

Minutes of ExCom Meeting
Saturday, April 6, 2002
As Approved

Minutes

Date: April 6, 2002
Time: Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Place: Courtyard Marriott
1727 Technology Drive
San Jose, CA 95510
408-986-6688

In attendance:

Officers:	Aaron Starr	Chair
	Rodney Austin	Northern Vice Chair
	Mark Selzer	Southern Vice Chair
	Sandi Webb	Secretary
	Lori Adasiewicz	Treasurer
At-Large Reps:	Ted Brown	
	Doug Scribner	
	Shree Rajan	
	Donna Nowland	
	Jonathan Zwickel	
Alternate At-Large Reps:	Bruce Dovner	ExCom Alternate #1
	Daniel Wiener	ExCom Alternate #2
Regional Reps:	Frank Manske	Region 1
	Wayne Grau	Region 30
	J.R. Graham	Region 37
	Mark Hinkle	Region 43
	Philip Heath	Region 66
Alternates:	Jeff Sommer	Region 1
	Paul Studier	Region 30
	Steve Cicero	Region 37
	RobRob	Region 37, 2 nd
	Joe Dehn	Region 43
Staff:	David Molony	Executive Director, LPC

Visitors: Dennis Umphress, Region 43 Campaign Chair; Ray Strong, Region 43 Chair; Linda Lee Grau, Region 30 Chair; Allen Rice, Region 43.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Aaron Starr called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM

2. Public Statements

Ray Strong said Santa Clara Region is planning a petition drive for Operation Energy Tax Revolt.

3. Approval of Agenda

Add Item 7c Rescind Active status of El Dorado/Yolo Region

4. Consent Calendar

- a) Approve 2002 Convention Minutes - Tabled to email ballot
- b) Approve Feb. ExCom Minutes - Tabled to email ballot

5. Officers Reports

a) Chair - Aaron Starr

Aaron reported that he went to a “roast” of Larry Elder. He said that he met the creators of “South Park”. He reported that the controversy with the Copeland Campaign has been taken care of. He said that he had put together a committee. Operation Breakthrough is about to need funds. He has spoken to National about funding. He said he needs \$70,000 to do a proper full scale job. He would like to get 500 local candidates. Bruce asked if a manual was being written for our candidates. Aaron said that although this was a nice idea, it was not practical as the time would be too short.

Motion to extend: 2 min. Passed

Mark Selzer asked if we had had any cases of our elected or candidates voting for un-Libertarian items. He asked if there had been any follow up. Aaron said that there was an effort to do articles for the LP Monthly.

b) Northern Vice Chair - Rodney Austin

Rodney said that he has been assessing some of the under organized regions to completely de-organize them. He said that Sacramento Region had a meeting with 5 or 6 people. He said that he has had talks with Tulare county to organize.

c) Southern Vice Chair - Mark Selzer

Mark Selzer said that he has been going to each region and trying to energize them. He said that Linda Grau has been doing some activism. He declared Kern Co. Region dead. He said that he has located a meeting place in Bakersfield

He said that he has done some personal media appearances. He has been on a radio show. He said that he has gotten Gary Copeland some media air time. He said that Gary has been able to debate the Green Party on the radio. He has been trying to get the 1-800 number out in all the outreach material.

d) Secretary - Sandi Webb

There was one OpCom email vote to deactivate Kern Co Region.

e) Treasurer - Lori Adasiewicz

Lori said she has been working on identifying major donors in the Sacramento area. She said that we were back in the black. She reported a \$10,000 donation. She said that convention fundraising was low but everything else was on track.

Aaron discussed a membership letter. Dan Wiener suggested that we wait until after the Operation Breakthrough mailing as many of the people will already been reached. Aaron mentioned that this was also contingent on National helping with the cost.

Aaron Starr explained some of the budget items for the new members. He explained what the “Questionnaire Project” and the “Donor Software Project” were. Bruce Dovner said that he would be able to work on the “Donor Software Project”.

f) Executive Director - David Molony

David handed out a written report. He said that in the past only the region chair and officers were kept track of. They are now going to keep track of elected officials as well. He said that they have created a volunteer database. He said that he has changed the payroll service, saving the LPC \$1,200 per year. He said that he has gotten a new printer and is loaning this to the LPC.

He said that his top priority is “Project Cyclone”. This is a volunteer recruitment project for the office. His goal is 100 Libertarians by the end of summer.

Dave reported on the newsletter. He reported on the Direct Member Feedback letter that was sent.

He reported on the Major Donors. He said that we had received donations in the amount of \$10,000; \$6,000; and \$3,000.

David reported on what was being done to keep track of the elections throughout the state. He said that he is creating a database of all elected local offices. He said soon each region will be able to go online and see what offices are up in their region and who or if someone was signed up to run.

David reported on “Operation Energy Tax Revolt”. He said that in Bellflower, 939 signatures were collected in one day. Bellflower City Council voted to rescind the tax for four months. In Culver City they gathered enough signatures to put it on the ballot.

He reported that he spent a lot of time on the 2002 LPC Convention, working with the speakers and campaign trainers.

He reported that a "Libertarian Business Referral" service on the web page at <http://www.ca.lp.org/bizdir/>.
He reported on "Project Adopt-A-Paper".

Lunch

6. Old Business

7. New Business

a) Evaluation of Executive Director's duties. Mark Selzer - 10 Min

Mark said that he thought we should re-evaluate the office and Executive Director after a year or two. He said that he felt we should hire three part time people rather than one person. Aaron said that he would like to keep this to the directors job rather than the personality of the current Executive Director. Mark also had problems with the last Executive Director doing media outreach.

He said that he would like to move the office location.

Motion to extend for 10 min. passed

Ted Brown said that we have tried to have a store front office before. It didn't bring in foot traffic.

Dan Wiener said that there have been many attempts over the years to have an Executive Director. This has been the first one to last more than a few months. Dan said that we are building a list of things that we like and don't like in an Executive Director.

Aaron asked what the effects have been. What went wrong with the ones that left before. Dan said a lot was not being able to afford it.

Mark said that most of the things we are currently doing would not happen without the Executive Director.

Volunteers could do it but it just wouldn't.

JR said that he would like to see the Executive Director have some written guidelines. He said that it is too dependant on the chair.

b) Region 33 split.

Aaron asked the Southern Vice Chair to get the information for this split.

c) Rescind Active status of El Dorado/Yolo Region

Rodney said that the former chair of Yolo County was Eric Lund who is no longer a member. They do not have a replacement. El Dorado/Alpine Region has not had elections in over a year.

Motion: Deactivate Yolo County Region. **Passed**

Motion: Deactivate El Dorado/ Alpine Region. **Passed.**

Motion: Ratify OpCom decision to deactivate Kern County Region. **Passed**

8. Standing Committee Reports

a) Budget Committee - Lori Adasiewicz - No Report

b) Legislative Committee - JR (nobody) Graham

New committee members and chair were assigned.

JR (nobody) Graham volunteered to be the new chair.

Lori Adasiewicz

Wayne Grau

Ted Brown

Philip Heath

c) Membership Committee - Jonathan Zwickel -10 Min

Joe Dehn reported that this committee now has a description. He handed out a written report.

Motion: Make changes to the description in the Standing Resolutions. **Passed.**

Motion to extend for 10 min. Passed.

Joe recommended that we offer a free trial membership to students.

The Secretary reported that she had improperly posted Joe Dehn as the Chair of this committee on her web site. The chair position was assigned to Jonathan Zwickel at the Feb. meeting.

d) Legal Committee - Closed Session - No Report

e) Convention Oversight Committee - Donna Nowland - 15 Min

Donna reported that she is working on the definition.

f) Convention Committee - Wayne Nygren - 15 Min

Mark Selzer was made chair of this committee.

Motion: Have the Convention Planning Committee hear all proposals for the conventions, bring their recommendation back to the ExCom, and not hear any proposals at the present time.

Moved to table motion to a specific time, after Mark Hinkle's Region 43 proposal is presented. **Passed 8-5.**

Mark presented his proposal.

Motion to extend debate for 5 minutes. **Passed.**

Motion: Have the committee hear all proposals for the conventions and bring their recommendation back to the ExCom. Motion ruled out of order, since **previously tabled motion is back on the floor.**

Motion to amend: add that the Convention Planning Committee review is to be given to the Secretary by April 30th for an email vote. **Amendment passed.**

Motion to extend debate for 5 minutes. **Passed.**

Motion to amendment by substitution: Accept Region 43 proposal on the Presidents Day Weekend at a hotel to be named. **Failed.**

Original motion to send question to Convention Planning Committee. **Passed.**

Consensus agreement (except for Lori) to hold a special meeting instead of email vote to make decision on convention.

Skipped to Item 11 to set schedule of remaining ExCom meetings for 2002:

11) Next Meeting – Special meeting in Ontario on May 4th to pick the convention. Then June 1st in south, September 14th in north, and December 7th in south. Locations to be determined.

g) Human Resources Committee - Lori Adasiewicz - No Report

h) Style Committee - RobRob - 2 Min

RobRob reported that her committee is set up and ready.

i) Audit Committee - Dale Ogden - No Report

j) Partisan Candidate Support Committee - Jonathan Zwickel - 10 Min

Jonathan gave a quick report on Dale Ogden's campaign.

k) Outreach Media Committee

Shree's new email address: lyfewryter@msn.com. She will email everyone with contents of her verbal committee report. Doug Scribner gave report on South Park plans.

9. LNC & Strategic Planning Report

Joe distributed a written report.

10. Evaluation of Standing Resolutions

All changes will be accepted in one week unless someone contacts the secretary.

11. Next Meeting - May 4th in Ontario to pick the 2003 convention contractor and location.

The remainder of the ExCom meeting dates were set as well. Locations will be determined prior to the meetings. June 1st south, September 14th, north, December 7th south.

12. Special Presentations and Discussions

a) Commissions for Fundraising – Mark Selzer

Motion: Accept conceptual proposal with the contract to be modified by Lori Adasiewicz. **Passed.**

13. Adjourn