

NATIONAL LIBERTARIAN PARTY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1973, 9:30 A.M.

CHAIRPERSON - Susan Nolan

MEMBERS PRESENT - Bob Meier, Region 4
Ed Clark, Vice Chairperson
Pipp Boyls, Treasurer
David Nolan, Executive Member at Large
Georgiann Trammell, Secretary
Winston Duke, Executive Member at Large
Bill Westmiller, Executive Member at Large
Edward R. Carlson, Region 3
Eric Scott Royce, Region 7
Eric A. Westling, Region 2

MEMBERS ABSENT - Kay Harroff, Region 5
D. Frank Robinson, Executive Member at Large
Sanford Cohen, Region 8
Steven Carr, Region 8
John H. Taylor, Region 1
Elizabeth Jacobsen, Region 1
Vacancy, Region 6

1. The meeting was called to order about 9:30 p.m.
2. No. 38 on the June minutes was corrected. Ed Crane had been assigned to the fund raising committee rather than Ed Clark.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted.
4. In response to Ed Clark's request, the Chair and Treasurer will send out written financial statements at the end of 1973.
5. FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT. Not much to report except that Bob Meier had assembled a reference library on fundraising. Sue remarked that she would like to see the Constitution and By-laws Committee at the next national convention make whatever changes are necessary to set up a good fund raising system.
6. MOTION PASSED to direct Meier to prepare a general examination on political fund raising, the mechanisms, sources of information, assessment of various techniques, possible potential support for the party, and prepare this in a form that will be useable by the Execom and state chairpeople on some sort of an informational basis for a more sophisticated fund raising, looking toward coming elections; and that it be mailed one month prior to convention in June 1974.
7. MOTION BY ED CLARK WITHDRAWN to raise \$60,000 by direct person-to-person contact, first obtaining "seed money" of \$3,000 through appeal in national newsletter, with grant from national party of \$500 for the seed money approach. The \$3,000 seed money to be used to approach groups interested in 1) laissez faire medical care, 2) freedom of land use, 3) freedom of speech, 4) right to bear arms; and for a 5) survey to determine source of libertarian strength; and groups interested in 6) abolition of victimless crimes.
8. After much discussion, Clark withdrew his motion. Points

made were that 1974 was the year to raise money for candidates rather than for specific issues because there would be 50 to 75 libertarian candidates around the country. A standing study committee was suggested to explore in depth and work out a detailed program for fund raising approach to be implemented in 1975. That committee should make its report to the next Execom which will be elected in June 1974. The setup period should be the last half of '74. A year from now we should have the goals outlined and be ready to move in 1975, as 1975 will be an off-year election year. Assign now the responsibility for doing the necessary spadework to make the concrete proposals in June. To do issue fund raising in 1974 would conflict with fund raising for 1974 candidates.

9. MOTION BY ED CLARK WITHDRAWN that the national party attempt to raise between now and the convention the sum of \$3,000 to be used as the financial basis for further fundraising efforts in connection with the 1974 campaign.

10. MOTION BY CLARK FAILED that the national party adopt as a principle that it will contribute to local campaigns where it is in the best interest of the national libertarian political movement to do so, to be approved on a case by case basis, to be determined by the Execom. Points made that voluminous reports have to be made on candidates that the LP has supported financially; this motion is against our decentralization policy.

11. MOTION BY NOLAN WITHDRAWN that the Execom go on record stating we will not get into local races, and this motion will be binding until repealed by a later Execom. Point made that we cannot bind next Execom's actions at next meeting. Sue remarked that it could be put into by-laws so that this question is not brought up every meeting and Execom members could individually let their feelings be known to the constitution, by-laws and rules committee. Chair ruled that since 3/4 of entire Execom would be required to amend by-laws (page 7, Article XIII, section 2, constitution, by-laws & rules) this question can wait until 1974 national convention.

12. ERIC WESTLING brought up the national LP getting into promotion of political cartoons. Tabled to later in meeting under special projects.

13. MOTION MADE BY WESTMILLER to have regular campaign newsletter to state chairpeople and to candidates, tabled to special projects.

14. MOTION MADE BY CLARK TABLED to attempt to raise during 1974 funds for specific political issues that can be promoted in connection with the Libertarian Party and not in connection with any campaign.

15. Winston Duke wanted everyone attending the meeting as observers recorded in the minutes along with their title or purpose for being there. Clark spoke against this saying that at a minimum those attending should be asked if they wished to have their presence recorded in the minutes. Observers who wished to be noted were

Bob Steiner, Chairperson, New Jersey LP and candidate for Congress 1974; Sarah Helber, Chairperson Texas LP; David Helber, Vice Chairperson/Secretary, Dallas County LP; Bob White, Treasurer, New Mexico LP; Taya Boyls, Colorado member; Jean Westling, Colorado and national member.

16. AFFILIATION OF STATE PARTIES:

17. FLORIDA constitution and by-laws were not submitted with application for affiliation. MOTION BY BOYLS passed that they be accepted conditionally and their affiliation effective subject to receipt of constitution and by-laws.

18. MOTIONS PASSED to accept Kentucky, Maryland, New Hampshire, Virginia, and Washigton.

19. GEORGIA had request^{ed} that they be conditionally de-affiliated because Pasquale Giordana is leaving Georgia around January 1, 1974. If no new Georgia chairperson had come forth by then, he was going to send to National LP the Georgia treasury and ask that Georgia's affiliation be taken away.

20. WINSTON DUKE'S MOTION that we accept this resolution adopted by the people attending this committee: accept no affiliate in the state of Georgia given the statements of Mr. Giordana of that state and the Execom would look favorably upon petition for affiliation from the State of Georgia in 1974 (not voted upon because it was not seconded)

21. MOTION BY CLARK PASSED that we accept statement of dissolution of the Georgia party as of December 31 unless we have heard to the contrary from Pasquale Giordana between now and December 31, 1973.

22. It was the sense of the body that we assume a new petition will be required for a new Georgia party.

23. MOTION BY CLARK PASSED that if National LP receives any monies with no conditions attached from the Georgia party upon its dissolution, that we hold it for any succeeding Georgia party that may be formed and if they donate any money with conditions, the national party follow those conditions.

24. Break for lunch at approximately 12 noon.

25. Meeting resumed at 1:15 p.m.

26. David Nolan reported that Fran Youngstein got about 9,000 votes in the New York City mayoralty race.

27. PRECONVENTION SCHEDULING

28. Susan Nolan outlined procedures for delegate selection.

29. MOTION BY CLARK PASSED that Winston Duke and Georgiann Trammell be appointed a committee of two to serve as an ad hoc investigating credentials committee prior to convention to review submissions by affiliated state parties as to their memberships and to

conduct such inquiries as they deem proper on the basis of the submittals by state parties.

30. Susan and David Nolan will determine the delegate apportionment by the end of January.

31. MOTION BY DAVID NOLAN PASSED instructing the provisional investigating committee to report to full credentials committee as soon as possible concerning any discrepancies they may perceive in the membership figures reported by the various states and that if such discrepancies are reported, the full credentials committee shall rule upon revised delegation apportionment if necessary. Under no circumstances shall any state's delegation be increased in size as a result of these adjustments.

32. There was a discussion of the fact that a delegate must be present on the floor of the convention for that delegate's vote to count, e.g., if a state has 21 delegates, i.e., votes, if 7 are off the floor at the time of a vote, that state gets only 14 votes.

33. Winston Duke wanted to have recorded in the minutes that: as long as everyone here agrees that the warm body must be there, both the alternates and the delegates by name must be warm and present. (Page 11, Section I, Constitution, By-laws & Rules)

34. MOTION BY CLARK PASSED appointing Guy Storey Brown convention chairperson.

35. MOTION PASSED making Ed Clark platform committee chairperson.

36. MOTION PASSED Pipp Boyls, Robert Steiner, Andrea Millen to be on the platform committee.

37. MOTION BY CLARK PASSED that the Constitution, By-laws and Rules committee chairperson is Bill Westmiller. David Nolan, Frank Robinson, Bill Howell, Gary Greenberg, Ed Carlson, Ralph Fucitollo, Jeremy Millett, Joe Cobb and Ed Crane were elected to the committee, tentative on their acceptance. Chairperson Bill Westmiller to contact them and get their acceptance.

38. Georgiann Trammell was appointed the temporary chairperson of the ad hoc investigating credentials committee.

39. The Chair appointed Bill Westmiller to write to the Judicial Committee to find out if they are going to be at the '74 convention. The Judicial Committee is comprised of John Hospers, Tonia Nathan, Maurice McDonald, Mike Holmes.

40. MOTION BY DAVID NOLAN PASSED making Georgiann Trammell and Winston Duke co-Chairpeople of the credentials committee. (This is a different committee from the ad-hoc investigating committee. The ad hoc committee acts before the convention and the credentials committee referred to in this motion is the one to preside at the convention itself.)

41. MOTION BY DAVID NOLAN PASSED to appoint three other people to the credentials committee.
42. MOTION PASSED that Fran Youngstein, Tonie Nathan, and Susan Brown be on the credentials committee.
43. PRELIMINARY BIDS FOR 1975 NATIONAL CONVENTION. After several reminders to all states, only one bid was submitted.
44. MOTION BY DAVID NOLAN PASSED that we commend Kentucky, but go on record as stating we feel the 1975 convention should go to Kentucky unless some other state can come forward with a very compelling reason for us to consider them.
45. ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL BUDGET FOR FIRST HALF OF 1974. David Nolan started to report on last half of 1973 advertising and promotion results.
46. Winston Duke interjected that as he had to leave early, he wanted to put on the floor franchising Bob Meier to make a speech at the January 20 monetary meeting in New Orleans on the attributes of joining the Libertarian Party. It was pointed out that John Hospers would be speaking on the libertarian philosophy and would be introduced as the 1972 presidential candidate. It was finally decided that if a pitch for the desirability of joining the LP did not come up in Hospers' talk, Bob Meier would bring it up in his talk on the upcoming financial issue of REASON magazine.
47. Ad results were: \$600 Commentary ad - lousy. \$575 co-op ad with REASON in ANALAG - received \$200 from 25 memberships; total of 75 responded. \$75 worth of orders have been received from the ad in the Royce Report, probably we'll get our money back from that ad. There were 68 responses from a mailing to 1,800 political writers, editors, radio & TV commentators, cost \$500. LP had an insertion at the cost of \$375 in Vince McCaffery's mailing of a Libertarian Buyer's Guide to 12,000 people.
48. David recommended the following for the first half of 1974: Human Events ad previously approved at June 73 meeting. Classifieds in Intellectual Digest for next months. One page in REASON May 73 financial issue inside cover.
49. MOTION BY CLARK that we appropriate the sum of up to \$300 for classifieds in special interest publications to include National Rifle Association publications, homosexual publications, medical publications and other special interest publications. The Chair asked him to withdraw the motion; he did and made a recommendation instead.
50. Bob Meier talked at length about good reasons why national LP should buy large quantities of May REASONS. It was decided that national LP would take only a small number and let Meier market direct to the state LP's. Meier will go to REASON and then come back to national with some quotes.

51. Winston Duke asked to record in the minutes that everyone was invited to a meeting in Illinois on December 15, 1973. Don Hoppe, Herbert Landow, Dr. Frederika Blankner, Dr. R.S. Jaggard, Ms. Fran Youngstein, Dr. Joe DeJan and Gary Greenberg will be speaking.

52. SCOTT ROYCE'S PROPOSAL to set up an office in Washington, D.C. to gather information, to lobby, to get out newsletter, to pass information to state chairpeople and Execom on a subscription basis giving rundown on how things are going, bad bills to write to congresspeople about, etc. was tabled for mail ballot awaiting cost estimates, proposed format, market potential which Royce will find out about.

(Starting here the tape did not work. Minutes taken from secretary's notes.)

53. FILM PROPOSAL. Ed Clark will come back to next meeting and present some proposed film strips and bring better idea of costs. Meier to get \$1,200 for film.

54. MOTION BY DAVID NOLAN PASSED TO authorize Meier to raise money on a 10% commission basis for the film.

55. MOTION BY CLARK PASSED Bill Westmiller appointed committee chairperson to investigate a film strip and an outline that can be used by Bob Meier to raise funds.

56. MOTION PASSED to give Gary Greenberg \$200 and authority to begin 76 campaign involving research into state laws to get on the ballot, target areas, and overall campaign strategy.

57. MOTION BY ERIC WESTLING TABLED - political cartoon assault

58. Pipp Boyls talked about possible new campaign financing law for running presidential campaign.

59. There was discussion about asking Roger MacBride to testify and/or lobby on campaign financing.

60. MOTION BY NOLAN PASSED that we appropriate or authorize Scott Royce to spend up to \$100 if necessary to carry the fight against the upcoming financing legislation.

61. It was the sense of the body to spend \$30 for inside front cover ad in May REASON.

62. MOTION BY CLARK PASSED to appropriate \$375 for Human Events ad.

63. MOTION BY CLARK PASSED to appropriate up to \$500 to run 3 classified ads in special interest magazines to be selected by David Nolan. If any should result in good response, the Chair is authorized to spend the money to run the ad again including

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Intellectual Diget \$200, 3 special interest magazine ads \$200, MENSA's publication \$100.

64. It was the sense of the body that David Nolan run an announcement in January/February newsletter that we will, in either March/April or May/June newsletter, write up announced candidates for national LP chairperson. Candidates can send in photos and PR information with \$10 to defray cost of printing.
65. MOTION BY NOLAN FAILED to promote a mailing to the convention delegates for a fee on the proposed platform planks.
66. MOTION PASSED delegate list to be made available to membership for a profitable figure.
67. Next Execom meeting to be called at the Chair's discretion.
68. RESOLUTION PASSED to commend the Chair for her fine service.
69. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.


Secretary

Attachments: Financial statement

cc: Guy Curtis, Legal Counsel