

**LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
CONVENTION 1991**

MINUTES OF BUSINESS SESSIONS

The 1991 convention of the State Central Committee was held in the Holiday Inn, Monterey, California, February 16-18 and called to order for business at 9:40 am on February 17 by State Chair Gail Lightfoot. Eighty-four delegates including the state officers were credentialed and seated.

Chair Lightfoot reported the success of regular meetings of the Operations Committee including its decision to enroll the LPC as a member organization of the Los Angeles Coalition for Peace in the Middle East. This has brought considerable positive attention to the party among other groups and in the public media through participation in public meetings and demonstrations. She expressed her concern for overall decline in interest for party activities and lack of volunteerism for key committee posts.

Secretary Moss expressed his appreciation for the cooperation he has received during his brief tenure--especially regarding membership records and regional reporting prior to the convention. He asked all central committee members to share copies of previous year's executive committee and convention records to reconstruct archives which have apparently been lost.

Treasurer Michlin reported a beginning balance of \$9,800 and an overage of \$28,100 in unallocated funds at the end of the year. This represents an increase of \$18,300; \$2,500 came from the voter registration drive; \$12,000 from increased income; the balance from unspent reserves. He expressed pride in serving the party and in personally having registered 100 new Libertarians.

The central committee unanimously accepted a resolution enjoining members of the armed forces to review their voluntary commitment to serve in defense of the United States and to refuse unlawful orders issued by the President who has exercised his prerogative as Commander in Chief prematurely. Complete text appended.

Bylaw and rules committee chairman Jerry Douglas presented twenty-one proposals (including a minority report) for consideration. A copy of the complete text with notations of amendment are attached to the file copy of the minutes. Actual changes adopted are appended. A revised printing of the entire bylaws and rules is forthcoming.

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Platform committee chair Kim Goldsworthy presented seven proposals to change the 1990 State Party Platform. A copy of the complete text with notations of amendment and passage are attached to the file copy of the minutes. Actual changes adopted are appended. A revised printing of the Platform is forthcoming.

Elected Representatives of the National Libertarian Party Central Committee: Steve Alexander and Thea McLean, Delegates; David Nolan and George O'Brien, Alternates.

Elected to the respective offices of the State Party: Pat Wright, Chair; Mark Hinkle, Northern Vice Chair; Kim Goldsworthy, Southern Vice Chair; Bonnie Flickinger, Treasurer; Ed Moss, Secretary.

Elected to serve as Members-at-large of the newly defined Executive Committee: Gail Lightfoot, Jerry Douglas, Ted Brown, John Vernon, and Kate O'Brien.

It was announced that the five largest regional central committees entitled to send one representative each to the Executive Committee are in descending order: San Diego (379); Santa Clara (221); West Los Angeles (163); Orange (137); and Alameda/Contra Costa/Solano East Bay (125).

Elected to the Judicial Committee are David Bergland, Jack Dean, Ed Clark, Bill White, and David Nolan.

Names were placed in nomination to be Delegates and Alternates to the National Libertarian Party Convention to be held in Chicago in September. The LPC may select 116 each. Names proposed will be tallied and selected in descending order. The first 116 will be Delegates and listed alphabetically. Alternates will be listed according to votes received or in order of their volunteered availability to serve. Deadline for informing the state secretary is March 25. A list of Delegates and Alternates will be published in the April CL News. It was announced that certain individuals are automatically delegates according to positions currently held or status conferred: candidates for President of the United States, national officers or committee representatives. Those present already delegates are Larry Nichols, Vice Chair; Steve Alexander, Geof Neal, and George O'Brien.

Chair Wright thanked all who participated in making the convention a success and announced a post convention meeting of the newly formed Executive Committee. A complete convention schedule is appended to the file copy of the minutes.

Ed Moss
Secretary