

LIBERTARIAN PARTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1975

STATLER HILTON HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY

Members present:

Edward H. Crane III, Chairman	Robert H. Meier, Region I
Andrea Millen, Vice-Chairwoman	Tonie Nathan, Region I
Gregory J. Clark, Secretary	B. Dionne Baldwin, Region II
Francine Youngstein, Treasurer	John Aynesworth, Region III
James U. Blanchard III, M-a-1	William J. Howell, Region III
Edward E. Clark, M-a-1	Dale Hemming, Region IV
John Hathaway, M-a-1	Martin D. Jahn, Region V
Richard Kenney, M-a-1	William B. Krebaum, Region V
Phillip R. Manger, M-a-1	Brian Donerly, Region VI
David F. Nolan, M-a-1	Kathleen McAdam, Region VII
William V. Susel, M-a-1	David E. Long, Region VIII
Carol Cunningham, Region I	Leland W. Schubert, Region VIII

Member absent:

Michael Thompson, Region III

1. Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.
2. The annual Treasurer's Report was submitted by Crane in lieu of the past Treasurer. There were no questions as to the report being accurate and in order.
- Report adopted -
3. Youngstein moved with many seconds THAT THE BY-LAWS BE AMENDED TO PUT THE FISCAL YEAR OF THE PARTY ON A CALANDAR YEAR BASIS. General discussion followed.
- By-Law Amendment adopted -

In continuing general discussion, objection was raised that a change in the party's fiscal year at this time might present legal difficulties. By general consent,

- By-Law Amendment recinded -

4. Blanchard reported that the fund-raising banquet for the "30 in '76 Fund" had raised approximately \$15,000. in cash and pledges.

Meier reported that due to uncertainty in regard to possible interpretations of the rulings of the Federal Elections Commission that no local or state finance committees for the MacBride/Bergland campaign should begin raising money until notified of the requirements of the Commission. He stated that Headquarters

had retained legal counsel to assist in ascertaining the full requirements of the regulations.

Crane reported that the "Liberty '76 Fund", then containing \$3800. would be turned over to the MacBride/Bergland campaign committee, the purpose of the fund to raise money for the national ticket before the Convention. The "30 in '76 Fund" would remain in the custody of the LP.

Kenney reported on the initial meeting of the Libertarian Committee on Gay Rights, its purpose to present its views to the LP and to educate for libertarianism within the homosexual community. Officers of the committee were announced as John Vernon of Oklahoma, Chairman; and Christopher Grebe of Maryland, Vice-Chairman.

5. Schubert introduced the subject of allowing state and local LP groups to re-print National LP literature. Crane stated that it had been his policy to allow this. G. Clark asked Crane if it would be possible for Headquarters to provide state LP's with copies of National LP literature in black ink to facilitate inexpensive offset reproduction. Crane replied that the idea was sound.

Nolan introduced the subject of standardization of the typographical and artistic style of National LP literature. He stated his belief that a unified style was important to achieve a more favorable impact to the message of the literature. General discussion on this subject followed. E. Clark moved, and Schubert seconded THAT THE CHAIRMAN BE DIRECTED TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE SUBJECT OF STANDARDIZATION OF LIBERTARIAN PARTY LITERATURE WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE PARTY LOGO. There was general discussion and a voice vote taken.

- Motion passed -

6. Nominations were opened for the nine seats on the LP Judiciary Committee. The following persons were nominated with the number of votes they received noted and those elected also noted.

Joe Michael Cobb (Ill.)	20 votes - elected
Bill Evers (Calif.)	13 votes - elected
Michael Holmes (Tex.)	10 votes - 3rd Alternate
Ben Olson (Minn.)	3 votes
Bill Westmiller (Calif.)	13 votes - elected
Bobbi Jahn (Ky.)	11 votes - 1st Alternate
Sylvia Sanders (Wash.)	11 votes - 2nd Alternate
Jim Trotter (Calif.)	12 votes - elected
Don Parrish (Ill.)	7 votes
Murray Rothbard (N.Y.)	18 votes - elected
John Hospers (Calif.)	14 votes - elected
John Vernon (Okla.)	12 votes - elected
Gary Greenberg (N.Y.)	7 votes
Ralph Raico (N.Y.)	12 votes - elected
Kurt Germann (N.Y.)	6 votes
Jean Carroll	3 votes
Robert Nozick (Mass.)	18 votes - elected
Bill White (Calif.)	5 votes

7. Crane suggested to the Committee that it recess for one hour for lunch. There bein no objection, the meeting recessed at 11:30a.m.
8. Vice-Chairwoman Millen re-conviened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. in the absence of the Chairman.
9. Susel discussed the Spanish language literature of the LP of California and distributed samples. He recommended that areas with a number of non-English speaking voters follow this program.

Hemming discussed the activities of LP members within Young Americans for Freedom, stating that much support was gathered for the LP at the YAF National Convention held two weeks previously in Chicago.

Hemming introduced the subject of LP position papers. Nolan suggested a paper on energy. Meier suggested papers on gun control and water rights, which Millen stated were in progress. Kenney suggested a paper on unions and labor legislation. Nathan suggested papers on education and on land use, which Millen stated were also in progress.

10. Crane at this time (1:25 p.m.) re-joined the meeting and assumed the chair.
11. Howell proposed, and Manger seconded the following amendment to the By-Laws, to be inserted as a new By-Law V.

REPLACEMENT OF NOMINEES

In the event of the death, resignation, or disqualification of the Party's nominee for President, the Vice-Presidential nominee shall become the Presidential candidate. A two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee may, at a meeting, fill a Vice-Presidential vacancy and, if necessary, a simultaneous Presidential vacancy.

Long moved, and Schubert seconded, an amendment to the proposed By-Law such that the vote to fill a vacancy would require a TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE ENTIRE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. After general discussion, a voice vote was taken.

- Amendment to proposed By-Law adopted -

A vote was then taken on the proposed new By-Law as amended.

- New By-Law adopted as amended

21 votes for, 4 opposed -

12. Crane announced that he would like to re-establish a libertarian Congressional rating system, and asked members of the Committee to have anyone interested in the project to contact Headquarters.

13. Howell proposed, with numerous seconds, that the Committee adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS THAT the Free Libertarian Party of New York has expended a great amount of effort, time, and talent in the arranging and production of the 1975 National Convention, and, WHEREAS THAT said efforts have been crowned by magnificent success, in the form of a convention which has been effective, inspiring, and enjoyable, and, WHEREAS THAT the Free Libertarian Party of New York has shown itself to be a gracious, charming, and hospitable host,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party does hereby, on behalf of itself and the delegates to the National Convention, express its extreme gratitude and unbounded appreciation, and its heartfelt congratulations for a difficult task extremely well performed to the members of the Free Libertarian Party of New York.

- Resolution adopted unanimously -

14. Crane initiated a discussion concerning the possibility of trading the "LP News" mailing list with other libertarian-oriented publications, stating his belief that such trading would be advantageous to the LP. After lengthy discussion, Crane entertained a motion THAT THE "LP NEWS" BE AUTHORIZED TO TRADE ITS MAILING LIST WITH OTHER LIBERTARIAN PUBLICATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS ON A ONE-TIME USAGE BASIS, AND THAT IT BE PUBLISHED IN THE "LP NEWS" THAT SUCH WOULD BE DONE, SO AS TO GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUBSCRIBERS TO NOTIFY "LP NEWS" THAT THEY DID NOT WISH TO HAVE THEIR NAMES PASSED ON TO OTHERS.

Donerly moved, and Long seconded, an amendment to the motion THAT THE "LP NEWS" MAILING LIST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO STATE OR LOCAL LP GROUPS FOR FUND RAISING PURPOSES, AT A PRICE TO BE SET BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. After quite lengthy discussion, a vote was taken on the amendment.

- Amendment failed, 7 votes for, 12 opposed -

A vote was then taken on the main motion.

- Motion passed unanimously -

15. Crane announced that the subject of the location of the 1976 National Convention would be placed on the agenda of the next meeting. He mentioned that it had been proposed that the LP sponsor more than one convention, perhaps two or more held on a regional basis.
16. Crane initiated a discussion on the site for the next meeting. Sites proposed were Covington, Ky.; Las Vegas, Nev.; Salt Lake City, Utah; San Francisco, Calif.; and New Orleans, La. After general discussion, New Orleans was chosen as the site for the next Executive Committee meeting. The tentative date for the meeting was set as January 17-18, 1976.

17. Crane announced that Meier, of the Committee, would be acting as liaison between the Committee to Elect MacBride/Bergland and the Executive Committee.

In response to a question, Crane announced that there were no plans for a fund-raising book of the events of the National Convention.

18. Consonant with earlier discussion concerning LP literature, Schubert moved, and Meier seconded, THAT ALL RE-PRINTS OF LP LITERATURE BE REQUIRED TO SHOW CREDIT TO THE AUTHOR IF SUCH CREDIT IS GIVEN ON THE ORIGINAL. After general discussion, the motion was brought to a vote.

- Motion passed, 10 for, 5 opposed -

19. Donerly and Long joined in a request to the Treasurer that members of the Executive Committee be furnished with quarterly financial reports. No motion was made.

20. Crane initiated a discussion on the policy that the "LP News" should not accept advertising. Crane entertained a motion THAT THE "LP NEWS" SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ACCEPT ADVERTISING, THE SORT OF ADVERTISING TO BE ACCEPTED TO BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION OF THE EDITOR AND THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN. It was moved to amend the motion stipulating that THE ONLY ADVERTISING TO BE ACCEPTED WOULD BE THAT OF LP CANDIDATES. It was further moved to amend the amendment adding LP CANDIDATE OR LP "FRONT GROUPS." After lengthy discussion, the amendment to the amendment was brought to a vote.

- Amendment to the amendment failed -

The amendment was then brought to a vote.

- Amendment to the motion passed -

The motion as amended was then brought to a vote.

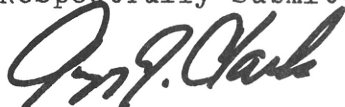
- Motion as amended passed -

21. Howell announced that he was in the process of forming a committee to fight against prohibition and/or regulation of the sales or consumption of alcoholic beverages, particularly in the Southwest.

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

- Meeting adjourned, 5:45 p.m. -

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory J. Clark,
Secretary