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JUNE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

The second meeting of the 1981/1982 Arizona Libertarian Party Executive Committee was held in Tucson on Sunday, June 7, 1981, at Carrow's Restaurant on North Wilcox. Goals for the year were discussed in great detail and a few were actually chosen. The following appointments were made:

Arizona Liberty Editor	Angus Scott-Fleming
Chairman, County Organization	Marcia Allen-Mabry
Chairman, Special Candidates	Allan Norwitz
Chairman, Ballot Status	John Kannarr
Press Secretary	John Harrer

The Executive Committee decided to meet at least every other month for the remainder of 1981. The next meeting will be held in Phoenix on Sunday, August 7, 1981. Call your county chairman for information on the exact location and time.

1981 STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTED

Our 1981-1982 executive committee consists of 22 members. Selected at the state convention in May or added at the June executive committee meeting were the following:

Chairman	Buck Crouch	Tucson	294-6611
Vice chairman	Joan Vanderslice	Phoenix	959-1557
Secretary	Craig Thompson	Mesa	969-4379
Treasurer	Kathy Harrer	Phoenix	867-2732

Members-at-Large:

District 1	Rick Nichol	273-7950
	Kim Horner	954-8158
	Tyler Olson	275-9478
District 2	Marcia Allen-Mabry	622-4179
	Kathy Franzi	297-1967
	David Kurz	326-9751
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	Julie Cosper	841-8308
	Richard Startzman	525-1244
District 4	Allan Norwitz	949-6040
	John Harrer	867-2732
	Kathy Couregges	863-1684

County Chairmen:

Maricopa	John Kannarr	241-0320
Pima	Herb Johnson	729-9654
Pinal	Bob Dugger	982-6810
Yavapai	Mark Murphy	445-1130
Yuma	Lois Sinclair	344-3083
Coconino	VACANT	
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PLANK OF THE MONTH

This month marks the start of a new series in Arizona Liberty: Plank of the Month. This issue and every forthcoming issue will have one plank from the 1981 Platform of the ALP for your critical review and evaluation. If you like the plank, you'll have more ammunition for your discussions with friends; if you have some better ideas, write them down and save them for next year's platform writing at the 1982 convention. This is what the Platform Committee came up with this year, and I'll try to select planks which have timely topics. This month, in honor of Morris Udall's trials and tribulations with Orme Dam and the CAP, the selected plank is:

Water Rights and the C.A.P.

We believe that the Central Arizona Project is an example of politicians mortgaging future generations for the sake of special interest groups. Massive public works programs provide a showcase of the power and influence of government officials, and they result in arbitrary and partisan allocation of resources. These arbitrary allocations do not reflect the best interests of the people of Arizona.

An editorial comment may be in order here. I do not feel this particular plank expresses a strong libertarian position clearly enough to make the point. I would have liked something more along the lines of: The C.A.P. represents another arbitrary intrusion by the government into the marketplace. Water rights in Arizona should belong to the land, with the act of lowering the water table under your neighbor's property being considered the same as taking his firewood or mining from his land without his permission. The sale of water should not be restricted to a few privileged monopolies (the water utilities) but should be a market process; only in this way can Arizona's water problems be solved in the most equitable, most efficient way.





COUNTY REPORTS

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF PIMA COUNTY

The Libertarian Party of Pima County has endorsed the current initiative to have judges elected once again. (Current law, passed in 1974, presumes that once a county reaches a certain population, the electorate becomes too dumb to elect its judges; Pima and Maricopa Counties thus have too many people to have intelligent voters.) Both Buck Crouch and Herb Johnson are on the steering committee of the Committee for the Election of Judges. The Tucson headquarters, at 6 N. Tucson Boulevard, had an open house on Saturday, June 27 at noon. Planning continues for a Maricopa branch of the Committee.

The ballot-status petition drive continues, with over 2100 signatures collected so far in Pima County. Tentative locations for collecting signatures are Park Mall, swap meets, and, in the fall, at the University.

Planning goes on for a more effective Speaker's Bureau. Mark Bolden is planning a speaker's workshop with Janis Blainer, to be started in August. With more qualified speakers available, we will be able to take advantage of more opportunities to spread the Libertarian word.

Monthly meetings are held the first Friday of every month at 7:30 PM at Carrow's Restaurant on North Wilmot. The July meeting will be held one week late, on July 10, to permit celebration of July 4th, the day Thomas Jefferson started us off on the libertarian track.

We have some good contacts in Cochise County, including some as a result of our efforts at a gun show in May. We hope to build on these results and establish an organized Libertarian Party in Cochise County soon.

MARICOPA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COMMITTEE

The Maricopa County Libertarian Committee meets the second Sunday of each month at the Fountain Buffet, 208 W. Indian School Road, Phoenix, at twelve noon. There is a guest speaker, followed by a brief business meeting. Lou Witzman, president of the Rural Metro Fire Department, will speak in July, while Ken O'Dell, Phoenix City Councilman, will speak in August.

The committee's priorities at the moment are ballot-status petition drives, voter registration drives, and the speaker's and education committees, which are closely related. The Maricopa Activist soon will mail its first monthly issue; this will be a subscription-only newsletter in order to reduce costs. The Committee has also sponsored a fund-raising pot-luck dinner at Joan Vanderslice's in Phoenix to kick off the fund-raising drive. We got off to a slow start in Maricopa but we're on the road, so watch out!!

YAVAPAI COUNTY LP

Mark Murphy, County Chairman writes:

As chairman of the Yavapai County LP I had the privilege of serving on the Mayor's Ad Hoc Tax Committee for August 1980 to early 1981. The panel consisted of professional, business, and "general public" representatives and reviewed the financing of city operations.

The committee found numerous questionable spending practices. We found that the city was top-heavy with administrators. I chaired the sub-committee on fire and police protection, which found that the bulk of police work is non-law-enforcement activities. We found that the public was asking the police and fire departments to provide costly services which are not essential to law enforcement or fire safety, and we recommended user-fees be charged for these services.

The committee found that most departments were cooperative, providing the right questions were asked. In some cases we were stone-walled. The consensus of the committee was for cutting expenses and unnecessary services. Our final report recommended sweeping changes which would have put the city in the black. The final report was buried by the city council which had approved the selection of the committee.

Despite this, as a Libertarian I had an impact on my local governing body. Even though the first attempt was buried by the city council, I was able to get many leading citizens on the committee to see libertarian solutions to local problems. It will only be a matter of time before libertarian ideas prevail. City councils, county supervisory boards, and other local bodies provide many opportunities for libertarians to make their voices heard at the local level. Libertarians should attend these meetings, as I did, and learn of problems in their area.

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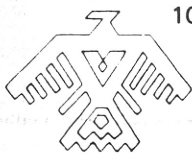
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The state executive committee has targetted a number of priority elective offices for the general elections in 1982. These are important to the ALP for one reason or another, and should be considered vital to our success as a political party. The targetted offices for 1982 are: Governor; 4 or 5 U.S. Congressmen; state constitutional offices (mine inspector, corporation commissioner, etc.); and any local offices or state legislature offices where we have a good chance of winning.

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1. You do not need a special permit to carry a gun in Colorado. In most municipalities you must carry your weapon openly; it is a misdemeanor under Colorado law to carry a concealed weapon.

Denver gun laws are much more restrictive. If you are carrying any weapon in Denver, you must be able to prove you are between your place of residence and a shooting range.

2. If you are flying, Federal law says you **MUST**

A. Declare the weapon.

B. Show the Federal marshal at the airport the weapon is unloaded.

C. Place the weapon in checked luggage.

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