

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1976

FAIRMONT HOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Members present:

Edward H. Crane, III, Chairman	Carol Cunningham, Region I
Andrea Millen, Vice-Chairwoman	Williamson Evers, Region I
Gregory J. Clark, Secretary	Tonie Nathan, Region I
Francine Youngstein, Treasurer	John Aynesworth, Region III
James U. Blanchard, III, M-a-l	William J. Howell, Region III
Edward E. Clark, M-a-l	Dale Hemming, Region IV
John Hathaway, M-a-l	Martin D. Jahn, Region V
Richard Kenney, M-a-l	Brian Donerly, Region VI
David F. Nolan, M-a-l	Kathleen McAdam, Region VII
William V. Susel, M-a-l	Leland W. Schubert, Region VIII

Members absent:

Phillip R. Manger, M-a-l
B. Dionne Baldwin Casey, Region II
William B. Krebaum, Region V
David E. Long, Region VIII

1. Crane called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m., Saturday, January 31.
2. Crane announced that Williamson Evers had been chosen by the affiliate parties in Region I to replace Robert H. Meier who had moved to Washington, D.C. concurrent with the moving of the National Office. He also announced that Michael Thompson of Region III had moved to California and had resigned his seat on the Committee, that vacancy not having yet been filled.
3. The following order of business was adopted by general consent:
 1. Adoption of Minutes
 2. Discussion of Supreme Court Decision
 3. National Support for Congressional Candidates
 4. Campaign Report
 5. Typestyles and Logo
 6. North Carolina Affiliation
 7. Mail Ballots
 8. Position papers and party materials
 9. Judiciary Committee
 10. Treasurer's Report
 11. Dues
 12. Convention Reporting
 13. Ballot Drives
 14. "Honesty in the LP"
 15. Exec-Comm Rules

4. Reading of the minutes of the two previous Committee meetings was dispensed with by general consent.

G. Clark moved THAT THE MINUTES OF THE TWO PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETINGS BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. An addition to the minutes of August 27, 1975 was offered and accepted such THAT A MOTION WAS PASSED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PARTY TO WRITE CHECKS ON THE ACCOUNT OF THE PARTY UP TO THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00). A correction to the minutes of September 1, 1975 was offered and accepted to correct the spelling of the name of Christopher Grieb of Maryland (Item 4).

- Minutes adopted as corrected -

5. Crane introduced the topic of the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court concerning the suit against the U.S. Government aimed at striking down federal regulation of campaign contributions to candidates for federal office, which had been handed down the preceding day. Crane reported that the Court had sustained the statutory limits of direct contributions, the federal "matching funds" scheme, and the idea of the Federal Elections Commission if all the members were to be appointed by the President. It had struck down limitations on the personal spending of the candidates themselves, and allowed unlimited "indirect contributions", the meaning of which was unclear at the time.

Crane expressed his opinion that on the whole it had been a bad decision, and was clearly a setback for the LP.

6. Crane introduced the topic of the progress of the national campaign. He remarked that he had travelled with Roger MacBride, the LP's presidential nominee, to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the previous day, and reported that a successful news conference and visit to Louisiana State University had been held there. He then introduced MacBride to the Committee for the purpose of giving a personal report on the campaign.

MacBride related that the campaign had begun about six weeks after the National Convention, and that he had already made two campaign tours through the Midwest and one through the West. He estimated that the campaign had been exposed to twenty million person through the media of radio, television, and the newspapers.

Due to government imposed "equal time" provisions, he had found it difficult to be invited to appear on television programs in large metropolitan areas, but said that in the smaller cities where the fears were no so great that most of the other candidates would request "equal time" he had appeared on many programs. He said that he had found radio "talk shows" to be very effective, and stated that listener response was more positive than he had hoped, the most positive reactions being to his positions on

a non-interventionist foreign policy and legalization of both "soft" and "hard" drugs.

He stated that the current goal of the campaign was to familiarize person with libertarianism and to draw a general outline of the issues from a libertarian perspective. Campaigning on more specialized issues with more specific ideas on the means to implement libertarian ideas in government would begin in May.

MacBride outlined the history of the proposed campaign in the N. H. Democratic presidential primary, stating that the idea had finally been dropped when it became apparent that to campaign there would have forced a trade-off in regard to plans already made both personal and for the general campaign which did not appear favorable. He stated that he had no plans to enter any other primaries, including those of the Peace and Freedom Party or the American Independent Party in California.

He related that while campaigning in Utah he had made arrangements to visit Karl Bray. He reported that Karl was in good health and that his morale was high. He added that he considered Karl Bray to be a man of remarkable courage.

7. At the conclusion of MacBride's remarks, Jahn moved, and Blanchard seconded THAT THE MEETING RECESS FOR ONE HOUR AND FIFTEEN MINUTES.

- Meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m.
by general consent -

8. Crane called the meeting back to order at 1:30 p.m.

9. Schubert introduced the topic of disclosure of the sources of financial contribution to the LP. In general discussion it was explained that although the party was required by law to disclose the source of any contribution in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to a government agency, it was under no obligation to directly disclose this information to anyone else. At the conclusion of general discussion, E. Clark moved, and Millen seconded THAT THE SOURCE OF ANY CONTRIBUTION OR SERIES OF CONTRIBUTIONS OVER A PERIOD OF ONE CALENDAR YEAR IN EXCESS OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) BE REPORTED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

Nolan moved, and Aynesworth seconded an amendment to the motion changing the amount at issue to ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) OR MORE.

- Amendment defeated
by voice vote -

Kenney moved, and Nolan seconded an amendment such THAT SUCH REPORTS BE MADE ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

- Amendment defeated
by voice vote -

The main motion was then voted on.

- Motion defeated
by voice vote -

10. Nolan then introduced the subject of the style of type on LP literature, stating his belief that it was necessary for all of the party's literature to have a unified and professional look about it to have the greatest impact upon the reader. Noting that the MacBride campaign flyer used the "Kabel" type-style, Nolan moved, and E. Clark seconded THAT ALL NEW PARTY LITERATURE USE THE "KABEL" TYPESTYLE.

E. Clark, noting that the LP letterhead used the "Albertus" typestyle, moved, and Aynesworth seconded THAT THE STYLE BE EITHER "KABEL" OR "ALBERTUS".

After general discussion, the amendment was brought to a vote.

- Amendment passed
by voice vote -

The motion as amended was then brought to a vote.

- Motion as amended defeated
by voice vote -

11. Nolan then introduced the topic of the LP's logo. Referring to the motion passed by the Committee at the meeting in Chicago on May 24, 1975 adopting the "libersign" with the motto "Toward Liberty" as the official party logo (Item 10). Nolan moved, and E. Clark seconded THAT THE PREVIOUS RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE "LIBERSIGN" AND THE MOTTO "TOWARD LIBERTY" BE RECINDED.

- Previous resolution recinded
by general consent -

After general discussion concerning whether the LP should adopt any logo, and if so, which sort. Nolan argued in favor of the "libersign", stating that it had become a well recognized symbol of libertarianism. Nathan proposed a new logo of her design, incorporating an arrow pointing at a rising sun with the motto "A New Dawn for Freedom". At the end of discussion, E. Clark moved, and Schubert seconded THAT THE PARTY ADOPT THE "LIBER-SIGN" AS ITS LOGO.

- Motion defeated
by voice vote -

Nathan then moved, and Kenney seconded THAT THE PARTY ADOPT THE RISING SUN DESIGN OF TONIE NATHAN AS ITS LOGO.

- Motion defeated
by voice vote -

Nolan, commenting that the party should adopt some logo, moved, and Jahn seconded THAT THE PARTY ADOPT THE IMAGE OF THE PORCUPINE WITH THE MOTTO "DON'T TREAD ON ME" AS ITS LOGO.

- Motion defeated
by voice vote -

12. Crane then introduced the topic of the pending affiliation with the national party by the Libertatian Party of North Carolina. Donerly inquired if Crane had received the affiliation petition from the Libertarian Party of South Carolina. Crane replied that he had not. Donerly stated that he had been present at the organizational meeting of the South Carolina party and assured Crane that the petition was either in the mail or had been lost in which case it could be promptly replaced. Crane responded that he had no objection to the South Carolina party being tentatively affiliated pending receipt of the necessary documents. Donerly moved, and Millen seconded THAT THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NORTH CAROLINA BE ACCEPTED AS AN AFFILIATE OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY AND THAT THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF SOUTH CAROLINA BE TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED AS AN AFFILIATE OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY PENDING RECEIPT OF ITS AFFILIATION PETITION AND BY-LAWS.

By general consent, the Committee moved to the next topic on the agenda while the members inspected the documents from the North Carolina party.

13. Kenney initiated a discussion pertaining to the mail ballots authorizing the National Office to move from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., to transfer the salary of the Executive Director to the National Chairman, and to authorize up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) in salary to the National Chairman if contributions for that purpose are received. Kenney stated his belief that these decisions were major ones for the party, and that it was improper to make such through mail ballot. He said that he thought that the matters could have been discussed at the next Committee meeting where there could have been full discussion of the matters.

Crane responded that it could not have been possible to wait until the present time as a move in the middle of the beginning of the national campaign would have been extremely disruptive, the move had to have been made at that time or not until the end

of the campaign. He stated that the necessity of the move was not seen to him until a few days after the end of the National Convention, when it had become obvious that the complexity of the regulations of the Federal Elections Commission would require at the very least a branch office in Washington to deal with the situation rather than simple legal representation for which the LP had already arranged. It was also then seen that it would be very cumbersome to attempt to co-ordinate the national campaign with the MacBride campaign headquarters which would be located in Washington to avail itself of the available media exposure. Adding to this the fact that the financial assistance had been offered to make a move of the National Office feasible had convinced him that moving the Office was the proper thing to do. He added that since the move to Washington occurred, the enhanced media coverage that the party has received, not to mention other factors, has convinced him that his decision to initiate the move was proper.

Nolan stated that the real issue at hand was that of what sort of issues should be decided by mail.

Donerly moved, and Nathan seconded an amendment to By-Law III, Section 3, such THAT A MAIL BALLOT MAY BE INITATED AT THE REQUEST OF ANY TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

Cunningham moved, and Aynesworth seconded an amendment to the motion such THAT TWO BE REPLACED BY FIVE.

- Amendment to proposed By-Law amendment passes
by voice vote -

The proposed amendment to the By-Laws as amended was then voted on, a three-quarters (3/4) majority being required for adoption.

- Proposed amendment to the By-Laws as amended defeated
13 votes for, 6 votes opposed -

14. Crane then reported to the Committee that a new MacBride bumper sticker was available for distribution, exhibiting it to the Committee. He also reported that he had received a quote from a printing firm to have billboards printed if any of the affiliate party members were willing to rent the space to have them displayed. In general discussion it was stated that billboards were probably too expensive for most local organizations, that perhaps having large signs which could be displayed on roadsides or yards would be more cost-effective.
15. Crane then moved the discussion to the topic of the site of the 1976 National Convention. He stated his opinion that it should be held in a media center, and that of the four such cities in the country his own choice was Chicago. He stated that he had written to the Illinois party asking if they would be willing to host the Convention but had not received a reply. Noting the

presence of the chairman of the Libertarian Party of Illinois, Richard Suter, as an observer, Crane asked Suter if the Illinois party would want to host the convention. Suter replied that the members in Illinois would be kept busy most of the summer with their petition drive and that the additional responsibility of hosting the convention would be more work than he believed that they could perform.

Crane then inquired of E. Clark as to whether the party in Southern California would be able to do the job. E. Clark replied that if the suit by the California party against the State of California contesting the high signature requirement to obtain ballot status by a new party (600,000+) was successful, the California party would be in the middle of their own petition drive. He added, however, that the prospects for success in the suit were less than favorable.

Crane stated that it would be unfair to ask the New York party to host a convention in two successive years, a statement which brought agreement from Millen, Youngstein, and Schubert.

The floor was then opened to comments from the Committee, with members expressing support for the general idea that the convention should be held in a city that was a center for the electronic media so as to obtain the maximum amount of publicity for the L.P. and the MacBride/Bergland campaign. Various of the members expressed support for either Chicago, Los Angeles, or Washington, D.C., as the site for the convention. Crane suggested a poll of the Committee to obtain a reflection of overall support for each of the cities, each of the members to list his preference of the three cities in order, the first choice receiving three votes; the second choice, two; and the third, one. Such a poll was taken and the secretary compiled the votes. G. Clark announced that Washington had received 41 votes, Los Angeles received 32, and Chicago received 28. As no definite choice could be made at the meeting due to the fact that no organization had offered to host the convention, Crane stated that the National Office would check on the various facilities in each of the three cities and report to the members as soon as possible, using their preferences as a guide, and that the selection would have to be made by mail ballot.

General discussion ensued pertaining to the date of the convention. Mid-September was chosen by general consent to be the best time although it was acknowledged that circumstances might have to alter that choice.

16. Members of the Committee having finished inspecting the affiliation documents from North and South Carolina, the matter of their affiliation as stated (see Item 12) was brought to a vote.

- Motion passed
by voice vote-

17. Crane stated that it had been suggested to him that an introduction to the Party's platform could be written and inserted at the beginning of the booklet containing the platform. The sense of the Committee was that it would be better not to make any additions which might appear to be official to the platform.

On the subject of the platform, Kenney informed the Committee that the planks on Population and Secession had been not printed. These had been planks which were carried over from the platform of 1974 and had not appeared on the Platform Committee's report. He also pointed out that in the Taxation plank (page 7 of the platform) in section "a", that the language should be "moral, legal, and constitutional" rather than "or", as appears in the booklet. Crane, after consulting with G. Clark, responded that Kenney was correct and these were errors. Kenney moved, and Millen seconded THAT AN ERRATA SHEET CONTAINING THE ERRORS IN THE FIRST PRINTING OF THE PLATFORM BE PRINTED AND SENT WITH ALL COPIES OF THE PLATFORM. A vote was taken on the motion.

- Motion passed
by voice vote -

18. Millen inquired of the secretaty as to whether he had notified the elected members of the Judicial Committee as to the fact that they had been elected and had registered their acceptance to serve on the committee. G. Clark replied that he had not done so, and stated that he would promptly.
19. Youngstein at this time introduced the Treasurer's Report. (see attached). The report was accepted by general consent.
20. Nolan noted that the dues schedule as printed in the latest membership brochure had been increased from that last Committee vote on dues. He pointed out the the power to set dues belonged exclusively to the Committee under the By-Laws. Crane apoligized to the Committee, stating that he had not realized that it was the case that he had no power to change the dues. Cunningham moved, and Jahn seconded THAT THE DUES SCHEDULE OF THE PARTY BE CHANGED TO CORRESPOND TO THE MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE CURRENT AT THE TIME OF THIS MEETING (Student-\$6.00, Regular-\$8.00, Sustaining-\$12.00, Patron-\$50.00, Lifetime-\$200.00, Life Sustaining-\$1000.00). After general discussion, the motion was brought to a vote.

- Motion passed
10 in favor, 8 opposed -

21. Noting the lateness of the hour, Crane entertained a motion to adjourn until the next day. After discussion, time for re-convening was offered as 9:00 a.m. The motion was passed by general consent.

- Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm
until 9:00 a.m. the next day -

22. The meeting was brought to order by Vice-Chairwoman Millen at 9:20 a.m.

Chairman Crane joined the meeting and assumed the chair.

23. G. Clark introduced the topic of a written report of the previous convention, stating that the parliamentarian at the convention had suggested it. Millen added that she had also discussed this with the parliamentarian who had stated that the LP might come in to some future legal difficulties if there were no official report of the convention approved by an official body of the party. It was the sense of the Committee that the Secretary be instructed to prepare a synopsis of the convention which would include committee reports and the records of voting for offices, which the Committee could consider at the next meeting.
24. Crane introduced a discussion on the status of ballot drives in each of the affiliated parties. He commented as follows:

Note: This is updated since the ExeComm meeting

Alabama: Probable	Montana: Possible
Alaska: Probable	Nebraska: Possible
Arizona: Probable	Nevada: Probable
Arkansas: Unlikely	New Hampshire: Probable
California: Unlikely	New Jersey: Probable
Colorado: Probable	New Mexico: Probable
Connecticut: Probable	New York: Probable
Delaware: Probable	North Carolina: Possible
D.C.: Probable	North Dakota: Probable
Florida: Possible	Ohio: Probable
Georgia: Unlikely	Oklahoma: Probable
Hawaii: Probable	Oregon: Possible
Idaho: Probable	Pennsylvania: Possible
Illinois: Probable	Rhode Island: Probable
Indiana: Probable	South Carolina: Unlikely
Iowa: Probable	South Dakota: Possible
Kansas: Possible	Tennessee: Probable
Kentucky: Probable	Texas: Probable
Louisiana: Probable	Utah: Already on
Maine: Unlikely	Vermont: Probable
Maryland: Unlikely	Virginia: Probable
Massachusetts: Possible	Washington: Probable
Michigan: Probable	West Virginia: Unlikely
Minnesota: Probable	Wisconsin: Probable
Mississippi: Probable	Wyoming: Possible
Missouri: Unlikely	

25. Crane noted that the next item on the agenda was "Honesty in the LP" as the topic was requested by Kenney. E. Clark moved, and Millen seconded the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: THAT it is the policy of the Libertarian Party to avoid any misstatements of fact in all publications, press releases, and other statements which it may make.

There was no discussion and the proposed resolution was brought to a vote.

- Motion passed unanimously
by voice vote -

26. Kenney introduced the topic of "Execom Rules". He stated that he was concerned that a number of policy statements and resolutions had been passed by previous Committees, and that all members of the Committee were not aware of them. Kenney moved, and Donerly seconded THAT THE SECRETARY BE DIRECTED TO COMPILE A LIST OF POLICY STATEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE TO DATE.

- Motion passed
by voice vote

Kenney also moved, and Nathan seconded THAT THE SECRETARY BE DIRECTED TO ISSUE COPIES OF THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND STATE CHAIRPERSONS WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER SUCH MEETINGS.

- Motion passed
by voice vote -

27. Crane initiated a discussion concerning National LP support for candidates for the U.S. House and Senate in the 1976 elections. After general discussion of the topic, Crane entertained the following motion. THAT THE NATIONAL LIBERTARIAN PARTY FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE CANDIDACIES OF PERSONS FOR THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND U.S. SENATE WHO MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:
- 1.) THAT THEY ARE RUNNING AS CANDIDATES OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY UNLESS THE LAWS IN THEIR STATE MAKE IT NECESSARY THAT THEY RUN AS INDEPENDENTS,
 - 2.) THAT THEY ARE CERTIFIED AS LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE AFFILIATED LIBERTARIAN PARTY IN THEIR STATE, AND
 - 3.) THAT THEY REFRAIN FROM SUPPORTING ANY PRESIDENTIAL TICKET OTHER THAN THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY CANDIDATES.

- Motion passed
by voice vote -

28. Crane introduced the topic of the time and place of the next Committee meeting. Nolan stated that he believed that most of the members could not afford to attend a meeting sometime before the next Convention and the Convention itself. Nolan moved, and G. Clark seconded THAT THE NEXT MEETING BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION.

- Motion passed
by voice vote -

E. Clark suggested that in lieu of having a meeting in the spring that Crane organize a number of regional conference calls in June to keep lines of communication open. Crane responded favorably to the suggestion.

29. E. Clark noted that there had been some criticism of the performance of the Chairman, and that he believed that these criticisms were unwarranted. E. Clark moved, and Millen seconded THAT THE COMMITTEE CONGRATULATES EDWARD H. CRANE, III, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY ON A CONTINUED EXCELLENT JOB IN OFFICE.

- Motion passed unanimously
by voice vote -

30. There being no further business to bring before the Committee, Crane entertained a motion to adjourn.

- Meeting adjourned
at 1:25 p.m. -

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. Clark,
National Secretary

February 22, 1976