

The Libertarian Party of California
1994 Convention Saturday

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Representatives of The Libertarian Party of California met in Convention on Saturday February 19, 1994 in Los Angeles. The following are the minutes of Saturday's meeting.

The Convention was opened by the Southern Vice Chair, Gail Lightfoot, who went over the prescribed agenda, as laid out in the By-Laws. George O'Brian, Northern Vice Chair, read the Statement of Principles. Gail next asked for a moment of silence to reflect on the deaths last year of the following Libertarians: Dennis Thompson of San Diego, Karen Lessard of Orange, John Vernon of Los Angeles, and Brian Page of Placer.

Secretary Ray Acosta reported that 51 individuals had been credentialed and were authorized to vote on all voting matters. Kim announced that votes requiring a majority vote, would require 26 votes and votes requiring a two-thirds vote would require 34 votes.

SOUTHERN VICE CHAIR'S REPORT

Gail Lightfoot delivered the Southern Vice Chair's report: The southern Regions are all organized, and active. Consequently, most of her activities last year consisted of working with the Fundraising Committee, and working with Liberty Bell. The first fundraising efforts last year were to past donors, and members of the Executive Committee. In July, a request for donations was run in Liberty Bell. The renewal notice was changed to allow members to set their dues. A fundraising event with Nathaniel Branden, is planned for Southern California. Two fundraising letters have been mailed out to Registered Libertarians: the first to Registered Libertarians residing in in-active Regions. A second fundraising letter to the 10,000 most recent Registered Libertarians has just been mailed. Last year, \$37,100 was raised via fundraising.

NORTHERN VICE CHAIRS REPORT

George O'Brian delivered the Northern Vice Chair's report: George's efforts last year centered around working with the northern Region's efforts around Prop 174. Because of our efforts, the Libertarian Party was named many times in the news: George was quoted in Newsweek, and appeared several times on local television identified as a Libertarian. George is now working with the Prop 174 supporters to write a new initiative. Through efforts of the Libertarian Party, the California Asset Forfeiture law was successfully challenged in court. The East Bay Region is organizing a school boycott, and is successfully fighting the new special tax districts. Santa Clara County successfully challenged the local Prop A in court, thereby saving the local taxpayers a considerable amount of money.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Kim Goldsworthy delivered the Chair's report: This last year officer training manuals were developed, and training sessions were held for new Region Chairs. Training sessions were also conducted for candidates. The mailing to the Registered Libertarians in the inactive Regions was a campaign promise, and was successfully completed. The Party archives were reorganized, along with Standing Rules. In general, Kim said that his main efforts were to shore up and streamline the internal Party workings so that they would work more efficiently.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jon Petersen delivered the Treasurers' report: Last year at this time, the Party was \$25,000 in debt. This last year, income exceeded expenses by \$16,000, so the debt to the local Regions is now \$9,000, as of December 31st. The proposed budget for 1994 shows sufficient funds to completely re-pay the debt, and to publish a monthly newsletter, along with normal party operations. Jon said that he was optimistic that there would be sufficient funds to allow the Party to be more active in 1994, an election year.

Jon Petersen, Chair of the By-Laws Committee moved to suspend the Convention Rules, to consider two proposed changes that could affect the Convention. There was no objection.

BY-LAW DEBATE

The first proposed rule change concerned Rule 9: Debate Procedure. The current rule reads: "For each main motion, debate shall be limited to 2 minutes per delegate and 15 minutes total." The proposed change will read: "For each main motion, the mover shall have 2 minutes immediately following to speak to the motion. The Chair shall then ask for a standing second to the motion. If less than 10 delegates stand, the motion shall die for lack of a second. Debate shall be limited to 2 minutes per delegate and 15 minutes total. The Chair may rule stylistic amendments to a motion, to be out of order as being non-substantive. John Webster moved to amend by striking "10 delegates", and substituting "4 delegates". Aaron Starr moved to amend the amendment by striking "4 delegates" and substituting "10% of the delegates".

The Aaron Starr amendment to the amendment passed on a hands up vote. The amended amendment passed on a hands up vote. Terry Savage moved to amend by deleting the last sentence of the motion, concerning stylistic changes; this amendment passed. The main motion, as amended, passed with 31 aye votes and 21 nay votes. Kim ruled that the motion did not receive a two-thirds vote, and so would become effective at the next Convention.

Bill Evers challenged the vote because there were 52 votes, yet the Secretary said that only 51 delegates had been credentialed. His concern was that some of the voters were not credentialed, and therefore ineligible to vote. Ray Acosta said that additional delegates had been credentialed since the morning report. As of the moment, 63 delegates were credentialed, and eligible to vote. George O'Brian said that the Credentials report of 51 delegates only sets the minimum quorum for the day. Kim ruled as follows: The morning Credentials report will be used to determine the minimum quorum for

the day. It is to be expected that the actual number of voters may exceed the morning Credentials report, since new arrivals would be credentialed throughout the morning. As long as there is always a quorum, majority votes and two-thirds votes will be based on the number of votes cast. The vote on the last motion was valid because the number of voters is consistent with the number of delegates credentialed. The vote on the motion stands, and may not be challenged. However, any delegate may challenge the eligibility of an individual voter. Kim asked Bill Evers if he was aware of any non-credentialed individual voting in the last vote. Bill said that he was aware of individuals without badges voting. It was explained that credentialed individuals were issued ribbons. Kim allowed for a recess to allow members to complete credentialing, or to obtain badges.

The second proposed By-Law change would read: "Minutes of the previous day's secession shall be distributed or plainly posted each morning. Minutes of the Convention shall be approved by the Executive Committee within 90 days of the Convention's close." It was moved to amend to strike "90 days" and substitute "30 days". The amendment failed on a hands up vote. The main motion passed by a two-thirds vote, and will therefore become effective at this Convention.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

David Nolan asked for a suspension of the rules to consider an emergency matter, namely the expulsion of one of the vendors outside the Convention. The suspension was approved by more than two-thirds of the delegates. David moved to instruct the Convention organizer to remove the exhibitor "Liberty Lobby/Spotlight", since they are a hate organization, inconsistent with Libertarian ideals. Cullene Lang asked for permission of the Convention to allow the exhibitor "Spotlight" to address the Convention. There was objection, so permission was denied. Cullene asked to yield the floor to Peyman Mottahedeh. Peyman was denied permission to address the Convention since he was not a delegate. The ruling of the Chair was challenged, in that it was felt that a simple majority should give an individual permission to address the Convention. On a hands up vote, the Chair was unable to sustain his ruling, and Peyman was allowed to speak against David's motion. Bill Evers offered a substitute motion: That The Libertarian Party censures Liberty Lobby and its literature, and disassociates itself from them. David offered to withdraw his motion in favor of Bill's motion if he could add that a sign be placed above the exhibitor's table stating our censure and condemnation, and that the exhibitor be moved to the farthest end. There were no objections. Gail moved to amend to remove the word "censure", and replace it with the words "condemn and denounce". The amendment passed. The Evers motion, as amended, passed. Volunteers were asked to assist in moving the exhibitor.

REPORT FROM THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE

The next order of business was a report from Ted Brown, Chair of the Platform Committee. Three items of the platform was proposed, amended, and passed. The items were: Page 1 Individual Rights, Page 2 Protection of Privacy, and Page 3 Aliens.

Ray Acosta
State Party Secretary

Representatives of The Libertarian Party of California met in Convention on Sunday February 20, 1994 in Los Angeles. The following are the minutes of Sunday's meeting.

The Convention was reconvened by the Chair, Kim Goldsworthy. Secretary Ray Acosta announced that 87 delegates were credentialed and authorized to vote. Majority votes would require 44 votes, and two-third votes would require 58 votes. Ray also announced that minutes of the previous day were available and posted throughout the hall.

DELEGATE ELIGIBILITY

George O'Brian asked for a suspension of the rules to consider a By-Laws change concerning delegate eligibility. The motion to suspend passed, and George moved to change By-Law 3, Section 2. It currently reads: **"All Party candidates for public office, officers, county and regional chairs, national committee representatives and judicial committee members shall be registered in the Libertarian Party."** George proposed that the final words be changed to: **"..shall not be registered in any other political party."** George explained that there is an individual here who currently holds the office of County Chair, and who has been credentialed as delegate because they are the County Chair, who has had their eligibility challenged because this individual is not registered to vote, and is thereby in conflict with our By-Laws. After debate of the motion, George felt there was insufficient support to continue, and asked that his motion be withdrawn.

PLATFORM REPORT

Ted Brown continued the Report of the Platform Committee: When Saturday's session recessed, we were discussing a change in the Judicial Section, which proposed to add a new 4th paragraph concerning "Three Strikes, and You're Out!" There was a motion to postpone consideration until 10:15 a.m. There was no objection.

The next change for consideration was the addition of the following sentence to the Reproductive Rights Plank: **"In addition, we oppose all restriction on the sale of menstruation-inducing pills, such as RU486, which blocks fertilized eggs from attaching themselves to the womb."** Kate O'Brian moved to amend to change **"pills, such as RU486"** to **"pills or other drugs, such as RU486"** Dr. Lieberman moved to substitute the following: **"In addition, we oppose all restrictions on the sale of medications which terminate pregnancy, such as RU486."** Kate asked to withdraw her amendment in favor of Dr. Lieberman's motion. This amendment passed, and became the main motion. The main motion, as amended passed.

Under the Rights of Children, the Committee proposed the addition of a new second paragraph: **"We unequivocally uphold the rights of children and support strict punishment of those proven to have physically abused children. But we also recognize that government officials have frequently sought to amass power for themselves and to undermine the independence of the family by acting in the name of child protection and preventing cruelty to children. For this reason, we favor conviction for abuse and termination of custody for reasons of abuse only where physical abuse or abandonment has been**

proven beyond a reasonable doubt." This change was approved.

Under Election Reform, the Committee proposed the addition of a new final paragraph: "We call for the abolition of the State Constitutional Office of Lieutenant Governor, which has no real purpose." This change was approved.

Under Land Use & Public Policy, section h, the Committee proposed the deletion of the current second sentence and replacement with: "We are confident that private property owners either through their search for a broader market for their services or out of admirable charitable inclinations will provide for an ample supply of such facilities." This change was approved.

Under Education, the Committee proposed the addition of a new section h, and the re-letter of subsequent item: "Resisting the introduction of federally mandated or encouraged national education standards." This change was approved.

The Committee proposed the creation of a new Plank, to follow the Welfare Plank, which would read: "When fires, floods, earthquakes and storms bring disaster, Californians should look to self-help, mutual aid and charity for relief. To seek relief in government subsidies is to impose a further disaster on taxpayers and on the economy as a whole. Such government subsidies also encourage people to live and work in disaster-prone areas (at the expense of others who are more prudent). Those who choose to dwell in or start businesses in risky areas should, if worse comes to worse, assume the responsibility for their choices. They should not count on coercing others to bail them out when disaster comes.

When disaster strikes, imposing price controls or rationing is counterproductive. It deprives property owners of their right to dispose of goods at a voluntarily agreed-upon price, and it leads to artificial, government-imposed shortages of goods that are in great demand." Bill Evers moved to amend to add after "mutual aid" the words "voluntary purchased private insurance". Bill also proposed that the last two sentences of the first paragraph be replaced with: "Those who choose to dwell or start businesses in risky areas should, when disaster comes, assume the responsibility for their choices. They should not count on coercing others to bail them out." This amendment passed. It was moved to amend to change the second sentences to read: "To seek relief through government subsidies..." There were no objections. This new Plank, as amended, was approved.

Under Transportation and Mass Transit, the Committee proposed the addition at the end of section e: "... and allowing private foreign companies to offer commercial air service in the United States." It was moved and approved to amend to delete the word "private". It was moved and approved to not add this at the end of section e, but to insert as new section f. It was moved to substitute to read: "...and allowing foreign transportation service companies to offer commercial service in the United States." This substitute wording was approved as the main motion, and was approved as new section f.

The time was 10:15 a.m., the agreed upon time to consider the the Judicial Plank. Daniel Wiener proposed the following new language:

"We support the concept that law should impose penalties proportional to the gravity of the violation of others' rights, and prison sentences should be served in their entirety, unless the victim pardons the perpetrator. Unfortunately, the various proposed 3-Strikes-and-You're-Out measures fail to focus on the truly violent career criminals who are the greatest threat to their victims. Extended prison sentences and life imprisonment for multiple criminal acts should be reserved for first and second degree murder and attempted murder, kidnaping and attempted kidnaping, forcible rape and attempted forcible rape, armed robbery and attempted armed robbery, mayhem and attempted mayhem, and aggravated assault. Prison space for these extended sentences should come from pardoning those prisoners who were incarcerated for victimless crimes." It was moved to amend to delete the list of crimes, and replace it with the phrase "truly violent crimes." This amendment did not pass. It was moved to amend to replace every occurrence of "victimless" with the word "consensual". This amendment did not pass. It was moved to amend to add "voluntary manslaughter" to the list of crimes. This amendment did not pass. The change as proposed by Daniel Wiener passed 47 to 16.

PLATFORM REPORT

Continuing with the Platform Committee Report, under Transportation & Mass Transit, the Committee recommended in section h, the deletion of the word "passenger" from in front of vehicle, and the deletion of "while driving" at the end. This change was approved.

Under Transportation & Mass Transit, the Committee proposed modifying section i to read: **"We oppose laws mandating motorcycle or bicycle helmet use."** A substitute motion was proposed: **"We oppose laws mandating that passengers or drivers of any vehicle protect their head."** It was moved to amend to replace "their head" with "any portion of their body." This change was approved, but the amended substitute motion failed. It was moved to amend to add ATV to motorcycle and bicycle. This change was approved, and the change proposed modification was approved.

Under Subsidies, the Committee proposed to add a new fourth paragraph that reads: **"We oppose subsidies to military industries that are attempting to convert to civilian activities. Such subsidies prolong dependency on government funds and divert companies from seeking to discover what consumers (rather than politicians) want. We likewise oppose subsidies to communities adjacent to military bases that the U.S. Department of Defense has closed down. Only privatization of the sites can provide a sound and enduring basis for restoring economic prosperity to such communities."** Moved to change "that attempting" to "even when they are attempting"; there were no objections. Moved to add after "closed down" .. ", and we oppose their transformation into Project Areas under California Redevelopment laws."; there were no objections. Moved to change "privatization" to "complete privatization"; there were no objections. The proposal, as amended, was approved.

Under Labor Relations, the committee proposed to add a new final sentence to the first paragraph: **"We oppose all restriction on an employer's speech during a labor organizing campaign."** Moved to

substitute: "We support an employer's right to exercise freedom of speech during a labor organizing campaign." Moved to change "employer's right" to "employer's and labor union's right"; this passed. Move to add "consistent with private property rights"; this passed. The amended substitute change was approved over the committee's proposal: "We support an employer's and labor union's right to exercise freedom of speech, consistent with private property rights, during a labor organizing campaign." This change was approved.

Under Conservation, the committee proposed the addition a a new section c: "That laws mandating the recycling of waste products and offering government loans to finance recycling plants be repealed." Moved to change: "products and offering" to "products and laws offering"; this change was approved. The amended new section was approved. This completed the proposed changes submitted by the Platform Committee.

Bill Evers moved to add a new item to the Platform under Plank 7 Judicial, new item after section k: "1. The serious crime of forcible rape should not be confused with psychological pressure or persuasion, or with cases in which one or both of the parties is under the influence of alcohol or other drugs but is not incapacitated." Larry Leathers moved to amend by adding the following: "The ability of the victim of a rape to negotiate either a diminution of the crime while under the rape process, or the use of a device to protect against a sexually transmitted disease, should not diminish the ability of the victim to bring charges for the full seriousness of the actual crime committed, and for the full penalty proportional for such crime committed to be imposed upon conviction. Such a successful negotiation can never provide an assumption of consent." This amendment passed. Bill Evers asked to modify the later half of his proposal: "...with cases in which one or both of the parties is under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, and it is implied that this renders the party incapable of consent, but is not incapacitated."; this amendment passed.

A motion was made to divide the question. There was no objection. The Bill Evers motion received 33 aye votes and 15 nay votes. The Chair ruled the motion failed due to not obtaining the majority 44 votes needed to pass. The Larry Leathers motion received 37 aye votes and 13 nay votes, and so it also did not pass.

Mark Hinkle moved to create a new Plank 11 Bankruptcy, renumbering all subsequent Planks: "We hold that individuals, businesses, and corporations that declare bankruptcy are not fulfilling their contractual obligations to their creditors, and are participating in a form of legalized theft. The government should cease providing an avenue through bankruptcy laws for violation of the rights of creditors, who have provided goods or services, and are entitled to payment under the terms of their contract. Therefore, we call for the repeal of all Federal bankruptcy laws, and the abolition of the bankruptcy courts, and declare that all individuals, businesses, and corporations must take full responsibility for their financial decisions. We encourage and applaud the use of private mediators to assist debtors overwhelmed by debt, to workout solutions that are acceptable to both debtor and creditor." It was moved to amend to

change "individuals, businesses, and corporations" to "those who"; this change passed. It was moved to amend in the first sentence "obligations to their creditors" to "obligations to their legitimate creditors"; this amendment passed. The vote on the main motion as amended, garnered only 28 aye votes, so the motion failed.

REPORT FROM THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Jon Petersen moved to terminate consideration of proposed Platform changes, and bring the By-Laws Committee Report to the Convention. The motion carried. Bob Weber moved to table the By-Laws report since there were insufficient delegates present to approve the changes; with the exception of the change to By-Law 3 Section 6, which he proposed to postpone until Monday morning, when it would become the first item of business. Kim would only accept the motion to postpone. The motion to postpone carried.

Jon Petersen presided over the By-Law Committee's report. The first two items were no debate items. A change to By-Law 9 Section 8 proposes to insert the words "On" and "main motions" so that it would read: **"On all other matters, main motions shall require a simple majority of the eligible positions on the executive committee."** This change was approved without dissent.

A change to By-Law 18 proposes to delete the Section number, and insert "per Rule 5", so that it would read: **"Except as indicated in a particular By-Law, these By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of all the registered delegates at a convention, per Rule 5."** This change was approved without dissent.

Terry Savage moved that all the remaining By-Law items which were recommended by the By-Laws Committee by a vote of 5 to 0, now be considered as no-debate items, unless the item generates 5 objections, in which case, it will be considered later. The motion passed.

By-Law 3, Section 5 proposes to insert after the first sentence a new sentence that would read: **"The Party shall mail a list of County Central committee and associated members within 10 days, upon request, to any officer of the County."** There was one objection to no-debate status.

By-Law 3, new Section 12 would read: **"Membership in a County Central Committee confers voting privileges in that county."** There were no objections to no-debate status.

By-Law 4, Section 3C, proposes to create alternate at-large representatives to the Ex-Com, and proposes to change all references to "five representatives" to "five representatives and two alternates." There were at least 5 objections.

By-Law 6, new section, proposes that members be members for 90 days before being allowed to vote. There were at least 5 objections

By-Law 6, new section, proposes any member may request a copy of the State or County By-Laws at cost. There were no objections

By-Law 7, Section 4, proposes to replace the existing second

paragraph with a new paragraph that reads: "The Secretary shall announce the availability of the most recently adopted Platform and By-Laws and Convention Rules to all members of the Executive Committee and all county chairs within sixty days of the Convention's close." There were no objections.

By-Law 7, Section 7 proposes to insert the words: "at-large Executive Committee members" after officers so that the section would read: "The Executive committee shall appoint new officers, at-large Executive Committee members, or Operations Committee members if vacancies occur, such appointees to complete the term of office vacated unless a convention meets sooner, in which case a new election shall be held for any officer position so filled." There was only one objection.

By-Law 16, Section 3A proposes to add a second sentence to Section 3 paragraph A that would read: "Such delegates shall have been members of the Party for no less than ninety consecutive days immediately prior to the Convention." There were at least 5 objections.

Convention Rule 10, Agenda: proposes to add new item D: "Nominations for Party officers, at-large Executive Committee members [and alternates], and Judicial Committee." There were at least five objections.

Convention Rule 16, election of Delegates to the National Convention, proposes to add a new paragraph following the second paragraph: "The Party officers shall be automatically nominated as delegates to the National convention by reason of their official status within the Party." There were no objections.

New Convention Rule titled Style Committee, and Convention rule 10 Agenda, section 1 proposes; "The Chair shall appoint a style committee of no more than five delegates which shall propose stylistic changes to the Platform and By-Laws and Convention Rules. The proposed changes shall be ratified by the Executive Committee." and adds a Section I that reads: "Style Committee appointment" There were at least 5 objections.

On the above eleven items, 6 did not have at least 5 objections, and were passed by Convention. The remaining items will be debated on Monday morning, time permitting.

Kim recessed the meeting until Monday morning at 8:30 a.m.

Ray Acosta
State Party Secretary

Representatives of The Libertarian Party of California met in Convention on Monday February 21, 1994 in Los Angeles. The following are the minutes of Monday's meeting.

The Convention was reconvened by the Chair, Kim Goldsworthy. Secretary Ray Acosta announced that 84 delegates were credentialed and authorized to vote. Majority votes would require 43 votes, and two-third votes would require 56 votes.

There was a motion from the floor to suspend the rules to change the procedure of candidate endorsement so that the endorsement of the statewide candidates be conducted as a block, unless there are five delegates who objection to a candidate, in which case, that candidate will be "pulled out" of the block and considered individually. Kim ruled that this motion was out of order, but recommended that it could be brought up when candidate endorsements were considered.

BY-LAW CHANGES - DUES DISTRIBUTION

Per a previous motion, the orders of the day called for consideration of a proposed By-Law change: It was proposed to add to By-Law 3, Section 6, the following: "However, the entity (Party or county) whose efforts garner a new membership, as determined by the source of the membership form, shall be awarded half of the dues in the first year, with the other half to be distributed equally between the Party and the new member's county of affiliation." Jon Petersen explained that if a local Region recruits a new member for its Region, that Region would receive 75% of the first years dues, and the State Party would receive the other 25%. If a local Region recruits a new member for another Region, the recruiting Region would receive 50% of the first years dues, the member Region would receive 25% of the dues, and the State Party would receive 25%. If the State Party recruits a new member, the State Party would receive 75% of the first years dues, and the member Region would receive 25%. **The motion carried.**

ELECTION OF THE AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
The next order of business was the election of At-Large Representatives to the Executive Committee. The nominees were:

Gail Moore, Bob Weber, Lawrence Goldberg,
Ted Brown, Mark Sweany, Neil Donner,
Don Meyer, & Laura McFadden

It was noted that Gail Moore was a member of Region 30, Orange County, but then it was noted that there are no restrictions on which Region the At-Large Representative comes from, only that delegates from the five largest Regions may not vote for the At-Large Representatives. There was a request from the floor that the Chair rule that "None of the Above" appear alone on the ballot only, and that it may not appear with any of the nominated names. Kim so ruled. The Convention Delegates elected:

**Ted Brown, Lawrence Goldberg, Bob Weber,
Don Myer, and Laura McFadden.**

ELECTION OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

The next order of business was the election of the Judicial Committee: The nominees were:

Steve Alexander, David Nolan, Jack Dean
Ed Clark, Dan Wiener, Mark Hinkle,
Mark McFadden, Bruce LeGasse, & Mary Gingell

The Convention Delegates elected:

Mary Gingell, Steve Alexander, Ed Clark,
David Nolan, and Bruce LeGasse

BY-LAW CHANGES

The next order of business was the continuation of the By-Laws Committee Report. Wayne Nygren moved that the next By-Law change considered be the election of Alternate At-Large Representatives. The motion carried, and the debate concerned a change to By-Law 4 Section 3C, and Convention Rule 10G3. In By-Law 4 Section 3C, change "Five representatives" to "Five representatives and two alternates" in the first sentence and insert "and alternates" after "representatives" in the second sentence, so that the revised paragraph would read:

"C. Five Representatives and two Alternates elected at large to represent all of the other Regions in the state, except the five largest Regions. These Representatives and Alternates shall be elected for a one year term."

In Convention Rule 10G3, insert "and alternates" after members", so the revised line would read:

"3 At-Large members and alternates of the Executive Committee for one year terms; and"

Jon explained that currently there is no formal procedure for the replacement of an At-Large Representative, for either a temporary absence, or a permanent absence. However, the Convention, on Sunday, approved a change in By-Laws that allows the Executive Committee to appoint At-Large Representatives when a vacancy occurs. Mary Gingell moved to amend by adding after "for a one year term" the following: **"There will be free substitution of Alternates, in ranked order, at the Executive Committee meetings."** The amendment carried on a hands-up vote. The main motion, as amended, carried on a hands-up vote.

The next By-Law change for consideration was a change to By-Law 3 Section 5 which would change "three officers" to "three Party officers, or a County officer" in the first sentence of By-Law 3, Section 5. Jon explained that the intent of the change was to allow a County officer to release their county membership list, as maintained by the State Party, without having to obtain the State Party's consent. Mark Hinkle moved to amend by changing "County officer" to "County Chair". Gail Lightfoot moved a substitute amendment, to change "County officer" to "two County officers". Gail's amendment carried. The main motion, as amended, carried.

Bob Weber moved to suspend the rules to consider the Convention Rule concerning Style Committee, and tabling the remaining proposed By-Law changes. This motion carried.

Therefore, the next item for consideration was a new Convention Rule concerning Style Committee, and a resulting change to the Agenda as listed in the Convention Rules: **The Chair shall appoint a Style Committee of no more than five delegates which shall propose stylistic changes to the Platform, By-Laws, and Convention Rules. The proposed changes shall be submitted to the Executive Committee**

for ratification. The Convention agenda would be changed to add appointment of the Style Committee as the last item of Convention Business. The State Party Secretary noted that this change may conflict with the requirements that the Secretary complete the required Platform, By-Laws, and Convention Rule changes within 60 days of the close of Convention, and this could only be accomplished if these changes were "un-stylized". This motion carried. There was a challenge from the floor as to how many votes were required to make this change. Jon Petersen ruled that Convention Rules only required a simple majority of the delegates present.

Jon announced that the remaining proposed changes from the By-Law Committee were tabled, and that proposed changes from the floor were now in order.

Ed Moss moved to change the Convention Rules to Rule 18, Section C Election of At-Large Executive Committee members: A separate election, following the election of the At-Large Ex-Com members, shall be held for the positions of Alternate-At-Large Executive Committee members. Jon Petersen proposed a substitute motion, that where the Convention Rule mentions that At-Large, and Alternate-At-Large serve a one year term, that the wording be changed to say that the At-Large representatives will serve a one year term, and that the Alternate-At-Large representatives will serve a one year term. Ed said he would accept this change as friendly. Larry Leathers proposed a substitute amendment, that only those who ran for At-Large representative, and failed to obtain at least 50% of the votes cast, would be required to run for Alternate-At-Large representative. Bob Weber proposed alternate language: Alternates are automatically elected if they are runners up in the At-Large election, and they receive at least 50% of the votes cast. Otherwise, a separate election shall be held. Larry accepted this change as friendly. Cullene moved to amend to change "50% of the votes cast" to "50% of the votes the person with the highest vote", but then asked to withdraw the amendment. Bob proposed new language: That Alternate Executive Committee representatives shall be deemed to have been elected in the election for Executive Committee, if they received votes from more than 50% of delegates voting. Otherwise, a separate election shall be held. This proposal failed.

Brian Schar moved to close this agenda item, and move on to endorsement of the Candidates running for statewide office. This motion passed and the pending motion passed.

ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR STATEWIDE OFFICES

Jon Petersen moved that endorsement of the Statewide Candidates be conducted in a manner similar to that used in consideration of the By-Laws, namely that each candidate's name and office be called out. If no more than four delegates stand up to indicate their objection, that candidate shall be considered to be endorsed by the Convention. Under this procedure, the endorsed candidates would waive their nominating speech, and their acceptance speech. Any candidate who received five or more objections, would be required to have a nomination from the floor, and the option of delivering an acceptance speech, and be subject to a vote of approval from the Convention. This motion carried. Aaron Starr challenged the Chair's ruling, and asked if the vote did not require a majority of

the delegates registered, and a two-thirds majority of the delegates present. Kim replied that this was not a By-Law change, but rather, a change of the Convention Rules, and the Convention Rules can be changed by a simple majority of the delegates present.

Running for the Office of Governor of the State of California is Richard Rider of San Diego. There were not at least five delegates in objection, and Richard was endorsed.

Running for the Office of Lieutenant Governor is Bob New of Region 63 - West San Gabriel Valley. There were not at least five delegates in objection, and Bob was endorsed.

Running for the Office of Secretary of State is Peggy Christensen of Region 61 - San Fernando Valley. There were not at least five delegates in objection, and Peggy was endorsed.

Running for the Office of Attorney General is Richard Burns of Region 61 - San Fernando Valley. There were not at least five delegates in objection, and Richard was endorsed.

Running for the Office of Treasurer is Jon Petersen of Santa Clara County. There were not at least five delegates in objection, and Jon was endorsed.

Running for the Office of State Controller is Cullene Lang of Sacramento County. There were at least five delegates who objected to Cullene, so her endorsement was withheld.

Running for State Insurance Commissioner is Ted Brown of Region 63 - West San Gabriel Valley. There were not at least five delegates in objection, and Ted was endorsed.

Inasmuch as there were objections to Cullene Lang's candidacy for Controller, Kim announced that nominations were open for any candidates to run for the office of Controller.

Ralph Ortolano of Region 66 nominated Cullene Lang for State Controller, and was seconded by Gail Lightfoot. Cullene spoke on her candidacy. She spoke of the charges and attacks against her, and denied that she was any kind of a "mole". She said that she is a believer in the principals of the Party, and regardless of the Convention's endorsement, she intends to campaign vigorously, and speak strongly on Libertarian issues. She asked that if the Convention elected not to endorse her, that her supporters not to abandon the Party, but to continue working, as the Party needs honest, good people.

Aaron Starr nominated "None of the Above", saying he wished to disassociate himself from the personal attacks against Cullene, but felt that in this specific race, the Party has a rare opportunity of making libertarian ideas visible by supporting Tom McClintok, a libertarian Republican. NOTA was seconded by David Nolan.

On a hands-up vote, the Convention voted to endorse Cullene Lang for the State Office of Controller.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

The next item of business was resolutions. Sally Foster introduced a resolution to endorse the Taxpayers Consent Act: Whereas the Libertarian Party of California supports any and all initiatives to cut or abolish any tax, and opposes all efforts to repeal or undermine existing laws requiring greater than simple majority vote to raise taxes, and whereas the Taxpayers Consent Act Initiative by the Paul Gann Spirit of 13 Committee mandates voter approval of all proposed taxes and assessments to be imposed by local governments, special districts, and other taxing agencies, and mandates voter approval for any bonded indebtedness to be incurred or created by local governments, special districts, and other government entities. Therefore, be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of California endorses the Taxpayers Consent Act of 1994. The Convention voted to endorse the Taxpayers Consent Act.

Neil Donner introduced the following resolution: Whereas daily temperature, humidity, and precipitation for a particular city or county are commonly taken to be the values measured at the Civic Center; and whereas government agencies such as the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), on the contrary, base their enforcement actions on the highest daily air pollution measurements obtained in a county wide or multi-county region; and whereas this practice deceives the populace and the business community into accepting more draconian enforcement of air quality regulations than they otherwise would; and whereas unreasonable air quality regulations are consequently imposed on localities and business that neither suffer from air pollution nor have anything to do with producing it; and whereas this practice has falsely stigmatized Los Angeles air "as the worst in the country" merely because neighboring Riverside and San Bernardino counties are in the same four county air quality district; we therefore demand that government entities either report city and county air pollution measurements in the same manner that they report temperature, humidity, and precipitation measurements, i.e., by using Civic Center values, or that they report an average of numerous measurements taken at widely separated locations taken in the local city or county. The Convention voted not to accept this resolution.

Neil Donner introduced the following "Filmore Resolution": Resolve that the Libertarian Party of California denounces and condemns sexual activity between adults and prepubescent children as morally evil and unfit for civilized society, and demands that all persons who advocate or engage in such activities, sever all association or affiliation with the Libertarian Party. Larry Leathers moved to amend to add "unemancipated" before the word "prepubescent". This amendment did not pass. The unamended resolution failed to pass also.

This was the last order of business, and the Convention was adjourned.

Ray Acosta
Secretary