replace previous representatives and take office as soon as consistent with the LP Bylaws and the provisions of the LNC Representation Agreement. The Party Secretary shall report the election results to the Chair and Secretary of the LNC without delay.

Section 3

Delegates to each Party convention that immediately precedes a national

convention, in an election which is separate from that of the representatives shall elect two alternates to the LNC. Alternates shall be ranked by the number of votes received, provided that no alternate shall be ranked who does not receive a majority of the votes cast.

Section 4

If a reduction occurs in the number of representatives that the Party is entitled to, the Party Executive Committee shall select the representatives from those elected at the convention. Any vacancy, including a vacancy resulting from a change in the LP Bylaws or the current LNC Representation Agreement, shall be filled by the Executive Committee. The Party Secretary shall report to the Chair and Secretary of the LNC any changes to Party representation to the LNC without delay.

Section 5

A National Committee Regional Representative may be recalled by the Executive Committee. A vacancy shall automatically occur whenever an LNC representative misses two consecutive meetings during a term. The Executive Committee may reappoint the previous holder of the vacated seat.

Bylaw 20: Convention

Section 1 (3/4 required to amend)

The Party shall hold an annual convention of delegates of the State Central Committee ("convention") to conduct such business as may properly come before it, at a time and place set according to these Bylaws and in conformance with these Bylaws and Convention Rules.

Section 2

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for setting the time, place, and schedule of events for the convention. The Executive Committee shall provide to the membership at least one hundred twenty days advance notice concerning these arrangements. If circumstances that are external, unforeseeable and unavoidable require that the time and/or place be changed, the Executive Committee shall promptly provide notice of such change. If the notice includes a change in the convention date, such notice shall be provided no fewer than thirty days prior to the ultimately determined date. If the notice includes a change of location fewer than thirty days prior to the ultimately determined miles from the original location.

Section 3

Delegates to the convention shall be current State Central Committee members, and shall either hold public office or shall have been State Central Committee

members for any ninety days prior to the convention.

Notwithstanding the above, each Executive Committee member may seat one current State Central Committee member as a delegate.

Section 4

Delegates shall register each day of the convention. Each day's quorum shall be a simple majority of those delegates registered for that day.

Section 5

All delegates in good standing shall be eligible to vote on all matters. In order to vote on a given matter, a delegate shall be present on the floor at the time that the vote is taken. Each delegate present shall have one vote.

Section 6

On all matters except elections and endorsements, voting shall be conducted by voice vote or a show of hands. If ten or more delegates object to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a vote, a division or counted vote shall be held. On any vote, the Chair may satisfy the first call for a division or counted vote with order in the room and an uncounted show of hands.

All voting for Party officers or for endorsements of candidates for public office, when more than one candidate has been nominated, shall be by secret ballot. In all voting for Party officers or for endorsements of candidates for public office, the voting shall include the option of "None of the Above."

The Chair may require any motion offered from the convention floor to be in writing, to be signed by the maker, and to be submitted to the Secretary.

Section 7

Until one person from each side of a question has been given the opportunity to speak, any motion that ends debate on that question shall be out of order.

Section 8

A motion submitted by a State Central Committee Member to the Secretary at least seventy days prior to the Convention for consideration by delegates shall be deemed to have met any advance notice requirement. The Secretary shall cause such notice to be published on the Party's website within ten days of its receipt.

Bylaw 21: Platform

The national party platform shall be the Party Platform.

Bylaw 22: Program

Section 1

The Party Program shall consist of up to five planks which state interim measures and practical policies, designed to implement the Party position on issues of interest to California. The Program shall not conflict with the Statement of Principles or the Platform.

Section 2

The Program Committee shall be a standing committee of five State Central Committee members selected by the Executive Committee. The Program Committee may at any time, by a majority vote, recommend the adoption, amendment, or deletion of a plank.

Changes to the Program recommended by the Program Committee shall take effect immediately upon ratification by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may adopt or amend a plank by a two-thirds vote.

The Executive Committee may rescind a plank by a simple majority vote.

Section 3

If a delegate believes that an adopted plank is in conflict with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party, or with the Statement of Principles or Platform of the Party, then the delegate may challenge that plank in writing to the Judicial Committee. The challenger shall specify in the challenge the manner in which the delegate believes the plank is in conflict. The Judicial Committee shall decide whether the plank in question conforms to the respective Statement of Principles or Platform and make a report stating the justification of its decision to the floor of the convention. If the plank is vetoed by the Judicial Committee, it will be declared null and void; but the plank may be reinstated in the Program by a three-fourths vote of the convention.

Bylaw 23: Presidential Preference Primary

Section 1

Candidates may appear on the presidential preference primary ballot as provided for in Sections 6720 through 6726 of the California Elections Code.

Section 2

The presidential preference primary election vote shall be advisory only.

Section 3

The candidates nominated for President and Vice-President at the Libertarian Party national convention shall appear on the California general election ballot as the Libertarian Party's nominees for those offices, regardless of the presidential preference primary results.

Bylaw 24: National Convention Delegates

Section 1

Delegates to the national convention shall be selected at the state convention preceding the national convention. The procedures in Rule 9 shall be used for such election.

Section 2

After the state convention has selected delegates, the Executive Committee may fill any vacancies in the delegation prior to the deadline for reporting the names of delegates to the national Party.

Section 3

Sections 6760 through 6798 of the California Elections Code are superseded.

Bylaw 25: National Convention Alternates

In the event that duly selected California delegates or alternates are unable to attend or be seated at the national convention for which they were selected, additional alternates may be selected by a two-thirds vote of the California delegates and alternates then registered at the national convention.

- A. Those members seeking additional alternate delegate status under this section shall have been a State Central Committee member at least thirty days prior to the national convention.
- B. This provision shall be included in all written statements to the National Convention Credentials Committee whenever requests are made for seating newly-selected additional alternates.

Bylaw 26: Amendment of Bylaws

Except as indicated in a particular Bylaw, these Bylaws may be amended by a twothirds vote of all the registered delegates present and voting at a convention with previous notice. Bylaws changes proposed from the convention floor without prior notice, or amendments made to the Bylaws Committee Report by the Bylaws Committee subsequent to the report adoption deadline, shall require a three-fourths vote of registered delegates present and voting to pass.

Bylaw 27: Conflicting Authority and Severability

Section 1

In the event of any conflict between these Bylaws and the California Elections Code, the Federal Elections Code, or any other law or regulation, these Bylaws shall govern the Party and its affairs.

In the event that any authority should declare any portion of these Bylaws void or invalid, the remainder of these Bylaws shall remain in full force and effect.

Bylaw 28: Parliamentary Authority

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by these Bylaws or the Party's Special Rules of Order including those maintained in the Operating Procedures Manual and the Convention Rules.

Bylaw 29: Operating Procedures Manual

The Secretary shall maintain a comprehensive list of all special rules of order and standing rules that govern the Executive Committee, as well as a comprehensive list of all committees created by the Executive Committee, in a single document called the Operating Procedures Manual.

The Operating Procedures Manual shall be published and made available in the same way as the Bylaws so that anyone who can access the Bylaws can also access the Manual. This includes publication on the Bylaws page of the Party's website that is readily available to any member, to be updated within 30 days of any change.

CONVENTION RULES

Rule 1: Officers

The incumbent Party Chair and Secretary shall be Chair and Secretary, respectively, of the convention. The Chair shall appoint a Parliamentarian.

Rule 2: Registration of Delegates

Section 1

Each delegate shall register personally at the convention with the Secretary or a duly authorized representative.

Section 2

A delegate shall not be registered prior to the resolution of all challenges in which that delegate has been named.

Rule 3: Debate Procedure

Section 1: Floor Motions and Amendments

For each main motion, the maker shall have two minutes immediately following to speak to the motion. For amendments to proposed changes to the Bylaws, these Convention Rules, or to resolutions, the maker shall have thirty seconds to speak

to the amendment. The Chair shall then request a standing second to the motion or amendment. If fewer than ten percent of the delegates stand, the motion or amendment shall die for lack of a second.

Section 2: Committee Reports

Committee Reports that contain proposed changes to the Bylaws, or these Convention Rules shall not require a standing second.

Section 3

Debate shall be limited to two minutes per delegate and fifteen minutes total per main motion and all associated motions.

Rule 4: Agenda

The business of the convention shall consist of the following items, and shall be conducted in the following order:

- A. Credentials report;
- B. Reports of the Party officers and working committees;
- C. Consent calendar;
- D. Bylaws Committee report;
- E. Elections, in the following order:
 - 1. In odd-numbered years, Party officers and Area Coordinators and in evennumbered years to fill the unexpired terms of vacated Party officers or Area Coordinators;
 - 2. At-large Executive Committee members;
 - 3. At-large Executive Committee alternates;
 - 4. Judicial Committee members;
 - 5. Judicial Committee Alternates;
 - 6. At Party conventions immediately preceding national conventions, national convention delegates, Libertarian National Committee representatives and alternates;
- F. In a Presidential election year, the Presidential Straw Poll;
- G. Endorsements of candidates;
- H. Resolutions and other matters.

The Secretary shall cause the minutes of the previous day's session to be distributed or to be plainly posted each morning. The minutes of the convention shall be approved by the Executive Committee within ninety days of the convention's close.

Rule 5: Consent Calendar

Section 1

The Chair may place resolutions on the consent calendar. Members wishing to place an item on the calendar shall submit the item in writing to the Chair at least two weeks prior to the opening of the convention. Items on the consent calendar shall be voted on as prescribed in these Convention Rules.

Section 2

Upon the written request of at least five delegates, the Chair may remove any item from the consent calendar, prior to when the delegates vote on that item.

Section 3

At the Chair's discretion, the delegates may vote on consent calendar items either singly or grouped together. The delegates shall not vote on any consent calendar item more than once. The Chair shall read the text of each consent calendar item immediately before the delegates vote on the item. The delegates shall vote on each consent calendar item without debate.

Section 4

Delegates may reconsider consent calendar items that have been voted on, whether passed or not, only if two-thirds of the delegates vote to reconsider, and only if such vote is done when resolutions are under consideration in the convention agenda.

Rule 6: "No Debate" Items

The Bylaws Committee shall designate each of its proposals as either a regular item or a "No Debate" item. The "No Debate" classification shall be reserved for proposals which are technical in nature rather than substantive. Upon motion of five delegates, any proposal designated a "No Debate" item by either Committee shall be reclassified as a regular item. Except for items proposed for immediate implementation, no debate shall occur on a Committee's proposals until the delegates vote on all of that Committee's "No Debate" items.

Rule 7: Bylaws Committee

The Chair of the Bylaws Committee shall report the Committee's recommendations to the floor, proposal by proposal. The delegates shall vote on each proposal separately. After the delegates have debated and voted on all of the Committee's recommendations, if time permits, any delegate may propose new bylaws, new convention rules, or additional amendments from the floor, which the delegates shall vote on separately.

Rule 8: Resolutions

Adoption of a resolution shall require approval of two-thirds of the votes cast, but not less than a majority of all delegates registered.

Section 2

If a delegate believes that an adopted resolution is in conflict with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party, then the delegate may challenge that adopted resolution in writing to the Judicial Committee. The challenger shall specify in the challenge the manner in which the delegate believes the adopted resolution is in conflict. The Judicial Committee shall decide whether the adopted resolution in question conforms to the respective Statement of Principles or Platform and make a report stating the justification of its decision to the floor of the convention. If the adopted resolution is vetoed by the Judicial Committee, it will be declared null and void; but the adopted resolution may be reinstated by a three-fourths vote of the convention.

Rule 9: Election of National Convention Delegates

National convention delegate nominations shall begin immediately following the call to order.

The Party officers shall be automatically nominated as national convention delegates by reason of their official status within the Party.

State convention delegates shall only nominate and elect State Central Committee members in good standing who confirm to the Secretary their acceptance of their nomination and their intention to serve as a California delegate to the national convention. Nominations that are not confirmed by the time voting commences shall be removed from the ballot.

State convention delegates shall submit nominations to the Secretary by placing the name of the nominee on a ballot as designated by the Secretary. Such ballots shall be displayed conspicuously for easy review.

The Secretary shall call for the nominating ballots at the close of business on the next-to-last day of the convention.

The Secretary shall provide a printed list of all nominees to each state convention delegate on the last day of the convention. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of nominees who are members in good standing who confirm to the Secretary by the time of their nomination their acceptance of their nomination and their intention to serve as a California delegate to the national convention.

The Secretary shall calculate the number of votes each state convention delegate may cast by determining one-third of the number of national convention delegates allocated to California and rounding upward.

Each state convention delegate may cast either one Yes vote or one No vote per nominee up to the number determined by the Secretary. Such votes shall be cast via secret ballot.

The Secretary shall rank the nominees for national convention delegates in order of the votes received by each nominee and shall make this ranking, without the number of votes received, available to interested members within thirty days of the close of the convention.

After receiving notice of the number of national convention delegates allotted to California, the Secretary shall submit to the national Secretary that number of nominees, starting at the top of the list, as national convention delegates, and the remaining nominees, in ranked order up to the number of allotted national convention delegates, as alternate national convention delegates. No nominee for national convention delegate or alternate shall be elected unless that nominee receives a minimum of three Yes votes greater than No votes.

Rule 10: Election of Party Officers

Section 1

Delegates shall nominate and elect Party officers in the following order: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2

Delegates shall make nominations from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech and one seconding speech, made by delegates. The total time for both speeches shall not exceed five minutes. After delegates give the nominating and seconding speeches, the candidate may then speak for a maximum of ten minutes.

Elections will be conducted using Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). For each office, to be elected to the office, a candidate shall receive a majority vote of all of the ballots cast. Delegates may rank their candidate choices on their ballots in order of preference, such as First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice, and so on. Delegates shall turn in all individual ballots to the Secretary. In cases in which no candidate receives a majority of First Choice votes, the candidate with the least number of votes shall be eliminated and his or her ballots redistributed to the remaining candidates according to the next choice indicated on those ballots and the ballots are recounted. If no candidate yet has a majority of votes, the process of eliminating the candidate with the least number of votes, redistributing according to the next choice on those ballots and then recounting, shall be repeated until one candidate has a majority. Lack of a majority vote for one candidate or a majority vote for "None of the Above" shall cause nominations for that office to be reopened.

Rule 11: Election of Area Coordinators

For the offices of Area Coordinators, delegates from each office's respective area shall make nominations from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech and one seconding speech, made by delegates. The total time for both speeches shall not exceed five minutes. After delegates give the nominating and seconding speeches, the candidate may then speak for a maximum of five minutes.

Elections will be conducted using Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). For each office, to be elected to the office, a candidate shall receive a majority vote of all of the ballots cast. Delegates from each office's respective area may rank their candidate choices on their ballots in order of preference, such as First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice, and so on. Delegates shall turn in all individual ballots to the Secretary. In cases in which no candidate receives a majority of First Choice votes, the candidate with the least number of votes shall be eliminated and his or her ballots redistributed to the remaining candidates according to the next choice indicated on those ballots and the ballots are recounted. If no candidate yet has a majority of votes, the process of eliminating the candidate with the least number of votes, redistributing according to the next choice on those ballots and then recounting, shall be repeated until one candidate has a majority. Lack of a majority vote for one candidate or a majority vote for "None of the Above" shall cause nominations for that office to be reopened.

Rule 12: Election of At-Large Executive Committee Members

Delegates shall make nominations for the at-large Executive Committee members from the floor. All State Central Committee members shall be eligible for nomination. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech no longer than two minutes, made by a delegate, and each candidate may also speak for no longer than two minutes. The election shall be conducted in the following manner:

- A. Each delegate may cast up to four votes, but not more than one vote for any one candidate.
- B. When all of the delegates have submitted their votes, the Secretary shall declare the voting closed.

Rule 13: Nominations and Endorsements of Candidates for Public Office

Section 1

Delegates shall make candidate nominations from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech and one seconding speech, made by delegates. The total time for both speeches shall not exceed five minutes. After delegates give the nominating and seconding speeches, the candidate may then speak for a maximum of ten minutes. Delegates shall not nominate any candidate for public office who:

- A. Is not a member of the Libertarian Party.
- B. Is ineligible to serve in that public office.
- C. Has not expressed a willingness to accept the endorsement of the Party.

Section 2

Delegates shall choose whom to endorse for any public office by a majority vote. Should no candidate or "None of the Above" receive a majority on a ballot, then a new ballot shall be taken. After every second ballot, if no candidate or "None of the Above" has received a majority vote, the candidate with the fewest number of votes shall be removed from subsequent ballots.

Rule 14: Amendments

Section 1

Delegates may amend these Convention Rules at any Party convention.

Section 2

Amendments to these Convention Rules shall normally take effect at the close of the convention in which the amendments were adopted, and shall require a majority vote of the convention.

Section 3

Amendments to these Convention Rules which take effect immediately upon adoption shall require a two-thirds vote of the convention.

Section 4

Delegates shall not amend, by a lesser vote than that specified, any Convention Rule which specifies a greater than majority vote.



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February 24, 2024 Session

Call to Order

Chair Adrian F Malagon called the meeting to order at 8:12 am.

National Convention Delegate Nominations

Nominations opened for delegates to the national Libertarian Party convention.

Credentials Committee Report

The Credentials Committee delivered a report stating the following: There are 95 credentialed delegates. A majority of that number is 48, and two-thirds of that number is 64.

Motion: Elizabeth Brierly moved, with standing second, to reinstate the memberships of Richard Fast and Janice Mackenzie-Fast in the Libertarian Party of California ("LPCA"). The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

Mimi Robson appealed the ruling of the Chair, with standing second.

Motion: Daniel Hayes moved, with standing second, to extend time by five minutes. The motion failed by a raised hand vote.

Vote: The ruling of the Chair was overturned by a counted vote of 45-51.

Motion: Aaron Starr called for division, with a standing second of at least ten delegates.

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The question on the main motion was divided (*i.e.*, the votes were to be taken separately regarding the memberships of Richard Fast and Janice Mackenzie-Fast).

Motion: Mark Hinkle moved, with standing second, to extend time by five minutes. The motion failed by a voice vote.

The assembly stood at ease.

The assembly returned to order.

The Credentials Committee delivered a report stating the following: There are 114 credentialed delegates. A majority of that number is 58, and two-thirds of that number is 76.

Vote: The motion to reinstate Richard Fast's membership failed by a counted vote of 50-53.

Vote: The motion to reinstate Janice Mackenzie-Fast's membership failed by a counted vote of 50-55.

Reports of the Party Officers & Working Committees

The Chair delivered a Chair's Report.

Motion: Elizabeth Brierly moved, with standing second, to extend time by five minutes. The motion failed by a voice vote.

The Vice Chair delivered a Vice Chair's Report and fielded questions.

Motion: Starchild moved, with standing second, to extend time for ten minutes. The motion failed by a voice vote.

The Secretary delivered a Secretary's Report (attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>) and fielded questions.

The Treasurer delivered a Treasurer's Report and fielded questions.

Consent Calendar

None.

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Bylaws Committee Report

Gary Alvstad delivered the Bylaws Committee Report.

Motion: Mr. Alvstad moved to adopt Proposal #1 in the Bylaws Committee Report, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Bylaw 12: Executive Committee

Section 4

A majority of eligible Executive Committee members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5

A two-thirds majority vote of the eligible positions on the Executive Committee shall be required to pass the following:

- A. Removal from office, censure, or suspension of a Party officer, Operations Committee member, Executive Committee member, Libertarian National Committee representative, or County or State Central Committee member, or reinstatement of a County Central Committee member.
- B. Endorsing or rescinding its endorsement of any candidate for public office.
- C. Endorsing or opposing any proposed ballot measure, but rescinding such action shall be considered a normal main motion.
- D. The annual budget, or any financial liability or contractual obligation lasting more than three months.
- E. Providing the Party mailing list to non-Libertarian groups or individuals, or to candidates for public office not endorsed by the Party.

<u>Section 6</u>

On all other matters, main motions shall require a simple majority vote of the eligible positions on the Executive Committee to pass.

Aaron Starr requested to divide the question, such that the proposal would be considered with respect to each separate section of Bylaw 12 set forth above.

Motion: Mr. Alvstad moved to adopt the portion of Proposal #1 applicable to Bylaw 12, Section 4.

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The assembly returned to order.

The Credentials Committee delivered a report stating the following: There are 117 credentialed delegates. A majority of that number is 59, and two-thirds of that number is 78.

Vote: The motion to adopt Proposal #1 with respect to Bylaw 12, Section 4 failed by a counted vote of 58-39.

Motion: Mr. Alvstad moved to adopt the portion of Proposal #1 applicable to Bylaw 12, Section 5.

Vote: The motion to adopt Proposal #1 with respect to Bylaw 12, Section 5 failed by a counted vote of 53-41.

Motion: Mr. Alvstad moved to adopt the portion of Proposal #1 applicable to Bylaw 12, Section 6.

Vote: The motion to adopt Proposal #1 with respect to Bylaw 12, Section 6 failed by a voice vote.

Motion: Mr. Alvstad moved to adopt Bylaws Committee Proposal #2, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Bylaw 19: Convention

Section 7

<u>Until one person from each side of a question has been given the</u> <u>opportunity to speak, any motion that ends debate on that question shall</u> <u>be out of order.</u>

The Chair passed the gavel to the Secretary at 10:06 am.

The Secretary returned the gavel to the Chair at 10:09 am.

Vote: The motion to adopt Proposal #2 passed via a voice vote.

Motion: Mr. Alvstad moved to adopt Bylaws Committee Proposal #3, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Convention Rules:

Rule 4: Agenda

The business of the convention shall consist of the following items, and shall be conducted in the following order:

- A. Credentials report;
- B. Reports of the Party officers and working committees;
- C. Consent calendar;
- D. Bylaws Committee report;
- E. Elections, in the following order:
 - 1. In odd-numbered years, Party officers and Area Coordinators and in even-numbered years to fill the unexpired terms of vacated Party officers or Area Coordinators;
 - 2. At-large Executive Committee members;
 - 3. At-large Executive Committee alternates;
 - 4. Judicial Committee members;
 - 5. Judicial Committee Alternates;
 - 6. At Party conventions immediately preceding national conventions, national convention delegates, Libertarian National Committee representatives and alternates;
- F. In a Presidential election year, the Presidential Straw Poll, roll call vote, one vote only;
- G. Endorsements of candidates;
- H. Resolutions and other matters.

The Secretary shall cause the minutes of the previous day's session to be distributed or to be plainly posted each morning. The minutes of the convention shall be approved by the Executive Committee within ninety days of the convention's close.

Vote: The motion to adopt Proposal #3 passed via a voice vote.

Motion: Mr. Alvstad moved to adopt Bylaws Committee Proposal #4, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Convention Rules:

Convention Rule 15: Straw Polls

<u>The Chair may conduct straw polls at the convention in the Chair's</u> <u>discretion.</u>

Point of Order: Mimi Robson made the point of order that a call for division requires ten standing delegates.

Vote: The motion to adopt Proposal #4 failed by a counted vote of 60-45.

Motion: Mr. Alvstad moved to adopt Bylaws Committee Proposal #5, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

<u>Bylaw 12</u>

Section 3

The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and place as may be determined by action of the Executive Committee, by a call of the Chair, or by written request of one-third or more of the members of the Executive Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Executive Committee shall hold at least one in-person session per year that shall not be within six weeks of an LPCA convention. The Secretary shall mail to each member of the Executive Committee, and to each county Chair, a notice of the time and place of each session meeting, not less than fourteen days prior to such session meeting.

The Executive Committee may also transact business by telephone conference or other electronic communications where the members can meet in real time. In such <u>sessions meetings</u>, the normal rules of the committee apply as to quorums and voting. At least 7 days' notice is required if business is to be transacted in such a fashion, unless all members of the Executive Committee attend the <u>session meeting</u> and each expressly waives such notice at the beginning of the <u>session meeting</u>.

Vote: The motion to adopt Proposal #5 passed via a voice vote.

Motion: Mr. Alvstad moved to adopt Bylaws Committee Proposal #6, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Bylaw 12: Executive Committee

Section 8

<u>Each at-large member of the Executive Committee shall serve on at least</u> <u>one other committee of the LPCA.</u>

The gavel was given to the Secretary at 10:51 am.

Point of Order: Mimi Robson made the point of order that the proposal did not contain an enforcement mechanism.

The gavel was returned to the Chair at 10:54 am.

Motion: Aaron Starr moved to substitute Proposal #8 in Mr. Starr's Combined Report for the main motion, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Bylaw 12: Executive Committee

Section 4

At-large members shall each serve on at least one committee. The chair of each committee shall report at least quarterly on each committee member's participation and impact on committee progress, or more frequently if desired by the Executive Committee, and at each Convention.

Point of Order: Starchild made the point of order that no one had yet spoken against the proposed amendment. The Chair ruled that the point was not well taken.

Motion: Starchild moved to extend time by five minutes. The motion died for lack of a standing second.

Vote: The motion to amend passed by a voice vote.

Vote: The main motion, as amended, failed by a counted vote of 55-41.

Libertarian Party Presidential Candidate Addresses

The Libertarian Party presidential candidates addressed the assembly.

The assembly recessed for lunch at 11:37 am.

The assembly returned to order at 2:36 pm.

Credentials Committee Report

The Credentials Committee delivered a report stating the following: There are 128 credentialed delegates. A majority of that number is 65, and two-thirds of that number is 86.

Motion: Mr. Alvstad moved to adopt Bylaws Committee Proposal #7, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Bylaw 26: Amendment of Bylaws

Except as indicated in a particular Bylaw, these Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all the registered delegates present and voting at a convention with previous notice. Bylaws changes proposed from the convention floor without prior notice, or substantive, non-technical amendments made to the Bylaws Committee Report by the Bylaws Committee subsequent to the report adoption deadline, shall require a three-fourths vote of registered delegates present and voting to pass.

Vote: The motion to adopt Proposal #7 passed via a voice vote.

Motion: Mr. Alvstad moved to adopt Bylaws Committee Proposal #8, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Bylaw 13: Operations Committee

Section 1

The Operations Committee shall consist of the Chair and four, the three other State CentralOfficers, and one member of the Executive Committee members chosen by the Executive Committee.

Section 2

The Operations Committee shall meet at such time and place as may be determined by call of the Chair or two members of the Operations Committee. At least three days' notice is required unless all members of the Operations Committee attend the session or expressly waive such notice prior to the session.

Motion: Mimi Robson called for division, with a standing second of at least ten delegates.

Vote: The motion to adopt Proposal #8 passed by a counted vote of 53-25.

Motion: Mr. Alvstad moved to adopt Bylaws Committee Proposal #9, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Bylaw 19: Convention

Section 2

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for setting the time, place, and schedule of events for the convention. The Executive Committee shall provide to the membership at least one hundred twenty days advance notice concerning these arrangements. In the event that the Executive Committee determines, fewer than one hundred twenty days prior to the convention, that the location previously noticed for the convention has become unsuitable for the Party's use, the Executive Committee shall select a new location and shall provide notice as soon as practicable to the membership of such new location. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Executive Committee shall not select a new location selected by the Executive Committee shall not be more than thirty miles away from the initially selected location of the convention.

Motion: Aaron Starr moved, with standing second, to substitute Proposal #14 in Mr. Starr's Combined Report for the main motion, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Bylaw 19: Convention

Section 2

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for setting the time, place, and schedule of events for the convention. The Executive Committee shall provide to the membership at least one hundred twenty days advance notice concerning these arrangements. If circumstances that are external, unforeseeable and unavoidable require that the time and/or place be changed, the Executive Committee shall promptly provide notice of such change. If the notice includes a change

> in the convention date, such notice shall be provided no fewer than thirty days prior to the ultimately determined date. If the notice includes a change of location fewer than thirty days prior to the ultimately determined date, the new location shall be no more than fifteen miles from the original location.

Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.

Vote: The motion to substitute Mr. Starr's motion for the main motion passed by a voice vote.

Vote: The motion to adopt Mr. Starr's Proposal #14 passed by a voice vote.

Motion: Rajani Maiatico called for division. The motion died for lack of a standing second by ten delegates.

Motion: Mr. Alvstad moved to adopt Bylaws Proposal #10, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws and Convention Rules:

Convention Rule 4: Agenda

The business of the convention shall consist of the following items, and shall be conducted in the following order:

- A. Credentials report;
- B. Reports of the Party officers and working committees;
- C. Consent calendar;
- D. Bylaws Committee report in even-numbered years;
- E. Elections, in the following order:

1. In odd-numbered years, <u>all</u> Party officers and Area Coordinators and in even-numbered years to fill the unexpired terms of vacated Party officers or Area Coordinators;

2. At-large Executive Committee members;

3. At-large Executive Committee alternates;

4. Judicial Committee members;

5. Judicial Committee Alternates;

6. At Party conventions immediately preceding national conventions, national convention delegates, Libertarian National Committee representatives and alternates.

F. In a Presidential election year, the Presidential Straw Poll, roll call vote, one vote only;

G. Endorsements of candidates;

H. Resolutions and other matters.

Bylaw 12: Executive Committee

Section 1

C. Eight Four at-large members, four elected for two-year terms at each convention held in an odd-numbered year.; and

D. Two alternates, each elected for one-year terms. There will be free substitution of alternates in ranked order at Executive Committee meetings. In the case of vacancies alternate(s) will serve in ranked order temporarily until a replacement At Large member is appointed by the Executive Committee.

Bylaw 14: Judicial Committee

Section 1

The Judicial Committee shall consist of five State Central Committee members elected at a convention <u>held in an odd-numbered year of the Party</u> by the attending delegates. The term of a Judicial Committee member shall begin at the close of each convention held in an <u>evenodd</u>-numbered year and end at the close of the next convention held in an <u>evenodd</u>-numbered year after a new committee has been elected. Two Alternates, in ranked order, shall be elected at a convention of the Party by attending delegates to ensure a full committee in the case of a vacancy or recusal.

Bylaw 15: Committees

Section 2: Bylaws Committee

Not later than <u>sixty ninety</u> days following the close of each convention <u>held</u> <u>in an odd-numbered year</u>, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Bylaws Committee of five State Central Committee members to recommend changes in these Bylaws and Convention Rules. The Bylaws Committee shall adopt its initial report not less than seventy days prior to the <u>following</u> convention <u>held in an even-numbered year</u> and the Secretary shall cause it to be published on the Party's website not less than sixty days prior to the convention. The Bylaws Committee shall adopt its final report, which may include corrections or improvements to proposals in the initial report but shall not introduce new proposals, not less than twenty days prior to the convention and the Secretary shall cause it to be published on the Party's website not less than fifteen days prior to the convention.

<u>Convention Rule 12: Election of At-Large Executive Committee and Judicial</u> <u>Committee Members</u>

Delegates shall make nominations for the at-large Executive Committee members from the floor. All State Central Committee members shall be eligible for nomination. Each candidate shall be allowed <u>four minutes total</u> for nominating and candidate speeches. The election shall be conducted via approval voting. one nominating speech no longer than two minutes, made by a delegate, and each candidate may also speak for no longer than two minutes. The election shall be conducted in the following manner:

A. Each delegate may cast up to four votes, but not more than one vote for any one candidate.

B. When all of the delegates have submitted their votes, the Secretary shall declare the voting closed.

Motion: Chris Ganiere moved to call the question. The motion failed by a voice vote.

Motion: Avens O'Brien moved to extend time by ten minutes. The motion passed without objection.

Vote: The motion to adopt Proposal #10 failed by a counted vote of 48-46.

Bylaws Proposals Submitted with Advance Notice

Motion: Aaron Starr moved, with standing second, to adopt Proposal #1 in Mr. Starr's Combined Report, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Bylaw 22: Nomination for Partisan Public Office

Section 1

Unless otherwise necessitated by the laws of the state of California, or by decision of the Executive Committee, nominations for partisan office shall be made by statewide nominating convention and by district caucus.

- A.–Nomination for statewide office shall be made by a statewide nominating convention.
- B. Nomination for U.S. House of Representatives, California State Legislature, and California State Board of Equalization shall be made by district caucus.

Section 2

The Executive Committee shall set the date of the statewide nominating convention. The convention shall be governed by Bylaw 19, Sections 2 and 4, and by Bylaw 28. Unless a statewide nominating convention is held at the regular state convention, no other business shall be conducted at the statewide nominating convention.

Section 3

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for determining which county Party organizations shall be responsible for organizing the caucus nominations for particular House of Representatives, State Legislature, and Board of Equalization seats.

Section 4

The Executive Committee shall set the dates of the district caucuses. County organizations shall be responsible for preparing their own rules governing nominations for House of Representatives, State Legislature, and Board of Equalization seats, but such rules shall provide for advance notice of at least thirty days to all County Central Committee members in the districts of the time and place of their nominating caucuses.

Section 5

The Chair shall forward a list of all candidates nominated in convention and caucuses to the Secretary of State no later than thirty days after the convention or caucuses.

Section 6

In the event the Party is legally required to participate in primary elections, only Party members shall be eligible to vote in the primary.

Vote: The motion to adopt Mr. Starr's Proposal #1 passed via a voice vote.

Motion: Aaron Starr moved, with standing second, to adopt Proposal #2 in Mr. Starr's Combined Report, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Bylaw 18: Write-In Votes for Partisan Office

- A person seeking the Party nomination for a partisan office by write-in votes in the direct primary election shall be deemed nominated and shall have his or her name printed on the general election ballot as Libertarian Party nominee if both of the following conditions are met:
 - A.—He or she receives more votes than anyone else for the Libertarian Party's nomination for that office, and
 - B. He or she receives a total number of votes in the Libertarian Party direct primary election for that office equal to the number of signatures that he or she would have needed in order to have qualified to appear on the Party's primary ballot per the California Elections Code, Sec. 8062.

This Bylaw shall supersede the California Elections Code, Sec. 8605, for Libertarian Party direct primary nominations by write-in votes.

Vote: The motion to adopt Mr. Starr's Proposal #2 passed via a voice vote.

Motion: Aaron Starr moved, with standing second, to adopt Proposal #4 in Mr. Starr's Combined Report, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Bylaw 2: Purpose (2/3 required to amend)

Bylaw 5: Membership Section 6 (2/3 required to amend)

Bylaw 14: Judicial Committee Section 2 (2/3 required to amend)

Bylaw 19: Convention Section 1 (2/3 required to amend)

Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.

Motion: Mimi Robson moved, with standing second, to amend the motion such that "two-thirds" in the language referenced in the proposal would be changed to "three-fourths," and no deletions would occur.

Vote: The amendment proposed by Ms. Robson passed via a voice vote.

Vote: The main motion, as amended, passed via a voice vote.

Motion: Mr. Starr moved, with standing second, to adopt Proposal #6 in Mr. Starr's Combined Report, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Bylaw 2: Mission Statement

Advancing liberty through peaceful, political action.

Motion: Elizabeth Brierly moved, with standing second, to amend the motion to insert the word "individual" before the word "liberty" in Mr. Starr's Proposal #6.

Vote: The motion to amend passed via a voice vote.

Vote: The motion, as amended, passed via a voice vote.

Motion: Mr. Starr moved, with standing second, to adopt Proposal #11 in Mr. Starr's Combined Report, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Bylaw 19: Convention

Section 8: Previous Notice

A motion submitted by a State Central Committee Member to the Secretary at least seventy days prior to the Convention for consideration by delegates shall be deemed to have met any advance notice requirement. The Secretary shall cause such notice to be published on the Party's website within ten days of its receipt.

Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.

Motion: Tim Ferreira moved to call the question. The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

Vote: The motion to adopt Mr. Starr's Proposal #11 passed via a voice vote.

Motion: Mr. Starr moved, with standing second, to adopt Proposal #12 in Mr. Starr's Combined Report, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Bylaw 24: National Convention Delegates

Section 1

Delegates <u>and alternates</u> to the national convention <u>consist of State</u> <u>Central Committee members in good standing who are also sustaining</u> <u>members of the national Libertarian Party and</u> shall be selected at the state convention preceding the national convention. The procedures in <u>Rule 10 shall be used for such election. Delegates and alternates shall be</u> <u>elected by ballot with the election conducted using approval voting.</u>

Bylaw 25: National Convention Alternates

In the event that duly selected California delegates or alternates are unable to attend or be seated at the national convention for which they were selected, additional alternates may be selected by a two- thirds vote of the California delegates and alternates then registered at the national convention.

A. Those members seeking additional alternate delegate status under this section shall have been a State Central Committee member <u>and</u> <u>sustaining member of the national Libertarian Party</u> at least thirty days prior to the national convention.

B. This provision shall be included in all written statements to the National Convention Credentials Committee whenever requests are made for seating newly- selected additional alternates.

Rule 9: Election of National Convention Delegates

National convention delegate nominations shall begin immediately following the call to order.

The Party officers shall be automatically nominated as national convention delegates by reason of their official status within the Party.

State convention delegates shall only nominate and elect State Central Committee members in good standing who confirm to the Secretary their acceptance of their nomination and their intention to serve as a California delegate to the national convention.

Nominations that are not confirmed by the time voting commences shall be removed from the ballot.

State convention delegates shall submit nominations to the Secretary by placing the name of the nominee on a ballot as designated by the Secretary. Such ballots shall be displayed conspicuously for easy review.

The Secretary shall call for the nominating ballots at the close of business on the next-to-last day of the convention. The Secretary shall provide a printed list of all nominees to each state convention delegate on the last day of the convention. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of nominees who are members in good standing who confirm to the Secretary by the time of their nomination their acceptance of their nomination and their intention to serve as a California delegate to the national convention.

The Secretary shall calculate the number of votes each state convention delegate may cast by determining one- third of the number of national convention delegates allocated to California and rounding upward.

Each state convention delegate may cast either one Yes vote or one No vote per nominee up to the number determined by the Secretary. Such votes shall be cast via secret ballot. The Secretary shall rank the nominees for national convention delegates in order of the votes received by each nominee and shall make this ranking, without and the number of votes received, available to interested members within thirty days of the close of the convention.

After receiving notice of the number of national convention delegates allotted to California, the Secretary shall submit to the national Secretary that number of nominees, starting at the top of the list, as national convention delegates, and the remaining nominees, in ranked order up to the number of allotted national convention delegates, as

> alternate national convention delegates. No nominee for national convention delegate or alternate shall be elected unless that nominee receives a minimum of three Yes votes greater than No votes.

Proviso: Nominations made at this Convention prior to the adoption of this amendment that are not confirmed as sustaining national party members by the time voting commences shall be removed from the ballot.

Motion: Mimi Robson moved, with standing second, to amend the motion to modify the proviso in Proposal #12 to state that the proposed amendment would take effect at the start of the next convention.

Point of Order: Mimi Robson made the point of order that, if the motion passed, it would not provide LPCA members with a 30-day time period in which to become a national member.

Vote: The amendment passed by a voice vote.

Motion: Graham Brown moved to extend time by five minutes. The motion died for lack of a standing second.

Vote: The motion, as amended, failed by a counted vote of 32-36.

The assembly recessed for the evening at 4:48 pm.

February 25, 2024 Session

Call to Order

Chair Adrian F Malagon called the convention to order at 8:13 am.

Credentials Committee Report

The Credentials Committee delivered a report stating the following: There are 80 credentialed delegates. A majority of that number is 41, and two-thirds of that number is 54.

The Secretary requested, on the convention floor and via email, that any persons nominated to be national delegates confirm or decline their nominations.

Bylaws Proposals with Advance Notice

Motion: Aaron Starr moved, with standing second, to adopt Bylaws Proposal #13 in Mr. Starr's Combined Report, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Bylaw 12: Executive Committee

Section 3

The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and place as may be determined by action of the Executive Committee, by a call of the Chair, or by written request of one-third or more of the members of the Executive Committee.

The Secretary shall mail to each member of the Executive Committee and to each county Chair, a notice of the time and place of each meeting, not less than fourteen days prior to such meeting. <u>Meetings conducted</u> <u>electronically shall require seven days prior notice, unless all members</u> <u>of the Executive Committee attend the session and each expressly waives</u> <u>such notice at the beginning of the session.</u>

The Executive Committee may also transact business by telephone conference or other electronic communications where the members can meet in real time. In such meetings, the normal rules of the committee apply as to quorums and voting. At least 7 days' notice is required if business is to be transacted in such a fashion, unless all members of the Executive Committee attend the meeting and each expressly waives such notice at the beginning of the meeting.

Bylaw 16: Meetings

Boards and committees may conduct business by teleconference or videoconference. The Executive Committee shall have power to adopt special rules of order and standing rules to facilitate the conduct of business by teleconference or videoconference.

Vote: Mr. Starr moved, with standing second, to amend the motion to replace "meeting" with "session" in the second paragraph of the proposed text. The amendment passed without objection.

Vote: The motion, as amended, passed via a voice vote.

Motion: Aaron Starr moved, with standing second, to adopt Bylaws Proposal #10 in Mr. Starr's Combined Report, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Bylaw 9: County Organizations

Section 2

State Central Committee membership, along with the payment of such annual membership dues prescribed by the active County Central Committee's bylaws in an amount not greater than that established by the Executive Committee for State Central Committee annual membership, shall be the only requirement for County Central Committee membership. Lifetime Central Committee members shall not be subject to a County Central Committee dues requirement. County Central Committee dues shall be collected and processed by the State Central Committee, and promptly remitted at no charge to the County Central Committee.

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Bylaw 7: Dues Sharing

The state Party and the county Parties are encouraged to actively pursue new members and renewing membership. As of July 1, 2013, dues collected by the state or county Parties shall be shared as follows.

Section 1: New and Renewing Membership Dues

A new member is one who has no membership record in the state Party's database at the time they pay annual membership dues. A renewing member is one who has a record of membership in the state Party's database at the time they pay their dues. The state and county Party organizations shall split the new and renewal membership dues 50/50.

Section 2: Collection of Dues

Collection of dues includes receiving eash, checks, money orders, authorized billing information, or other consideration approved by the state Party Chair, as well as donations through online services that are initiated directly from the organization's website or e-mail appeal.

Section 3: Duration of Membership

Annual membership dues are good from the date the collecting organization receives the payment, or from the date of payment to an online payment service. Membership expires at the end of the last day of that month in a subsequent year. Annual membership can be renewed for no more than two years from the end of the month in which the dues are collected.

Section 4: Qualification for Renewing Membership

Members may renew their expired membership if they are not removed from the Party for cause, or for as long as their record is not removed from the state Party's database, and their membership expiration date will be as described in Bylaw 7: Dues Sharing, Section 4: Duration Of Membership. Donors who have no membership record shall join as new members.

Bylaw 5: Membership

Section 1

Individuals may be members of the State Central Committee by meeting the following requirements:

- A. Residing in California, and
- B. Accepting the Certification, and

C. Being a registrant of the Libertarian Party if eligible, and either

1. Holding elected public office in the State of California (being a member of a County Executive Committee does not meet this requirement), or

2. Paying such dues as prescribed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may authorize participation in a joint membership arrangement with the

national Libertarian Party for the purpose of satisfying the dues requirement.

No State or County Central Committee member shall be a registrant of or hold office in any political party other than the Libertarian Party.

All Party officeholders are required to be members of the State Central Committee.

Donors who have no membership record shall join as new members.

Annual membership shall commence the date dues are received and expire at the end of the last day of that month in a subsequent year. Members may renew their expired membership if they are not removed from the Party for cause, or for as long as their record is not removed from the state Party's database, and their membership expiration date will be as described above.

Annual membership can be renewed for no more than two years from the end of the month in which the dues are collected. The Party shall include with any membership solicitation the option to process and collect dues prescribed by the County Central Committee, where applicable, for membership with the selected County Central Committee. The County Central Committee membership expiration date shall be coextensive with that of the State Central Committee membership.

Lifetime Central Committee members may retain their Central Committee membership in the event they no longer reside in California, so long as they meet all other requirements.

Bylaw 6: Membership Lists

Section 1

The Executive Committee shall provide one copy of <u>real-time online</u> access to a County Central Committee's membership list monthly to that county organization's Secretary or designated officer at no charge, or by mutual arrangement, or to any other officer of that county at cost within ten days of a request. The list shall also include State Central

> <u>Committee members in that county that are not a member of a County</u> <u>Central Committee.</u> The Executive Committee may also provide mailing lists to individuals or groups, but not to any government official or government agency. Counties may exchange lists.

> Provisos: This amendment shall take effect January 1 after the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted; and County Central Committee dues shall become effective upon any new membership or renewal of membership taking place on or after that date.

Motion: Aaron Starr moved, with standing second, to amend Bylaws Proposal #10 as set forth in the separate Proposal #10 handout provided by Mr. Starr, which contains the following modified text (indicated by the highlighting below):

State Central Committee membership, along with the payment of such basic annual membership dues prescribed by the active County Central Committee's bylaws in an amount not greater than that established by the Executive Committee for State Central Committee basic annual membership, shall be the only requirement for County Central Committee membership.

<u>County Central Committees may offer additional levels of annual</u> membership beyond a basic annual membership.

A County Central Committee member who submits a change of address to a different county and wants to affiliate with that county organization, shall not be subject to a County Central Committee dues requirement for any remaining unexpired term of membership.

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Lifetime Central Committee dues shall be evenly split between the Party and, where applicable, the corresponding active County Central Committee.

Provisos: This amendment shall take effect January 1 after the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted; and County Central Committee dues shall become effective upon any new membership or renewal of membership taking place on or after that date. **Motion:** Aaron Starr moved, with standing second, to extend time by 15 minutes. The motion passed without objection.

Motion: Mimi Robson moved, with standing second, to substitute for the main motion a motion to restore Sections 1 and 2 of Bylaw 6 as those sections existed as of 2018.

Point of Order: Aaron Starr made the point of order that a substitute motion can only be offered as a primary amendment, and thus Ms. Robson's substitute motion could not be offered until the body disposed of Mr. Starr's previously-made motion to amend. The Chair ruled that the point was well-taken.

Vote: Mr. Starr's amendment to Proposal #10 passed by a standing vote.

Motion: Mr. Starr moved, with standing second, to extend time by 15 minutes. The motion failed by a voice vote.

Vote: Mr. Starr's Proposal #10, as amended, failed by a counted vote of 35-52.

Mimi Robson called for orders of the day, such that Ms. Robson would be permitted to make Ms. Robson's Bylaws proposals with advance notice. The Chair ruled the request out of order for lack of time.

Ms. Robson appealed the ruling of the Chair.

Vote: The ruling of the Chair was overturned by a counted vote of 37-56.

Motion: Mimi Robson moved, with standing second, to adopt the proposal contained in the document entitled "Proposal #2 with advance notice" submitted by Ms. Robson, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Bylaw 12: Executive Committee

Section 1

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the control and management of all of the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party <u>between</u> <u>conventions</u> consistent with these Bylaws, and any resolutions which may be adopted in convention. The Executive Committee may endorse any registered Libertarian candidate for public office, or it may rescind its endorsement of any candidate for public office.

The Credentials Committee delivered a report stating the following: There are 102 credentialed delegates. A majority of that number is 52, and two-thirds of that number is 68.

Vote: The motion passed by a standing vote.

Motion: Mimi Robson moved, with standing second, to adopt the proposal contained in the document entitled "Proposal #1 with advance notice" submitted by Ms. Robson, which provides for the following modifications to the LPCA Bylaws:

Section 8

A member of the Executive Committee, including officers, that are not up for reelection at the annual convention may be removed from office by a motion without previous notice with a 2/3 vote of the delegates present and voting at the annual convention. The seat shall be declared vacant immediately after the vote, and that removal is not subject to appeal to the Judicial Committee.

Motion: Gary Alvstad moved, with standing second, to add a proviso stating that the proposal on the table would not take effect until the end of the current convention.

Vote: The motion to amend passed by a standing vote.

Motion: Mimi Robson moved to call the question. The motion passed without objection.

Vote: The main motion, as amended, failed by a standing vote.

The assembly stood at ease at 9:41 am.

The assembly returned to order at 9:50 am.

Elections

Treasurer

Nominations opened for the office of Treasurer.

Meredith Hays nominated Trendalyn Hallesy, who accepted the nomination.

Nominations closed.

Libertarian Party of California February 24-25, 2024 Convention Minutes Meredith Hays spoke in favor of Trendalyn Hallesy's nomination.

Trendalyn Hallesy spoke in favor of her nomination.

Vote: Ms. Hallesy was elected by a voice vote.

Southern Area Coordinator

Nominations opened for the office of Southern Area Coordinator.

Jeff Hewitt nominated Loren Dean, who accepted the nomination.

Nominations closed.

Jeff Hewitt spoke in favor of Loren Dean's nomination.

Loren Dean spoke in favor of his nomination.

Motion: Mr. Starr moved to suspend the rules to amend the Bylaws as follows:

Convention Rule 10's provision that "[i]f there is only one candidate for an office, the election will be conducted by voice vote, with the choice between the candidate and None of the Above" shall be moved to a new Bylaw 12, Section 8.

Vote: The motion passed via a voice vote.

Vote: Loren Dean was elected by a voice vote.

At-Large Members

Nominations opened for the At-Large Member positions.

Charles Byrd nominated Kirk Sullivan, who accepted the nomination.

Chris Edgar nominated Charles Byrd, who accepted the nomination.

Graham Brown nominated Max Jimenez, who accepted the nomination.

David Gorshe nominated Matthew Hartwig, who accepted the nomination.

Mimi Robson nominated Barbara Engelhardt, who accepted the nomination.

Mimi Robson nominated Gail Lightfoot, who accepted the nomination.

Libertarian Party of California February 24-25, 2024 Convention Minutes Nominations closed.

Charles Byrd spoke on behalf of Kirk Sullivan's nomination.

Kirk Sullivan spoke on behalf of his nomination.

Chris Edgar spoke on behalf of Charles Byrd's nomination.

Charles Byrd spoke on behalf of his nomination.

Graham Brown spoke on behalf of Max Jimenez's nomination.

Max Jimenez spoke on behalf of his nomination.

David Gorshe spoke on behalf of Matthew Hartwig's nomination.

Thomas Nichols spoke on behalf of Matthew Hartwig's nomination.

Mimi Robson spoke on behalf of Barbara Engelhardt's nomination.

Barbara Engelhardt spoke on behalf of her nomination.

Mimi Robson spoke on behalf of Gail Lightfoot's nomination.

Gail Lightfoot spoke on behalf of her nomination.

Vote: The election results were as follows:

Max Jimenez 59 Charles Byrd 58 Kirk Sullivan 53 Matthew Hartwig 51 Barbara Engelhardt 46 Gail Lightfoot 38

Max Jimenez, Charles Byrd, Kirk Sullivan and Matthew Hartwig were elected as At-Large Members of the Executive Committee.

Motion: Aaron Starr moved to suspend the rules to take the presidential straw poll. The motion passed without objection.

Presidential Straw Poll

Nominations opened for the presidential straw poll.

The Libertarian Party presidential candidates who attended the convention were placed on the ballot. Their names were as follows:

Charles Ballay Jacob Hornberger Mike ter Maat Lars Mapstead Michael Rectenwald

The following additional nominations were made from the floor:

Aaron Starr nominated Art Olivier, Chase Oliver, Joseph Collins and Joshua Smith.

Jessica Tewksbury nominated Joshua Anderson.

Starchild nominated Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

Chris Ganiere nominated Robert Sansone.

Motion: Ed Wimmers moved, with standing second, to suspend the rules to consider the proposed resolution provided by him with advance notice, which stated as follows:

Whereas government intervention usually causes more problems than it solves and U.S. government intervention causes more wars than it prevents, we, the Libertarian Party of California, call for the end of all U.S. military aid and the withdrawal of all U.S. troops from foreign lands.

Motion: Terry Floyd moved, with standing second, to amend the resolution to remove the word "usually."

Motion: Starchild moved to amend the resolution to add the word "government" before the words "military" and "troops." The motion died for lack of a standing second.

Vote: The amendment proposed by Mr. Floyd passed via a voice vote.

Vote: The motion, as amended, passed via a voice vote.

The assembly recessed for lunch at 11:31 am.

Chair Adrian F Malagon called the meeting to order at 2:12 pm.

Motion: Mimi Robson moved, with standing second, to suspend the rules to proceed to nominations from the floor for delegates to the national Libertarian Party convention. The motion passed without objection.

Nominations opened for election of the delegates to the Libertarian Party national convention.

Adrian F Malagon nominated Chris Rufer.

James Heth nominated Danycka Heth.

Nominations closed.

The Chair passed the gavel to the Secretary at 2:18 pm.

The Secretary returned the gavel to the Chair at 2:20 pm.

Motion: Aaron Starr moved, with standing second, to suspend the rules to seat the people listed on the Libertarian Party national convention delegate ballot as delegates to the national convention, provided they are eligible. The motion passed without objection.

The presidential straw poll had the following results:

Lars Mapstead: 25 Michael Rectenwald: 21 Mike ter Maat: 14 Chase Oliver: 10 Jacob Hornberger: 6 Joshua Anderson: 4 Art Olivier: 4 Joshua Smith: 4 Spike Cohen: 3 Charles Ballay: 2 Justin Amash: 1 Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.: 1

The assembly resumed elections.

Elections

At-Large Executive Committee Alternates

Nominations opened for the position of At-Large Executive Committee Alternate.

Tom Nichols nominated David Gorshe, who accepted the nomination.

Mimi Robson nominated Terry Floyd and Gail Lightfoot, who accepted their nominations.

Meredith Hays nominated Nicholas Apostolopoulos, who accepted the nomination.

Mimi Robson nominated Barbara Engelhardt, who accepted the nomination.

Casey Johnson nominated Kelly Carden, who accepted the nomination.

Nominations closed.

Tom Nichols spoke on behalf of David Gorshe's nomination.

Mimi Robson spoke on behalf of Terry Floyd's nomination.

Terry Floyd spoke on behalf of his nomination.

Mimi Robson spoke on behalf of Gail Lightfoot's nomination.

Gail Lightfoot spoke on behalf of her nomination.

Mimi Robson spoke on behalf of Barbara Engelhardt's nomination.

Barbara Engelhardt spoke on behalf of her nomination.

Meredith Hays spoke on behalf of Nicholas Apostolopoulos's nomination.

Nicholas Apostolopoulos spoke on behalf of his nomination.

Casey Johnson spoke on behalf of Kelly Carden's nomination.

Kelly Carden spoke on behalf of his nomination.

Point of Order: Mimi Robson made the point of order that the Judicial Committee elections should not occur until later because some candidates interested in running for an At-Large Alternate position may also want to run for a Judicial Committee position.

Motion: Marc Joffe moved, with standing second, to suspend the rules to adopt a resolution Mr. Joffe submitted via email to the Secretary, which stated as follows:

Because press freedom is a core individual right and because that right does not solely belong to those anointed by authorities as "journalists," the Libertarian Party of California calls upon the US government to immediately drop all charges against Julian Assange.

Vote: The motion passed via a voice vote.

The At-Large Alternate election had the following results:

Kelly Carden 59 Nicholas Apostolopoulos 41 Barbara Engelhardt 29 Terry Floyd 13 David Gorshe 13 Gail Lightfoot 9

90 ballots were cast.

Kelly Carden was elected as an At-Large Alternate.

Because none of the remaining candidates received a majority of the votes cast, the election proceeded to a runoff in which the candidates were Nicholas Apostolopoulos, Barbara Engelhardt, Terry Floyd, David Gorshe and Gail Lightfoot.

Motion: Mimi Robson moved, with standing second, to suspend the rules to make the next item on the agenda the LNC Region 4 representative and LNC Region 4 alternate elections. The motion passed without objection.

Nominations opened for the position of LNC Region 4 Representative.

Jeff Hewitt nominated Tim Ferreira, who accepted the nomination.

Carrie Eiler nominated Meredith Hays, who accepted the nomination.

Motion: Carrie Eiler moved to permit Angela McArdle to speak on behalf of Meredith Hays' nomination. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Jeff Hewitt spoke on behalf of Tim Ferreira's nomination.

Tim Ferreira spoke on behalf of his nomination.

Angela McArdle spoke on behalf of Meredith Hays' nomination.

Meredith Hays spoke on behalf of her nomination.

The first At-Large Alternate runoff vote had the following results:

Nicholas Apostolopoulos 39 Barbara Engelhardt 27 Terry Floyd 9 David Gorshe 2 Gail Lightfoot 3

81 ballots were cast.

Terry Floyd withdrew his name from the ballot.

Because none of the candidates received a majority of the votes cast, the election proceeded to a runoff in which the candidates were Nicholas Apostolopoulos, Barbara Engelhardt, David Gorshe and Gail Lightfoot.

Motion: Aaron Starr moved, with standing second, to suspend the rules to drop David Gorshe from the ballot for At-Large Alternate. The motion passed without objection.

The LNC Region 4 Representative election had the following results:

Meredith Hays 41 Tim Ferreira 37

Meredith Hays was elected as the LNC Region 4 Representative.

LNC Region 4 Alternate

Nominations opened for the LNC Region 4 Alternate position.

David Bowers nominated Tim Ferreira, who accepted the nomination.

Meredith Hays nominated Gary Alvstad, who accepted the nomination.

Nominations closed.

David Bowers spoke on behalf of Tim Ferreira's nomination.

Tim Ferreira spoke on behalf of his nomination.

Libertarian Party of California February 24-25, 2024 Convention Minutes Meredith Hays spoke on behalf of Gary Alvstad's nomination.

Gary Alvstad spoke on behalf of his nomination.

The LNC Region 4 Representative Alternate election had the following results:

Gary Alvstad 44 Tim Ferreira 41

Gary Alvstad was elected as LNC Region 4 Representative Alternate.

The second At-Large Alternate runoff vote had the following results:

Nicholas Apostolopoulos 45 Barbara Engelhardt 31 Gail Lightfoot 1

77 ballots were cast.

Nicholas Apostolopoulos was elected as an At-Large Alternate.

Judicial Committee

Nominations opened for the Judicial Committee.

Gary Alvstad nominated Aaron Starr, who accepted the nomination.

John Due nominated David Bowers, who accepted the nomination.

Loren Dean nominated Wendy Hewitt, who accepted the nomination.

Avens O'Brien nominated Mimi Robson, who accepted the nomination.

Terry Floyd nominated Christopher Kula, who accepted the nomination.

Sandra Kallander nominated herself.

Jeff Hewitt nominated Dawn Brosius, who accepted the nomination.

Meredith Hays nominated Carrie Eiler, who declined the nomination.

Mimi Robson nominated Avens O'Brien and Rajani Maiatico, who accepted their nominations.

Libertarian Party of California February 24-25, 2024 Convention Minutes Avens O'Brien nominated Jessica Tewksbury, who accepted the nomination.

Graham Brown nominated Meredith Hays, who declined the nomination, and Calvin Lu, who accepted the nomination.

Gary Alvstad spoke on behalf of Aaron Starr's nomination.

Craig Strachan nominated Joel Gompert, who accepted the nomination.

Nominations closed.

Aaron Starr withdrew his acceptance of his nomination.

John Due spoke on behalf of David Bowers' nomination.

David Bowers spoke on behalf of his nomination.

Loren Dean spoke on behalf of Wendy Hewitt's nomination.

Wendy Hewitt spoke on behalf of her nomination.

Aaron Starr spoke on behalf of Mimi Robson's nomination.

Mimi Robson spoke on behalf of her nomination.

Terry Floyd spoke on behalf of Christopher Kula's nomination.

Christopher Kula spoke on behalf of his nomination.

Sandra Kallander spoke on behalf of her nomination.

Jeff Hewitt spoke on behalf of Dawn Brosius's nomination.

Dawn Brosius spoke on behalf of her nomination.

Boomer Shannon spoke on behalf of Avens O'Brien's nomination.

Avens O'Brien spoke on behalf of her nomination.

Mimi Robson spoke on behalf of Rajani Maiatico's nomination.

Rajani Maiatico spoke on behalf of her nomination.

Avens O'Brien spoke on behalf of Jessica Tewksbury's nomination.

Jessica Tewksbury spoke on behalf of her nomination.

Libertarian Party of California February 24-25, 2024 Convention Minutes Graham Brown spoke on behalf of Calvin Lu's nomination.

Calvin Lu spoke on behalf of his nomination.

Craig Strachan spoke on behalf of Joel Gompert's nomination.

Joel Gompert spoke on behalf of his nomination.

Motion: Mr. Starr moved, with standing second, to suspend the rules to elect on a single ballot all Judicial Committee members and alternates, instead of holding separate elections for committee members and alternates. The motion passed without objection.

Chris Ganiere called the quorum. A quorum existed because more than a majority of the credentialed delegates was present.

The Judicial Committee election had the following results:

Avens O'Brien 56 Mimi Robson 51 David Bowers 49 Wendy Hewitt 49 Christopher Kula 48 Calvin Lu 43 Joel Gompert 36 Jessica Tewksbury 34 Dawn Brosius 30 Sandra Kallander 22 Rajani Maiatico 19 Aaron Starr 5 Meredith Hays 3 Terry Floyd 1

80 ballots were cast.

Avens O'Brien, Mimi Robson, David Bowers, Wendy Hewitt and Christopher Kula were elected as members of the Judicial Committee. Calvin Lu was elected as an alternate member of the Judicial Committee.

Motion: Mimi Robson moved that the Judicial Committee election be concluded and that the Judicial Committee fill the remaining alternate position. The motion died for lack of a standing second. **Motion:** Aaron Starr moved, with standing second, to adjourn *sine die*. The motion passed without objection.

Adjournment

The convention adjourned at 5:43 pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the LPCA Executive Committee on March 28, 2024.

EXHIBIT A



Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report

Report Date: February 16, 2024 **Secretary:** Chris Edgar

Executive Overview

This report discusses the following items:

Minutes: February 18-19, 2023 Convention minutes; Executive Committee ("ExCom") meeting minutes dating from February 19, 2023, February 27, 2023, March 26, 2023, April 1, 2023, April 19, 2023, June 1, 2023, July 10, 2023, July 20, 2023, August 7, 2023, August 24, 2023, September 7, 2023, September 28, 2023, December 2, 2023, and December 18, 2023; and Operations Committee ("OpsCom") meeting minutes dating from March 8, 2023, May 18, 2023, September 12, 2023, September 28, 2023, December 28, 2023, December 28, 2023, December 28, 2023, Contemport, 2023, September 28, 2023, December 28, 2023, December 28, 2023, September 28, 2023, September 28, 2023, December 28, 2023, September 28, 2023, September 28, 2023, September 28, 2023, December 29, 2023, September 20, 2023.

Membership: Libertarian Party of California ("LPCA") membership as of January 31, 2024.

Membership Database: Neon (the party membership database) is being updated as membership information comes in.

LPCA Operating Procedures Manual: The LPCA Operating Procedures Manual was last updated as of the August 24, 2023 ExCom meeting.

LPCA Bylaws and County Bylaws: The LPCA Bylaws, as amended at the February 18-19, 2023 convention, have been published on the party website. The county affiliates that have submitted bylaw changes since the last convention are as follows: Alameda County (as of January 12, 2023).

LPCA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The following is the status of the LPCA Executive Committee's Minutes since the February 18-19, 2023 convention:

Minutes	<u>Status</u>
February 19-20, 2023 convention	Approved by the Operations Committee on March 8, 2023

February 19, 2023 post-convention ExCom meeting	Approved by the Executive Committee on April 1, 2023			
February 27, 2023 ExCom meeting	Approved by the Executive Committee on April 1, 2023			
March 26, 2023 ExCom meeting	Approved by the Executive Committee on April 19, 2023			
April 1, 2023 ExCom meeting	Approved by the Executive Committee on April 19, 2023			
April 19, 2023 ExCom meeting	Approved by the Executive Committee on June 1, 2023			
June 1, 2023 ExCom meeting	Approved by the Executive Committee on July 20, 2023			
July 10, 2023 ExCom Meeting	Approved by the Executive Committee on July 20, 2023			
July 20, 2023 ExCom Meeting	Approved by the Executive Committee on August 7, 2023			
August 7, 2023 ExCom Meeting	Approved by the Executive Committee on August 24, 2023			
August 24, 2023 ExCom Meeting	Approved by the Executive Committee on September 7, 2023			
September 7, 2023 ExCom Meeting	Approved by the Operations Committee on September 12, 2023			
September 28, 2023 ExCom Meeting	Approved by the Operations Committee on September 28, 2023			

December 2, 2023 ExCom Meeting	Approved by the Operations Committee on December 9, 2023
December 18, 2023 ExCom Meeting	Approved by the Operations Committee on December 20, 2023

LPCA Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

The following is the status of the LPCA Operations Committee's Minutes since the February 18-19, 2023 convention:

March 8, 2023 OpsCom meeting	Approved by the Executive Committee on April 1, 2023
May 18, 2023 OpsCom meeting	Approved by the Executive Committee on June 1, 2023
September 12, 2023 OpsCom meeting	Approved by the Executive Committee on September 28, 2023
September 28, 2023 OpsCom meeting	Approved by the Executive Committee on December 2, 2023
December 9, 2023 OpsCom meeting	Approved by the Executive Committee on December 18, 2023
December 20, 2023 OpsCom meeting	Pending approval by the Executive Committee

LPCA Membership

As of January 31, 2024, the total statewide membership of the LPCA was 939, with 609 Central Committee members and 380 Life members. A breakdown of the LPCA's membership by county, as of January 31, 2024, appears in <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto.

LPCA Membership Database

The database is being kept up to date, with new memberships, joint memberships with the national Libertarian Party and renewals from the counties, for the most part, being sent to the Secretary in a timely manner.

LPCA Operating Procedures Manual

The LPCA Operating Procedures Manual was last updated following the August 24, 2023 Executive Committee meeting.

LPCA Bylaws & County Bylaws

The most current LPCA bylaws (as amended at the February 18-19, 2023 convention) have been published on the LPCA website.

The process of collecting and posting the current bylaws of all organized County affiliates on our website continues.

As of the date of this report, the following organized County affiliates have bylaws posted to the website:

County	Bylaws Date as Posted on Websit			
Alameda	January 12, 2023			
Contra Costa	February 28, 2022			
Fresno	August 10, 2022			
Humboldt	2018			
Los Angeles	July 24, 2022			
Merced	2020			
Monterey	(no date)			
Orange	March 25, 2019			
Placer	June 7, 2022			
Riverside	January 8, 2022			
Sacramento	May 24, 2022			
San Diego	(no date)			
San Francisco	January 19, 2019			
San Mateo	July 17, 2003			
Santa Barbara	July 2022			
Santa Clara	January 29, 2022			
Santa Cruz	October 17, 2017			
Solano	2018			
Sonoma	February 15, 2019			
Tulare	April 20, 2022			
Ventura	February 5, 2022			

As of the date of this report, the following organized County affiliates <u>**do not**</u> have Bylaws posted to the website:

County		
Kern		
Shasta		

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Edgar Secretary, Libertarian Party of California

EXHIBIT A

January 2024 LPCA Membership Report					
County Affiliation	Life Manushana	**Total	Central	**Total	Central
	Life Members	Membership	Committee	Membership	Committee
			Members	4/24	Members
		1/31/2024		1/31/2023	
Unaffiliated	8	13	5	16	6
No County	1	58	20	17	11
Total	9	71	25	33	17
(10 of31)		Northern	California	Northern	California
Alameda	19	35	23	48	31
Butte	1	5	4	6	5
Colusa					
Contra Costa	22	39	24	51	33
Del Norte	0	1	1		
El Dorado	0	3	2	4	3
Glenn					
Humboldt	3	5	5	6	5
Lake	0	1	1	2	2
Lassen					
Marin	6	12	7	13	8
Mendocino	3	3	3	4	4
Modoc					· · ·
Napa	1	4	2	3	1
Nevada	0	1	0	3	1
Placer	3	14	12	17	14
Plumas					
Sacramento	6	31	24	48	34
San Francisco	25	37	18	55	25
San Mateo	16	23	8	26	11
Santa Clara	53	96	76	121	99
Shasta	0	1	1	4	4
Sierra			-		•
Siskiyou	1	2	1	2	1
Solano	5	10	6	10	6
Sonoma	7	16	6	18	10
Sutter				10	10
Tehema					
Trinity					
Yolo	0	7	5	10	7
Yuba	1	1	0	3	1
Region Total	172	347	229	454	305
(11 of21)	172	Central California		Central C	
Alpine		Central e		central e	
Amador	1	1	0	2	1
Calaveras	2	5	4	5	4
Fresno	1	17	14	19	18
Inyo	1		14	19	18
Kern	3	16	11	23	16
Kings	3	10	9	14	18
Madera	3	10	9 0	14	0
Mariposa	0			1	
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Merced	0	/	7	/	/

Mono					
Monterey	2	9	6	16	11
San Benito					
San Joaquin	2	7	6	11	10
San Luis Obispo	2	8	4	13	11
Santa Barbara	6	9	2	11	4
Santa Cruz	7	14	8	15	9
Stanislaus	1	6	4	8	6
Tulare	1	7	5	14	11
Tuolumne	0	1	0	2	0
Ventura	11	26	16	33	22
Region Total	43	145	97	195	144
(5 of6)		Southern California		Southern California	
Imperial	1	2	1	2	1
Los Angeles	66	144	98	188	124
Orange	35	77	54	97	71
Riverside	12	35	29	47	38
San Bernardino	5	20	12	24	16
San Diego	37	98	64	119	79
Region Total	156	376	258	477	329
State Total	380	939	609	1159	795

*Note: Counties in BOLD are organized

** Total membership includes both Central Committee Members and Associate (non-voting) members.