

NATIONAL LIBERTARIAN PARTY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1974 - 10:45 A.M.

CHAIRMAN: Edward H. CRANE III

Ramada Inn, Irving, Texas

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(\*Arrived late)

\*Andrea MILLEN, Vice-Chairperson  
William WESTMILLER, Secretary  
\*John KRAFT, Treasurer  
Karl J. BRAY, M-a-L  
\*Edward E. CLARK, M-a-L  
Robert H. MEIER, M-a-L  
David F. NOLAN, M-a-L  
D. Frank ROBINSON, M-a-L  
Eric Scott ROYCE, M-a-L  
\*Francine YOUNGSTEIN, M-a-L

Patricia A. ARTZ, Region 1  
\*Lynn KINSKY, Region 1  
William V. SUSEL, Region 1  
Eric A. WESTLING, Region 2  
Porter DAVIS, Region 3  
William J. HOWELL, Region 3  
Winston L. DUKE, Region 4  
Martin D. JAHN, Region 5  
Brian DONERLY, Region 6  
Phillip R. MANGER, Region 7  
Jane T. REHMKE, Region 7  
David E. LONG, Region 8

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Susan L. Nolan, Previous Chairman  
Leland Schubert, Region 8

1. CRANE brought meeting to order, asked that absent members be notified by phone.  
Agenda of 12 items ADOPTED.
2. NOLAN offered Treasurer's Report, showing receipts of \$12,144.03, expenditures of \$12,026.48, cash-on-hand of \$2,566.54 and net worth of \$3,709.29. Report ACCEPTED.
3. MEIER reported \$7,000.00 in donations for permanent party office.  
CRANE estimated annual office budget of \$25,000.00, depending on amount of volunteer work.  
- General discussion of press & news activities from national office.  
WESTMILLER reported on past Press Secretary activities.  
YOUNGSTEIN noted N.Y.F.L.P. media contact problems.  
CRANE requested authority to accept office donations and set spending.  
ROBINSON moved "THAT THE CHAIRMAN BE AUTHORIZED TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT TO RAISE AND EXPEND FUNDS SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS."  
-Motion ADOPTED-
4. WESTMILLER read minutes of November 24, 1973 Executive Committee Meeting.  
ROYCE requested correction of item 52 to indicate office and newsletter proposals were separate items for discussion.  
-Report, as amended, ACCEPTED-
5. DUKE moved "THAT THE SECRETARY BE DIRECTED TO SEND REPORTS OF MINUTES AND MAIL BALLOTS TO BOTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STATE CHAIRMEN."  
-Motion ADOPTED-
6. - General discussion of national party office resumed.  
DUKE moved "THAT SAN FRANCISCO BE STIPULATED AS THE LOCATION FOR THE NATIONAL OFFICE, SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN."  
-Motion ADOPTED-
7. Chairman recognized Gary GREENBURG, New York, for report on '76 election prospects.  
GREENBURG reported on preliminary studies, indicating that difficult legal questions prevented a solid state-by-state analysis. On basis of report prepared for American Independent Party by William Sheerer, and condition of Libertarian Party organizations, GREENBURG indicated a "high probability" of gaining ballot status in 6 states, a "likelihood" in 6 others, a "possibility" in 4 others and 6 states "worth pursuing".

GREENBURG found that New York, California, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin L.P.s could get on their ballot of the '76 election. He recommended purchasing reports from Sheerer, at \$30.00 each, on Alabama, Arizona, Hawaii, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

- General discussion of financial arrangements, with GREENBURG reporting no expenditure of the \$200.00 allocated for his research and a total of \$304.00 turned over to National after the Youngstein Campaign.

MANGER suggested some form of State Party participation in the financing.

NOLAN proposed a subsidy to individual states for purchase of reports on their own laws.

GREENBURG recommended that National purchase reports on 23 states, at a total cost of \$690.00, using the \$504.00 from the noted funds and an additional appropriation for the project.

CRANE suggested that states would know best if it would be credible to get a report.

ROYCE moved, then accepted a friendly amendment from DUKE, "THAT THE CHAIRMAN SEND A LETTER TO THE STATE CHAIRMEN, ENCLOSING A COPY OF THE GREENBURG REPORT, AND ASKING IF THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE REPORTS...AND, THAT THE \$200.00 RESEARCH FEE AND \$304.00 CONTRIBUTION BE RETURNED TO GENERAL FUNDS."

CRANE indicated that letters and a copy of the report could be sent out to State Chairmen within a few weeks.

-Motion ADOPTED-

8. -General discussion regarding agenda, consideration of next meeting place.

CRANE offered motion "THAT NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING BE SET FOR THE EAST COAST IN NOVEMBER."

On division of the question, and amendment, "THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEET IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M."

-Motion ADOPTED-

9. NOLAN moved "THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXISTING JUDICIAL COMMITTEE, UNTIL ANY MEMBERS INDICATE THEY WISH TO RESIGN."

-Motion ADOPTED-

10. CLARK moved to "APPOINT CHARLES BREEDEN TO THE '75 CONVENTION PLATFORM COMMITTEE."

-Motion FAILED-

NOLAN noted that Platform Committee members need not be appointed until three months prior to the Regular Convention.

11. DUKE moved, then accepted a friendly amendment from CRANE, "TO RE-OPEN CONSIDERATION OF THE 1975 CONVENTION SITE, REQUIRE NEW SUBMISSIONS BEFORE AUGUST 31st, AND CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS AT THE NOVEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING."

CRANE suggested that States would be allowed to submit more than one site.

-Motion ADOPTED-

12. CRANE moved "THAT AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BE HIRED AT A SALARY OF FROM 10 TO 20-THOUSAND-DOLLARS A YEAR, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING THE REMAINING 18 STATES WITHOUT PARTIES, ORGANIZING FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES, PREPARING MEDIA RELEASES AND SUPERVISING HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONS."

- General discussion led to CRANE stipulation that the position would be self-supporting financially, with funds separate from the National Treasury.

CRANE further indicated that he would make a selection before November.

-Motion ADOPTED-

13. MEIER discussed formation of a fund-raising committee which would employ letter appeals with "piggy-back" financial arrangements; recommended use of "Blanchard" (Gold Newsletter) list of 8000.

- General discussion regarding use of other lists, costs of purchase and local state co-ordination in project.

CRANE requested sense-of-committee on creation of a fund-raising committee for the 76 election.

-General CONSENT-

- General discussion over conflicts with states regarding personell for national fund-raising, method of selection and apportionment of funds.

MEIER indicated he would request an appointment from the State Chairmen first, and only proceed independently of there were no response.

MEIER offered to prepare a report, with recommendations, for November Execom meeting.

WESTLING excused for other business.

14. CRANE recognized Marshall Bruce EVOY, Toronto, Canada.  
EVOY reported that Canadian L.P. would field 28 candidates for July federal election campaign; noted "triple campaign" system for concentration on a few races; offered any assistance possible to U.S.L.P.; invited members to drop in for a visit; and offered writing address and telephones:

4866 Yonge Street  
Willowdale, Ontario  
Canada

Office: (416) 223-1900  
Ans Serv: (416) 961-1984  
Evoy: (416) 964-0142

15. CRANE suggested committee to work full time on sophisticated issue research for '76 campaign, recognized GREENBURG for discussion.  
GREENBURG advised against comparing L.P. with minority parties and avoiding the image of a minor party in all public matters; suggested '76 goal of maximum possible publicity, by entering New Hampshire Primary with a Republican Slate and electing state slates to allow the nomination of L.P. candidates at the '76 Republican Nominating Convention; stressed a push in chosen "block areas" to produce up to 10% L.P. vote in a few states, rather than the same number spread out over many states.

CRANE indicated report was only for thought.

ROBINSON requested that "LINC '76" proposal be considered next.

CRANE accepted motion for 5 minute recess.

-Motion ADOPTED-

16. CRANE brought meeting to order at 12:20.  
ROBINSON offered proposal for stress on Congressional races in '76 campaign, in an effort to sustain local interest and support the Presidential campaign; recommended that Executive Committee  
1.) establish "LINC '76" Congressional Co-ordinating Committee; 2.) appoint Committee Chairman and  
3.) allocate funds for initial research activity.

- General discussion about "initial research" and possible appropriation.

ROBINSON indicated that initial action would involve fund-raising letters; that results of the '74 Congressional races would be studied to pinpoint 25 "target districts" for L.P. candidates; indicated that committee operation would be separate from actual Presidential campaign; indicated he had no specific financial sum in mind for initial research.

CRANE indicated that "LINC '76" committee would assist in style, attack and issue development with area conferences for congressional candidates.

- General discussion regarding conferences for all local races.

ROBINSON said it would complicate and overload the committee effort.

CRANE suggested a separation of co-ordination and conference efforts.

NOLAN outlined three separate functions for committee: 1.) co-ordinating Congressional races, 2.) holding campaign conferences and 3.) assisting with the Presidential campaign.

ROBINSON indicated that conferences would come before the summer of '76; requested funds for initial preparations following '74 races.

CRANE proposed a \$100.00 appropriation.

- General discussion of possible costs and initial activity of committee.

JAHN suggested appropriation delay until November meeting.

ROBINSON withdrew immediate request for funds, asked Chairman for allocation of time on November '74 meeting agenda.

CRANE indicated approval.

17. NOLAN moved "THAT THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY ESTABLISH A FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCUMULATING MONEY FOR THE 1976 PRESIDENTIAL RACE ONLY."

SUSEL objected to party control of Presidential campaign funds, urged individual autonomy for candidates in financial conduct of campaign.

CRANE asserted Constitutional directive that Party run national Presidential campaign.

ROBINSON objected to interpretation.

NOLAN urged creation of fund as soon as possible.

-Motion ADOPTED-

CRANE appointed David Nolan Chairman of Fund Committee; accepted motion for half-hour recess.

-Motion ADOPTED-

18. CRANE brought meeting to order at 2:45 P.M..

BRAY reported discovery of "largest undeveloped gold mine in the world", valued at 150 billion dollars; indicated he held 20% equity in 16 of 300 claims (value: \$30 million); reported sales and development to be an urgent matter in light of zoning requirements; stated that 10% of the sale value of his shares would be donated to the Party; urged Execom members to assist with sales, which would include a 5% sale value "finder's fee".

- General discussion of donation conditions, legal arrangements.

BRAY offered to send project prospectus to Execom members; suggested legal counsel should be asked to determine procedure for donating funds to Party.

NOLAN identified Guy Riggs, New York, as legal counsel.

19. CRANE proposed formation of a Publications Committee to develop position papers, promotional brochures and a "yearbook" along the lines of the Youngstein Campaign Review; suggested initial funding of 2 to 300 dollars.

MEIER explained outline for make-up of in-depth position papers to assist local candidates on issues; indicated that the individual position papers would later be edited into booklet form for sales, publicity and campaign materials.

- General discussion regarding importance of short issue papers as being in urgent need.

MILLEN discussed formation and activities of "Ad-Lib Productions", incorporated in the state of New York by libertarians during the Youngstein campaign; expressed desire to maintain expertise by doing work for other campaigns.

NOLAN moved "that Communications Committee deal with Ad-Lib group in preparing material, in addition to printed material activities."

CRANE requested information on "yearbook" costs, recognized John DOSWELL, New York.

DOSWELL reported \$1,200.00 cost of printing 2,500 copies in Youngstein "yearbook"; suggested 5,000 copies could be printed at less than \$1.00/issue cost.

CRANE invited proposal for committee's consideration.

(ROBINSON and NOLAN discussed availability of '72 and '74 Convention recordings.)

ROYCE and CRANE discussed competitive bidding on "yearbook" printing.

(ROBINSON and NOLAN discussed cost of Convention recordings.)

- General Discussion concerning motion on floor.

NOLAN moved "THAT A PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE BE FORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING SHORT AND IN-DEPTH POSITION PAPERS, PREPARING GENERAL AND INTEREST-ORIENTED PROMOTIONAL BROCHURES, CONSIDERING 'YEARBOOK' PRODUCTION AND CO-OPERATING WITH Ad-Lib Productions IN DEVELOPING MATERIAL!"

-Motion ADOPTED-

20. CRANE appointed following members to Publications Committee: Robert Meier, Andrea Millen, Lynn Kinsky, Phil Manger and Pat Artz.

-General APPROVAL-

21. NOLAN recommended that Publications Committee proceed with brochures as first order of business.

-General APPROVAL-

22. WESTMILLER requested direction on compiling meeting minutes.  
CRANE suggested granting editorial discretion to Secretary.

-General APPROVAL-

23. - General discussion over costs & distribution of new Platform.

ROYCE moved "THAT COPIES OF THE CONSTITUTION AND PLATFORM BE SENT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ALL STATE CHAIRMEN."

-Motion ADOPTED-

24. ROYCE requested consideration of Washington, D.C. office proposal.  
CRANE invited submission of prospectus for November Execom meeting.  
ROYCE withdrew request, agreed to submit proposal.

25. ROYCE reported good public relations results from "The Royce Report" and about break-even financing.  
 - General discussion regarding continuation, title.  
 CRANE suggested that Executive Committee invite Scott Royce to continue publication of report under the same name.  
 -General APPROVAL-
26. KINSKY moved "THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXPRESS ITS THANKS TO SUSAN NOLAN FOR HER OUTSTANDING JOB AS 1972-73 PARTY CHAIRMAN, AND THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S GAVEL BE PRESENTED TO HER AS A MOMENTO!"  
 -Motion ADOPTED Unanimously-
27. CRANE moved "THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXPRESS ITS APPRECIATION TO GUY STOREY BROWN AND THE TEXAS PARTY FOR ITS FINE CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS."  
 -Motion ADOPTED Unanimously-
28. MANGER recommended that State Chairmen receive the same material as that sent to Executive Committee members.  
 CRANE urged Execom members to communicate regularly with State Chairmen.  
 ROYCE recommended that Executive Committee members also receive material that is sent to the State Chairmen.  
 -General APPROVAL-  
 DUKE objected to the "lax, laissez-faire attitude" of Regional Execom members in State Organization and their poor attendance at past Execom meetings; commended E. Scott Royce for his fine efforts in Regional organization.
29. NOLAN reported that a reader poll indicated wide satisfaction with the format of L P NEWS; expressed disappointment at lack of editorial assistance; suggested possibly more State Party news, more pictures and addition of letters section; reported cost of monthly newsletter "brutal" due to postage costs; recommended elimination of book reviews and all advertisements; recommended Dale Haviland (A is A editor) as possibly interested in assisting production; estimated yearly cost of newsletter at about \$4.00 per member; noted that NEWS goes to 100 media personell in addition to members and subscribers.  
 - General discussion of possible State co-op in distribution.
30. CLARK moved "THAT THE PARTY CHAIRMAN BE AUTHORIZED TO SPEND UP TO 500 DOLLARS, WITHOUT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVAL, ON ANY PROJECT."  
 CRANE indicated he would use discretion in expending the funds.  
 ROYCE moved "TO SUBSTITUE 100 DOLLARS PER PROJECT, NOT TO EXCEED 1,000 DOLLARS OVER ANY SIX-MONTH PERIOD."  
 NOLAN explained difficulty of paying normal bills.  
 ROYCE altered motion to allow "500 DOLLARS PER PROJECT".  
 JAHN said Convention had already expressed confidence in the Chairman.  
 - General discussion on trust and intent of motion.  
 ROYCE called question on the amendment.  
 -Amendment FAILED (6-9)-  
 -Motion ADOPTED-  
 CLARK requested regular notification of members on any expenditures by Chairman.  
 -General APPROVAL-
31. Motion to Adjourn offered...  
 NOLAN requested vote on L P NEWS matters.  
 Motion to Adjourn withdrawn.  
 NOLAN moved "THAT THE NEWSLETTER CONTINUE WITH BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION, THAT ALL ADVERTISING FLYERS BE EXCLUDED AND THAT FREE MEDIA CIRCULATION BE CONTINUED."  
 CRANE requested title change to "Libertarian Party News".  
 NOLAN declined to continue as Editor.  
 -Motion ADOPTED-
- Motion to ADJOURN.  
 -Motion ADOPTED-

Executive Committee Meeting Adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

*William J. G. Westfall*  
 Secretary