

The Libertarian Party of California 2004 state convention, meeting at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose, CA, was called to order at 8:22 am on Saturday, March 14th.

The Credentials Committee, consisting of Steve Cicero, Terry Floyd, and Philip Heath, presented its initial report that there were 57 credentialed delegates in attendance.

The convention agenda was discussed. [The draft agenda is appended to these minutes.] Debate occurred over the addition of an agenda item to consider "Urgent Bylaws Issues Regarding Delegates & Elections". It was moved to amend that agenda item by deleting "Amendment C: Executive Committee One Person, One Vote". The motion to amend passed by voice vote. The agenda as amended then passed by voice vote.

Officers reports:

LPC Chair Aaron Starr reported that he had effectively been serving as Executive Director for much of the year while he was unemployed. He is now employed and can no longer do so. However, the LPC's finances are in great shape. He thanked Aubri Webb for her work as part-time Office Manager. The LPC needs staff to function properly, and must grow to better afford it. He thanked Gail Lightfoot for contesting the US Senate race; at first he had considered a contested primary to be a waste of resources, but events proved him wrong. He urged members to take advantage of the work that had gone into Operation California Tax Freeze, and to promote local initiatives. He described the enhanced Operation Breakthrough which will attempt to switch already-elected office holders to the Libertarian Party, as well to continue electing new Libertarians to local non-partisan offices. He thanked Bruce Dovner for renovation of the LPC website, and M Carling for his database work to help provide regions with their dues checks. He described the threat to minor parties of the Open Primary initiative which will be on the November ballot.

LPC Northern Vice-Chair Lawrence Samuels described the work he had done helping various regions.

LPC Southern Vice-Chair Mark Selzer emphasized the importance of proper dress and personal presentation in advancing the LP. He described the public access TV show he had been doing.

LPC Secretary Daniel Wiener apologized for problems which occurred during the transition period when he was taking over from Lori Adasiewicz, who resigned to get married and move to another state. The status of Shasta County was finally put to an Executive Committee vote, and the region was unanimously recognized as "active". A continuing problem for several years has been obtaining up-to-date information on who all the regional officers are; progress is being made, and list of 146 regional officers with email addresses has been assembled. Regional officers were given access to the new membership database which M Carling has put together. A program called "Group Mail" is being used to customize and broadcast email messages to Regional Officers and to the LPC membership. Most regions submitted their lists of state convention delegates before the deadline this year, as a result of frequent reminders. A new LPC Office Manager is needed to replace Aubri Webb; flyers describing the position were handed out. Several sign-up sheets were made available for people who wanted to be elected as delegates to the 2004 national convention. The domain name LibertarianParty.info was obtained. Posting of documents (e.g., Executive Committee minutes) on the revamped LPC web site is planned for the coming year. Despite some problems, work will continue on a project to use Google advertising to promote the Libertarian Party. Copies of the 2003 Platform, Bylaws, and Program have been stapled together and are available to convention delegates.

LPC Treasurer Monica Kadera reported that the current fund balance was way up in 2003 to almost \$60 thousand, due to the lack of a paid Executive Director or full time staff. For most of the year Aaron Starr acted as an unpaid Executive Director, and Aubri Webb worked as a part time Office Manager. Our large balance is expected to be drawn down sharply in 2004 as much of the money is spent for elections and membership recruitment efforts and Operation Breakthrough. [Financial charts and budget spreadsheets are appended to these minutes.]

An Audit Committee report for 2002 was presented. Prepared by Committee Chair Timothy L. Johnson and Committee member Dave Hollist, it contained the following primary findings:

1. Disbursements were accurately reflected in the Party's records and issued for legitimate purposes.
2. Receipts were accurately reflected in the Party's records and deposited to the Party's bank accounts.
3. Assets were properly accounted for.

[The complete audit report is appended to these minutes.]

The urgent portions of the Bylaws Committee report were presented:

Amendment A: National Convention Delegation Enablement

No Debate Item

This change is needed in order to elect delegates to the national convention because of the later LPC convention and the earlier national convention. If not passed prior to elections, we will not be able to send any delegates to the national convention in Atlanta.

●Rule 17: ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Nominations for the position of delegate shall begin immediately following the call to order.

Nominations shall be submitted to the Secretary by placing the name and regional affiliation of the nominee on a ballot as designated by the Secretary. Such ballots shall be displayed conspicuously for easy access. Only central committee members of the Party shall be nominated and elected to serve.

The Party officers shall be automatically nominated as delegates to the national convention by reason of their official status within the Party.

The Secretary shall call for the nominating ballots at the close of convention business on the ~~second~~penultimate day.

The Secretary shall provide a printed list of all nominees to each delegate on the ~~third~~last day of the convention. Additional nominations shall be made from the floor.

The Secretary shall calculate the number of votes allowed each delegate to cast by determining one-third of the number of California delegates at the national convention and rounding upward.

Each delegate shall cast one vote per nominee up to the number determined by the Secretary.

The Secretary shall rank the nominees for delegate in order of the vote received by each nominee and **shall make this ranking**, without the number of votes received, **available to interested members within ~~30~~90 days of the close of the convention.**

After receiving notice of the number of delegates allotted to California at the national convention, and determining which nominees are eligible, the Secretary shall submit to the national Secretary that number of nominees, starting at the top of the list, as delegates to the national convention, and the remaining nominees, in rank order up to the number of delegates, as alternate delegates to the national convention. No nominee for delegate or alternate to the national convention shall be elected without receiving a minimum of three votes.

Amendment A was unanimously adopted by a voice vote. The major effect of this change was to facilitate the election of national convention delegates during a 2-day rather than a 3-day state convention.

It was moved to postpone Amendment B until the normal time of the Bylaws Committee's report. Seconded and passed on a hand vote.

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

The Platform Committee Report was presented by Chair Ted Brown. [See attached Platform with changes.]

1. Passed by Committee 7-0

Plank V(17) – AGRICULTURE

Delete last two sentences of first paragraph.

[PASSED BY VOICE VOTE]

2. Passed by Committee 6-0

Plank IV(3) – PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

In 4th paragraph, change second sentence to:

Therefore, we oppose government encryption policies that would guarantee the government could conduct surveillance of electronic transmissions by mandating or encouraging government-readable methods of encryption.

And, change 5th paragraph to:

We favor repeal of prohibitions on the export of any mathematics, including encryption. Government-imposed encryption standards, together with export restrictions, inhibit development of new privacy-enhancing products.
[UNANIMOUSLY PASSED, WITH STYLISTIC FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, BY VOICE VOTE]

3. Passed by Committee 8-1

Plank IV(7) – JUDICIAL

In section G, add second sentence:

We would eliminate jury tampering by both prosecutors and defense attorneys by seating the first twelve eligible jurors who don't know the parties involved and have no financial interest in the outcome of the case.

[AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE TO INSERT “personally” between “don't” and “know”]

[FAILED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE]

4. Passed by Committee 8-1

Plank IV(19) – ELECTION REFORM

Add new 6th paragraph:

To avoid fraud and manipulation, we oppose direct record electronic voting systems that do not use a voter verified paper ballot as the ballot of ~~count~~, recount, audit and record. We support a voting system that is open, transparent and auditable in which each individual can verify at the time of voting that his vote is correctly recorded and in which the public can verify that the votes were correctly counted.

[MOVED & SECONDED TO REMOVE THE WORD “COUNT”. PASSED.]

[PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.]

5. Passed by Committee 8-2

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

In first line, change to read:

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, defend the rights of the individual.

Moved to amend by instead deleting the words “challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual. We” such that the first line would now read “We, the members of the Libertarian Party, hold that all individuals...” [AMENDMENT PASSED]

It was moved to rename the Statement of Principles as the “Statement of Principles of the Libertarian Party of California” and incorporate it into Platform. [MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE]

6. Passed by Committee 7-2

Plank IV(10) – HEALTH AND MEDICINE

Add at the end:

j. We oppose any laws that force doctors and other health care professionals to report to the government the affairs of their patients; for example, medical records, **which are the property of the individual.**

[AMENDMENT TO DELETE HIGHLIGHTED PHRASE. PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.]

[PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.]

7. Passed by Committee 7-2

Plank V(10) – TRANSPORTATION AND MASS TRANSIT

In 1st paragraph, add after third sentence:

Meanwhile, users of environmentally friendly forms of individual transportation, such as bicycles and skateboards, are often subject to hostility, discrimination and unnecessary restrictions from authorities. It is perverse for government to discourage the use of clean and healthy means of transportation, and we condemn the bias against young people that often fuels such attitudes.

And add new “B” and re-letter the subsequent sections:

b. The repeal of the blanket restrictions on the use of bicycles, skateboards, inline skates, roller skates, motorized scooters, **vehicles such as the Segway**, and similar non- or minimally-polluting transportation alternatives on public streets and thoroughfares.

[MOTION TO DIVIDE QUESTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.]

[CHANGE TO FIRST PARAGRAPH FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.]

[MOVED TO REPLACE “SEGWAY” WITH “GYROSCOPIC PERSONALIZED MOTER VEHICLE TRANSPORT”.
MOVED TO AMEND AMENDMENT BY DELETING HIGHLIGHTED PHRASE. AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT
PASSED. AMENDMENT PASSED.]
[MOVE TO EXTEND DEBATE 5 MIN FAILED.]
[SECTION B PASSED.]

8. Passed by Committee 5-2

Plank IV(12) – DRAFT

Change title to “MILITARY” and add new first paragraph:

Since the National Guard and Air National Guard are state organizations, we oppose nationalizing these units for use in foreign military actions unless Congress has formally declared war.

[TIME EXPIRED BEFORE THIS ITEM COULD BE CONSIDERED]

9. Passed by Committee 7-4

Add new Plank IV(8), and renumber the subsequent planks:

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

While Libertarians disagree about the morality and deterrence value of capital punishment, it is well-documented that many innocent people have been falsely condemned to death. For this reason, we call for an end to the death penalty, and its replacement with life in prison without possibility of parole.

[TIME EXPIRED BEFORE THIS ITEM COULD BE CONSIDERED]

Following a recess for lunch, the Credentials Committee reported that 101 delegates were registered.

An election was held to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of LPC Secretary Lori Adasiewicz. Daniel Wiener was nominated, and nominations were closed. On a voice vote, Daniel Wiener was elected to fill the remaining year of the Secretary’s term; there were two votes for None Of The Above (from Daniel Wiener and Steve Cicero).

Elections were held for five At-Large Representatives to the LPC Executive Committee. Nominated were: Bruce Dovner, Ted Brown, M Carling, Allen Hacker, Mark Hinkle, and David Hollist. David Hollist declined he nomination. Since there were only five candidates for the five positions, a motion was made by M Carling to suspend the rules by voting for or against None Of The Above; a majority vote against NOTA would elect the five people as At-Large Representatives. The vote to suspend the rules was 35 to 27, and failed for lack of a 2/3 majority. A motion was made by Ray Strong to suspend the rules to individually vote on each candidate versus NOTA; the motion was passed with no objection.

- Bruce Dovner was elected by voice vote as an At-Large Representative.
- Ted Brown was elected by voice vote as an At-Large Representative.
- M Carling was elected by voice vote as an At-Large Representative.
- Allen Hacker was elected by voice vote as an At-Large Representative.
- Mark Hinkle was elected by voice vote as an At-Large Representative.

Elections were held for two At-Large Alternates to the LPC Executive Committee. Nominated were: B.J. Wagener and David Nolan. A motion was made by Ray Strong to suspend the rules to individually vote by show of hands on each candidate versus NOTA; the motion was passed with no objection.

- B.J. Wagener received 24 votes in favor and 5 against.
- David Nolan received 34 votes in favor and 0 against.

Therefore David Nolan is the 1st Alternate and B.J. Wagener is the 2nd Alternate.

Elections were held for five members of the LPC Judicial Committee. Nominated were: Ray Strong, Mark Dierolf, Rodney Austin, Saul Rackauskas, Mark Werlwas, Paul Ireland, and Bill White. The results were as follows:

- **Rodney Austin -- 43**
- **Ray Strong -- 40**
- **Mark Dierolf -- 31**
- **Bill White -- 28**
- **Mark Werlwas -- 19**
- Saul Rackauskas -- 17
- Paul Ireland -- 10

The meeting was recessed for the evening and resumed on Sunday morning.

On Sunday morning the Credentials Committee reported that there were 86 Delegates currently registered.

Since there were far fewer people seeking to be National Convention Delegates than available slots, there was discussion of possible motions to suspend the rules for selection of delegates. It was decided to proceed to the next item of business while copies of the nomination list were made.

Elections were held for two regional representatives to the Libertarian National Committee. Nominated were: Aaron Starr and M Carling.

- M Carling was elected as the 1st LNC Regional Representative
- Aaron Starr was elected as the 2nd LNC Regional Representative

Elections were held for two regional alternates to the Libertarian National Committee. Nominated were: Scott Lieberman, Starchild, and Mark Hinkle. The results were as follows:

- **Mark Hinkle – 48**
- **Scott Lieberman – 43**
- Starchild – 29
- NOTA -- 1

There were no nominations for National Platform Committee representative, so Mark Hinkle, who had previously been selected by the LPC Executive Committee, will remain the representative from California.

Ray Acosta was the only person nominated for National Credentials Committee representative; he was elected by voice vote.

A motion was made to suspend the rules to consider the remainder of the Platform Committee's report. The motion, which required a two-thirds vote, failed 32-21.

The Bylaws Committee Report was presented by Chair M Carling. [See attached Bylaws and Convention Rules with changes.] Additions are indicated by underlining in blue, while deletions are indicated by ~~strikethroughs in red~~. *Explanatory comments are in italics.* **Important portions are bold-faced.**

Amendment 1: National Bylaws Compliance

No Debate Item

This amendment is needed to ensure compliance with Article 8, Section 4 of national's Bylaws.

●Bylaw 6: COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

●Section 1.

Subject to the consent of the Executive Committee, counties may combine or subdivide into regions as they see fit. These regions shall be treated in the same way as are counties in all functions of the state Party, particularly in representation at conventions and in the division of dues monies. **Regional organizations shall conduct their business in any manner they choose consistent with these Bylaws and national Bylaws, particularly in that regional organizations may not endorse any candidate who is a member of, or otherwise affiliated with, another political party for public office in any partisan election.** The appropriate Vice-Chair may appoint a county chair pro tem for any county in which there is no active county organization. It shall be the responsibility of said chair to promote the development of a county organization in that county.

Amendment 1 was passed by voice vote.

Amendment 2: County Organization Flexibility

No Debate Item

This amendment is needed because of the split of Riverside County into two regions. A majority vote of the eight regional chairs in LA county is probably a reasonable procedure. In Riverside county, a majority vote by two regional chairs may not be the best procedure. This amendment affords these counties the opportunity to develop procedures that work for them without micromanagement from the state Party.

●Bylaw 6: COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

●Section 2.

In the event the County's duly adopted and published bylaws don't specify a different procedure, aAs soon as is convenient following the California primary, the chairs of the various regions in subdivided counties shall elect a county chair who shall be responsible for:

- A. Effecting liaison between the regions and the county election officials on such matters as monitoring and following-up on election law violations, coordinating poll-watchers, and producing sample ballots; and
- B. Any additional duties approved by two-thirds vote of the regional chairs unless the County's duly adopted and published bylaws specify otherwise.

Amendment 2 was passed by voice vote.

Amendment 3: Renumbering Safety

No Debate Item

These are proposed for removal because they are redundant and because of past problems that have arisen with references when sections have been renumbered. All the rules apply as per the status quo.

●Bylaw 18: PRESIDENTIAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

●Section 1.

Delegates to the national nominating convention shall be selected at the state convention preceding the national nominating convention. ~~The procedures in Rule 17 shall be used for such election.~~

●Bylaw 20: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Except as indicated in a particular bylaw, these Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of all the registered delegates at a convention, ~~per Rule 5.~~

Amendment 3 was defeated by voice vote.

Amendment 4: Convention Notification

No Debate Item

Currently, the Party is required to give its members only 60 days notice of any annual convention. Because it takes months to plan for a convention, it seems reasonable to require earlier notice to be given so that members can better plan their affairs.

Bylaw 15: CONVENTION, PLATFORM, AND PROGRAM

Section 2.

It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to set the time, place, and schedule of events for the convention of delegates to the annual meeting of the State Central Committee. **At least ~~60~~120 days notice must be provided to the membership concerning these arrangements.**

Amendment 4 was passed by voice vote.

Amendment 5: Clarification of LNC Representative Selection

No Debate Item

The normal procedure for the selection of LNC regional reps is by caucus of the national convention delegates from the states to be represented. LPC Bylaw 14 provides for election of LNC representatives at the LPC convention. Obviously, this is only possible to the extent that other states are not also involved in the selection process. This amendment effectively permits the LPC to enter into deals with other states LP affiliates to form a representative region, as we have done in the past.

Bylaw 14: NATIONAL COMMITTEE REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

Section 5:

[If the Executive Committee enters into an agreement with other affiliates of the Libertarian National Committee as permitted by the Bylaws of the latter in order to form a region, then the provisions of this Bylaw shall apply only to those representatives and alternates allocated to the Party by such agreement.](#)

Amendment 5 was passed by voice vote.

Amendment C: Executive Committee One Person, One Vote

Currently, the Executive Committee is comprised of five officers and ten additional members, five of whom are elected or otherwise chosen by the five largest regions and the other five elected to one-year terms by the delegates of the remaining active regions. Members in inactive regions have no representation.

The proposed amendment will require that all ten additional members be elected at-large by all the convention delegates, five each year, for staggered two-year terms.

This change is intended to yield several benefits. It should eliminate the alternating swings on the ExCom between northern and southern representation as the conventions alternate. It will simplify voting and be more democratic as it would follow the one person, one vote principle. It will also provide some additional continuity, stability, and institutional memory to the ExCom.

●Bylaw 4: ORGANIZATION

●Section 3.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the control and management of all the affairs, properties and funds of the Party consistent with these Bylaws, and any resolutions which may be adopted in convention. The Executive Committee may endorse, or rescind the endorsement of, any registered Libertarians candidacy for public office.

The Executive Committee of the Party shall be composed of the following members of the county central committees:

A. The five elected officers of the Party;

~~B. One representative from each of the five largest counties, as determined for representation at the most recently held convention; but if a county fails to have a representative in attendance at two successive meetings, or if the county declines to be represented, the position on the committee shall, through the next convention, pass to the next largest county not already having a county representative;~~

~~C. Five~~ **Ten** representatives and ~~two~~ **three** alternates. **Representatives shall be elected for two-year terms, five at each convention.** ~~elect~~ **ed at large to represent all of the other regions in the state except the five largest regions. These representatives and a** Alternates shall be elected for a one-year term. There will be free substitution of alternates in ranked order at an Executive Committee meeting.

●Bylaw 6: COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

●Section 3.

A county is deemed as having selected its officers, ~~Executive Committee representatives~~ and convention delegates only if an election notice has been mailed to the members at least 30 days but no more than 60 days in advance of the election. The election notice must also be sent to and received by the Party Secretary at least 30 days in advance of the election. Such notice shall specify the reason for the meeting and a time and place reasonably accessible to its membership. An election must be held every year. The results of the election must be reported to the Party Secretary within 15 days after the election. Any member of that county may challenge the legality of an election by bringing the issue before the Judicial Committee. The Executive Committee may declare a county inactive if it fails to hold elections in accordance with this section.

Rule 10: AGENDA

The business of the convention shall consist of the following items, which shall be conducted in the following order:

E. Elections, in the following order:

1. Party officers in odd-numbered years for two-year terms, and in even-numbered years to fill the unexpired terms of vacated Party officers;
2. At-large members of the Executive Committee for ~~one~~ **two**-year terms;
- ~~3.~~ **3.** At-large members of the Executive Committee for unexpired terms of vacated at-large positions;
- ~~4.~~ **4.** At-large members of the Executive Committee for unexpired terms of vacated at-large positions; ~~4.~~ At-large alternates of the Executive Committee for one-year terms;
- ~~5.~~ **5.** Judicial Committee members for one-year terms; and
- ~~56.~~ **56.** National convention delegates, Libertarian National Committee representatives and alternates, National Platform Committee representative, and National Credentials Committee representative at Party conventions immediately preceding national conventions.

●Rule 19: ELECTION OF AT-LARGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nominations for the at-large members of the Libertarian Party of California Executive Committee shall be made from the floor, with all State Central Committee members eligible for nomination. For each candidate there may be one nominating speech and a speech by the candidate, the total time for which shall not exceed three minutes. ~~The election shall be conducted in the following manner:~~

~~A~~ Each delegate ~~from all but the five largest regions~~ may cast **one vote for None of the Above or a number of votes not exceeding the number of positions up to five votes**, but no more than one vote for any one candidate.

~~B. Each county delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chairs shall deliver a written total to the Secretary, who shall conduct a roll call vote of the smaller regions. When all of the eligible county delegations have submitted their votes, the Secretary shall declare the voting closed.~~

Aaron Starr moved to make the effective date for Amendment C the next state convention.

A motion was made to table the entire item. Passed. Amendment C was tabled.

Amendment B: Convention Attendance Enhancement

Currently, the number of convention delegates is constrained by region. Further, any member living in a smaller, inactive region can only become a delegate in the unlikely event that a larger, active region is willing to send such person instead of one of their own members. The proposed change will allow all LPC members to be delegates, subject to an anti-takeover provision that allows a vote by members of more than five years to exclude uncertified delegates of less than one year.

This change will allow us to increase attendance at LPC conventions and provide an additional opportunity for recruitment of new members. It also provides protection against hostile takeover attempts such as befell the New York LP and the Reform Party.

The previous practice of seating additional delegates by Suspension of the Rules is prohibited by Bylaw 15, Section 3C.

Currently, a two-thirds vote is required to unseat and eject a delegate. This would be changed to a majority, two-thirds, or four-fifths depending on the circumstances.

●Bylaw 15: CONVENTION, PLATFORM, AND PROGRAM

Section 3.

Every county shall be entitled to send certified delegates to the convention according to the following criteria:

- A. Each county central committee shall have one delegate for each .5% or fraction thereof of the total number of all members of all county central committees. These delegates shall be current county central committee members and shall be selected by counties in such a manner as the county organizations may provide.
- B. Certification of delegates selected for each county shall be submitted to the Party Secretary at least two weeks prior to the opening session of the convention by the person presiding over the meetings at which the delegates were selected. Failure by a county to submit certification at least two weeks prior to the opening session of the convention shall cause no certified delegates to be registered from that county. Uncertified delegates may be registered from any county with or without certified delegates.

~~CB~~ In addition to the foregoing, each holder of an elective public office who is registered to vote as a Libertarian, each chair of a county central committee ~~or a person appointed by the chair of that county central committee who is otherwise qualified as a delegate under Rule 3,~~ and each member of the Party Executive Committee, at the time the convention is held, shall be a delegate from his or her respective county. Central committee membership shall not be considered to be holding of public office.

~~C. No person shall be a delegae who does not meet such requirements as may be stated in the Convention Rules.~~

Any county central committee member whose dues are currently paid may be seated as an uncertified delegate to a Party convention except as provided in this section.

Uncertified delegates may be unseated as a class on account of being central committee members less than one year prior to the convention by a majority vote of the delegates who have been members at least five years. Additionally, in the case of state conventions where delegates are selected to a national nominating convention, uncertified delegates to the Party's state convention may be unseated as a class on account of being central committee members less than two years prior to the convention by a majority vote of the delegates who have been members at least five years.

An uncertified delegate whom the Chair rules is out of order may be unseated and ejected from the convention by a majority vote or by a two-thirds vote without a ruling from the Chair. A certified delegate whom the Chair rules is out of order may be unseated and ejected from the convention by a two-thirds vote or by a four-fifths vote without a ruling from the Chair.

All delegates in good standing shall be eligible to vote on all matters. In order to vote on a given matter, a delegate must be present on the floor at the time that the vote is taken. Each delegate present shall have one vote.

~~Rule 6: VOTING ELIGIBILITY~~

~~All delegates in good standing shall be eligible to vote on all matters. In order to vote on a given matter, a delegate must be present on the floor at the time that the vote is taken. Each delegate present shall have one vote. Any delegate from a county, including delegates sent to the convention as provided in Bylaw 15, Section 3, Paragraph B, may be replaced by an alternate from that county with the consent of the county delegation.~~

Rule 7: VOTING PROCEDURE

On all matters except election and endorsements, voting will be conducted by voice vote or a show of hands. If ten percent (10%) of the registered ~~or more~~ delegates object to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a vote, a division or counted vote will be held. On any vote, the Chair may satisfy the first call for a division or counted vote with order in the room and an uncounted show of hands.

●Rule 9: DEBATE PROCEDURE

For each main motion, the maker shall have two minutes immediately following to speak to the motion. For amendments to proposed changes to the Bylaws, Convention Rules, Platform, Program, or to resolutions, the maker shall have 30 seconds to speak to the amendment. The Chair shall then request a standing second to the motion or amendment. If fewer than ten percent (10%) of the registered delegates stand, the motion or amendment shall die for lack of a second.

●Rule 11: CONSENT CALENDAR

Section 2.

Any item on the consent calendar may be removed from the consent calendar at any time prior to the vote on it by the written request of at least five percent (5%) of the registered delegates.

●Rule 12: NO DEBATE ITEMS

Both the Platform Committee and the Bylaws and Convention Rules Committee shall designate each of its proposals as either a regular item or a No Debate item. The No Debate classification shall be reserved for proposals which are technical in nature rather than substantive. Upon motion of five percent (5%) of the registered delegates, any proposal designated a No Debate item by a committee shall be reclassified as a regular item. Except for items proposed for immediate implementation, no debate shall occur on a committees proposals until all of its No Debate items have been voted on.

Aaron Starr moved to amend the proposed paragraph in Bylaw 15 Section 3 that begins “Uncertified delegates...” by changing the paragraph to read “Uncertified delegates may be unseated as a class by a majority vote of the certified delegates.” PASSED.

A motion was made to replace Amendment B with Amendment B-1:

Convention Attendance Enhancement

The proposed Amendment B encourages increased attendance, but it does so at the expense of regional representation, and it also introduces procedural changes unrelated to the attendance goals. The proposal will allow more delegates, increasing attendance, and allow seating at the convention, if regions permit, but without the risk of takeover.

Bylaw 15: Convention, Platform, and Program

Section 3.

Every country shall be entitled to send delegates to the convention according to the following criteria:

- A. Each county central committee shall have one delegate for each ~~.5%~~0.33% or fraction thereof of the total number.

Rule 3: Delegates

Section 5.

A county may authorize its officers, in whatever number and by whatever procedure it chooses, to appoint additional alternates at the convention, provided such alternates are otherwise qualified under this rule.

In the case that a region is inactive, the appropriate State Vice-Chair may choose to appoint otherwise qualified members from that region as delegates or alternates at the convention.

The motion to substitute passed. The substituted amendment then passed.

Amendment 6: Operations Committee Authority Limitation

The Operations Committee has the power of the Executive Committee between meetings. Currently, in some cases, the OpCom can pass with a majority vote actions that require a two-thirds vote of the ExCom. The proposed change would require a unanimous vote of the OpCom for actions that require a super-majority of the ExCom.

●Bylaw 10: OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

●Section 1.

The Operations Committee shall have the powers of the Executive Committee between meetings of the Executive Committee except for the following:

- A. Establishment or modification of the Party budget, except that the Operations Committee shall have a budgeted discretionary amount of \$10,000 per quarter. Any expenditure over \$2,000 shall require the approval of at least four members.
- B. Creation, modification or repeal of standing resolutions.
- C. Incurring any non-budgeted expense or debt.
- D. Suspending or censuring any member of the State or county Central Committee.
- E. Overturning any Executive Committee action.

Any other action requiring a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee shall require a unanimous vote of the Operations Committee.

Amendment 6 was passed by voice vote.

Amendment 7: Mailing List Protection

Currently, while it takes a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee to endorse a candidate for office, it only takes three officers to approve giving the mailing list to a candidate who cannot muster the endorsement of the ExCom. This amendment will require that unendorsed candidates must have a two-thirds vote approval of the ExCom to get the Party's mailing list.

●Bylaw 9: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

●Section 7.

A two-thirds majority of the eligible positions on the Executive Committee shall be required to pass the following:

- A. Removal from office, censure, or suspension of a Party officer, Operations Committee member, Executive Committee member, Libertarian National Committee representative or county central committee member, or reinstatement of a county central committee member.
- B. Endorsing or rescinding the endorsement of any candidate for public office.
- C. Endorsing or opposing any proposed ballot measure, but rescinding such action shall be considered a normal main motion.
- D. Annual budget, financial liability or contractual obligation lasting more than three months.
- E. Providing the Party mailing list to non-Libertarian groups or individuals, [or to candidates for public office not endorsed by the Party.](#)

Amendment 7 was passed by voice vote.

A motion was made to suspend the rules to consider a motion by Ted Brown regarding regional Executive Committee representatives. The motion failed.

Amendment 8: Elected Official Membership

As a political party, we are becoming more successful at electing registered Libertarians to public office. Unfortunately, many of these individuals are not yet members. This amendment would automatically confer LPC membership on elected officials who are registered to vote Libertarian.

●Bylaw 3: MEMBERSHIP

●Section 3.

Individuals may become members of a county central committee either by:

- A. Election to the committee by Libertarian voters in a primary election pursuant to the relevant parts of the election code, ~~or~~
- B. [Becoming a holder of public office that is subject to election other than county central committee, or](#)
- C. [Making application, paying such dues as prescribed by the Executive Committee and signing the following statement: I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals. The Executive Committee may authorize participation in a joint membership arrangement with the national Libertarian Party for the purpose of satisfying the dues requirement.](#)

No county central committee member shall be a registrant of or hold office in any political party other than the Libertarian Party.

It was moved to amend paragraphs A and B by adding the phrase at the end of each: “provided they have signed the statement described in item C below”. The amendment was passed. The amended change to Bylaw 3 was then passed.

A motion was made to suspend the rules to consider the Bylaws Committee's report for 1.5 hours after lunch. The motion failed. Time expired without considering the following proposed amendments:

- **Amendment 9: Membership Recruitment Incentive.** (Would have provided 100% of the California dues revenue to the state organization if it recruited a new member, or 100% to the region if it recruited a new member.)
- **Amendment 10: Member's Libertarian Registration.** (Would have required LPC members to be registered as "Libertarian", rather than allowing them the present option of being registered as "Decline to State". Would also have restricted endorsements to candidates who were not only members of the Libertarian Party – the current requirement – but also registered to vote as Libertarians.)
- **Amendment 11: Regional Anti-Takeover Protection.** (Would have allowed regions to adopt bylaws under which people who'd been members for at least 90 days could, by a 2/3 vote, block voting privileges of all newer members.)
- **Amendment 12: State Officer Anti-Takeover Protection.** (Would have required officers and Operations Committee members to have been LPC members for at least 2 years, and Judicial Committee members to have been LPC members for at least 5 years.)
- **Amendment 13: Regional Member Protection.** (Would have increased procedural safeguards by not allowing a term of office to exceed two years, and by enacting other anti-entrenchment rules.)
- **Amendment 14: Model Regional Bylaws Stability.** (Would have required a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee to amend the Model Regional Bylaws, since such amendments would automatically be applied to regions which were utilizing the Model Regional Bylaws in toto.)
- **Amendment 15: Executive Committee Diligence.** (Would have made failure of Executive Committee members to diligently execute their duties a cause for their removal.)
- **Amendment 16: Program Committee Election by Convention.** (Would have established a 5-member Program Committee, whose members would be elected at a convention. The Committee would then propose Program Planks which would require ratification by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee.)
- **Amendment 17: Open Platform Committee.** (Would have established a 5-member Platform Committee, whose members would be elected at a convention. The Committee would then report its proposed changes at least 90 days before a convention, and the Executive Committee could respond with its suggested changes to the report at least 30 days before a convention.)
- **Amendment 18: Election Notice Reporting.** (Would have required the Secretary to report to the convention which regions mailed election notices to their members since the previous convention.)
- **Amendment 19: Quality Campaign Assurance.** (Would have added conditions to the endorsement of candidates, such that each candidate would have to sign a statement to the effect that his or her campaign would be based on party issues rather than personal concerns, and the campaign would be conducted in a manner designed to improve the image of the LP.)
- **Amendment 20: Mailing List Distribution.** (Would clarify that counties must make their mailing lists available to candidates who wish to run for local party offices.)
- **Amendment 21: Purpose Streamlining.** (Would have replaced a hodge-podge of purposes in Bylaw 2 with a narrower set of purposes which emphasize growing the Libertarian Party so as to promote the Party's principles and win races where that appears possible.)

The convention recessed for lunch.

The Executive Committee Annual Report was distributed and is appended to these minutes.

M. Carling moved to suspend the rules to allow a vote of yes or no on each nominee for national delegate, with a net positive vote of three needed to qualify a person to be elected as a national delegate.

The motion to suspend the rules passed, and the motion passed.

113 people were nominated to be delegates to the national convention. California has 226 national delegate slots available. Every state delegate can cast up to 1/3 of that number (76) of total votes, either in the positive or negative. Voting was conducted, and the rank-order results are appended to these minutes. One nominee, Gary Copeland, failed to receive the minimum requirement of three positive net votes and was not elected as a national delegate. All other nominees were elected.

The convention heard speeches from the three Presidential candidates (Michael Badnarik, Gary Nolan, and Aaron Russo). A straw poll was conducted. The results were:

- Badnarik – 6
- Nolan – 35
- Russo – 42

- Absent – 1
- Mistake – 1
- NOTA – 2
- Decline to State – 1

The Program Committee Report was presented by Chair Bruce Dovner. [See attached Program with changes.] A motion was made to adopt the existing Program as the starting point. It was agreed to without objection.

A fifth Program Plank was proposed. It was decided to vote on each paragraph individually.

V. Addressing Social Concerns

People care more than government does. Since charitable organizations have to compete for your money, they have to care enough to do the job well, in order to earn our money. Government can be as uncaring, unresponsive and inefficient as it wants and still collect your tax dollars. That is why charitable organizations are more effective than government. Therefore, the Libertarian Party of California supports the following measures to address social concerns.

1. Using money more effectively.

- Provide tax credits for contributions to charitable organizations that do the same tasks as government health, welfare and human services programs and also those that provide additional social services.

2. Solving social problems, rather than maintaining or creating them.

- Focus public assistance spending toward family planning and adoption services, and toward job training programs.

The introductory paragraph was passed.

For the paragraph under item 1, the sentence was amended by adding the word “Provide” as the first word, immediately before “Tax credits...”, and by adding the word “social” before services. The paragraph as amended was passed. The Item 2 paragraph was defeated.

The Committee proposed amending the other Planks as follows:

I. Fostering Quality Education

1. Public School Competition and Open Enrollment,

Bullet point 5

- ◆ Charter schools ~~shall~~ may be expanded. Local school districts shall issue charters to all qualified applicants with no limit to the number of charters issued.

PASSED.

Bullet point 6 deleted:

- ◆ ~~Teachers shall have autonomy over the portion of their union dues that is allocated to political activities.~~

FAILED.

Bullet point 7 added:

- ◆ [Parents who choose to homeschool their children shall not be hindered.](#)

PASSED.

2. Tax Credits and Deductions for Non-Government Education

Bullet point 1

- ◆ Investments in educational savings accounts for one's children's education at ~~a non-government~~ [any](#) school shall be eligible for income tax exclusion.

PASSED.

Bullet point 3

- ◆ Funds shall be allowed to be withdrawn tax-free from such accounts to pay for the secular portion of one's children's or dependent's course of study at ~~a non-government~~ [any](#) school.

PASSED.

II. Stimulating Economic Growth And Creating Abundance

4. state subsidies for business, reduction and eventual elimination

Insert before bullet point 1

- ◆ [We encourage California to end business subsidies](#) ~~starting with the largest businesses first.~~

AMMENDED by striking the words “starting with the largest businesses first”. PASSED as amended.

Former bullet points 1 & 2 (reordered bullet items 2 & 3) revised as follows:

- ◆ For every dollar of social welfare that is cut from the state budget, a dollar-for-dollar cut shall be made from ~~corporate welfare~~ [business subsidies](#).
- ◆ All business entities that receive ~~corporate welfare or~~ subsidies shall be publicly disclosed.

PASSED.

III. inducing Quality, Accessible, Affordable Health Care

1. Medical Savings Accounts

Bullet point 1

- ◆ Health insurance premiums and co-payments shall be ~~tax deductible from income~~ [eligible for income exclusion without limitation](#).

PASSED.

Bullet point 2

- ◆ ~~Up to 10% of income used for a~~ [Contributions to](#) Medical Savings Accounts, ~~to be used for medical purposes,~~ shall be ~~tax deductible straight off the top, but without limitation on contributions~~ [eligible for income tax exclusion without limitation](#).

PASSED.

Bullet point 3 deleted

- ◆ ~~Students shall be educated to assume personal responsibility for their own health care needs.~~

MOTION to add “of government schools” after “Students” and keep the sentence. Failed.

PASSED deletion of Bullet Point 3.

New bullet point 3 added

- ◆ As a temporary measure to correct the current situation, tax credits shall be provided for guaranteed renewable health insurance.

FAILED.

A motion was made to amend Plank IV by adding a fifth item:

5. Government Discrimination.

- As long as government is licensing marriages its shall not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

PASSED.

- The state shall oppose proposed Constitutional amendments to restrict marriage rights or the definition of marriage.

THE VOTE WAS 43 TO 9 IN FAVOR. The Credentials Committee reported that there were 89 Delegates still registered at the convention. Since the motion did not receive a majority (45) of registered delegates, it failed.

- The state shall decouple the rights and privileges currently accorded to licensed marriages in favor of private contractual arrangements between consenting individuals.

PASSED.

The Orders of the Day were called for, and since it was 5:00 pm the convention was adjourned *Sine Die*.

The following portions of the Program Committee report were not considered due to the expiration of time:

2. Flooding the market with Quality, Accessible, Affordable Health Care

Bullet point 1

- ◆ Medical regulations *and* licensing standards which unnecessarily or unreasonably impede the supply of health care shall be amended or repealed.

Inserted before bullet point 2

- ◆ [Tax credits to medical providers and treators for free health care to the medically indigent.](#)

Deleted (redundant of Plank IV, Section 4):

~~**4. Alternative Modalities of Health Care**~~

- ◆ ~~The California State Attorney General shall be directed to protect and defend from federal prosecution patients who use medical marijuana.~~

IV. Demanding Government Accountability

...In addition, the government must be held accountable for the actions it takes, ~~as~~ since it is the people whom it ultimately serves.

1. Budgets and Fiscal Responsibility

The State of California is facing a scandalous budget deficit for the year ~~2003~~ 2004 due to the fiscal irresponsibility of legislators.

Bullet point 3

- ◆ Perquisites and benefits (including paid holidays, vacation time, CalPERS, medical and dental benefits) provisioned to government employees shall ~~parallel~~ not exceed those available in private industry.

Day	Start Time	End Time	Event/Speaker	Elapsed Time
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Friday 3/12

HH:MM

1:00 PM +	5:00 PM	+ Platform Committee	4:00
10:00 AM +	5:00 PM	+ Program Committee	7:00
4:00 PM +	9:00 PM	+ Convention Registration	5:00
6:00 PM +	7:00 PM	LPC Major Donors Reception	1:00
6:30 PM +	7:30 PM	+ LPC Pledgers Reception	1:00
8:00 PM +	9:00 PM	+ Presidential Candidate Debate	1:00
9:00 PM +	9:30 PM	+ Presidential Candidate Q&A	0:30

Saturday 3/13

Breakfast

7:00 AM +	8:00 AM	+ Prof. David R. Henderson	1:00
7:00 AM +	7:00 PM	+ Convention Registration	12:00
7:00 AM +	7:00 PM	+ Vendors booths	12:00

LPC Business

8:00 AM +	8:10 AM	Call Convention to order.	0:10
8:10 AM *	8:15 AM	Credentials Report--Preliminary	0:05
8:15 AM *	8:20 AM	Agenda Adoption	0:05
8:20 AM *	8:20 AM	Officers Report	0:00
8:20 AM *	8:45 AM	Chair - Aaron Starr	0:25
8:45 AM *	8:55 AM	Northern Vice Chair – Lawrence Samuels	0:10
8:55 AM *	9:05 AM	Southern Vice Chair – Mark Selzer	0:10
9:05 AM *	9:15 AM	Secretary – Daniel Wiener	0:10
9:15 AM *	9:30 AM	Treasurer – Monica Kadera	0:15
9:30 AM *	9:35 AM	Audit Committee Report	0:05
9:35 AM *	10:05 AM	+ Keynote Speech: Joe Seehusen, LNC Director	0:30
10:05 AM *	10:15 AM	Credentials Report	0:10
10:15 AM *	10:35 AM	Urgent Bylaw Issues Regarding Delegates and Elections	0:20
10:35 AM *	10:45 AM	Consent Calendar	0:10
10:45 AM *	12:00 PM	# LPC Platform Committee Report	1:15
12:00 PM +	12:00 PM	Recess until 2:00 PM	0:00

Lunch

12:00 PM +	1:30 PM	Sam Adams Award Lunch w/ host Jack Dean - Congressman Ron Paul + Guests of Honor: County Supervisor Tom Tryon and Bruce Lagasse	1:30
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LPC Business

1:30 PM +	2:00 PM	+ Prof. Dan Klein, Santa Clara Univ.	0:30
2:00 PM +	2:05 PM	Credentials Report - Update	0:05
2:05 PM *	2:25 PM	Election: Party Secretary	0:20
2:25 PM o	2:55 PM	+ John Gilmore: EFF (Electronic Frontier Foundation)	0:30
2:55 PM *	3:15 PM	Election: At-Large Members of Executive Committee	0:20
3:15 PM o	3:45 PM	+ Vince Miller: ISIL Success stories around the world	0:30
3:45 PM *	4:05 PM	Election: At-Large Alternate Members of Executive Committee	0:20
4:05 PM o	4:35 PM	+ Eric Garris: www.antiwar.com	0:30
4:35 PM *	5:00 PM	Election: Judicial Committee Members	0:25
5:00 PM +	5:00 PM	Recess until 8:00 AM	0:00
5:00 PM +	5:30 PM	+ David Nolan: Essence of Liberty	0:30
5:30 PM +	6:00 PM	+ Dr. Saeed: California Civil Rights Alliance (Anti-Patriot Act Coalition)	0:30
6:00 PM +	6:30 PM	+ Lynnette Shaw: Medical Marijuana Activists	0:30
6:30 PM +	7:00 PM	+ Geoff Neale: The Way of the Warrior	0:30

Banquet

7:00 PM +	10:00 PM	+ Judge James Gray: The Failure of the War on Drugs MC: Geoff Neale	3:00
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Day	Start Time	End Time	Event/Speaker	Elapsed Time
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Sunday 3/14

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Breakfast

7:00 AM +	8:00 AM	+ Dean Cameron, Actor	1:00
7:00 AM +	7:00 PM	+ Convention Registration	12:00
7:00 AM +	5:00 PM	+ Vendors booths	10:00

LPC Business

8:00 AM o	8:00 AM	Business resumes	0:00
8:00 AM o	8:05 AM	Credentials Report - Update	0:05
8:05 AM o	8:10 AM	Award Presentations	0:05
8:10 AM o	8:30 AM	Election: National Convention Delegates	0:20
8:30 AM o	9:00 AM	+ Brent Roske: The Television Campaign	0:30
9:00 AM *	9:15 AM	Election: National Committee Representatives	0:15
9:15 AM *	9:30 AM	Election: National Committee Alternates	0:15
9:30 AM *	9:45 AM	Election: National Platform Committee Rep	0:15
9:45 AM *	10:00 AM	Election: National Credentials Committee Rep	0:15
10:00 AM *	12:00 PM	# Bylaws Committee Report	2:00
12:00 PM +	12:00 PM	Recess until 1:30 PM	0:00

Lunch

12:00 PM +	1:30 PM	+ Richard Rider: Tax Fighter	1:30
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LPC Business

1:30 PM +	1:30 PM	Business resumes	0:00
1:30 PM +	1:35 PM	Credentials Report - Update	0:05
1:35 PM *	2:35 PM	# Program Committee Report	1:00
2:35 PM +	3:35 PM	+ Presidential Candidates speeches	1:00
3:35 PM +	4:05 PM	Presidential Straw Poll	0:30
4:05 PM *	4:30 PM	Endorsement of Candidates	0:25
4:30 PM *	4:50 PM	Resolutions	0:20
4:50 PM *	5:00 PM	Style Committee Appointment	0:10
5:00 PM *	5:00 PM	Adjourn	0:00
5:00 PM +	5:30 PM	+ Michael Edelstein, PhD: Overcoming Psychological Barriers to Success	0:30
5:30 PM +	6:00 PM	+ David Bergland: Effective Communications	0:30
6:00 PM +	6:30 PM	+ Dave Schrader: Marketing Libertarianism	0:30

5:00 PM +	7:00 PM	+ LPC Executive Committee meeting	2:00
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Banquet

7:00 PM +	9:00 PM	+ Peter Thiel, founder of PayPal MC: David Nolan	2:00
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Event Time Totals

	HOURS
LPC Business	11:00
Committee	13:00
Meetings	
Speakers	9:00
Vendors	22:00
Meals	10:00
Special Events	2:00
Registration	29:00

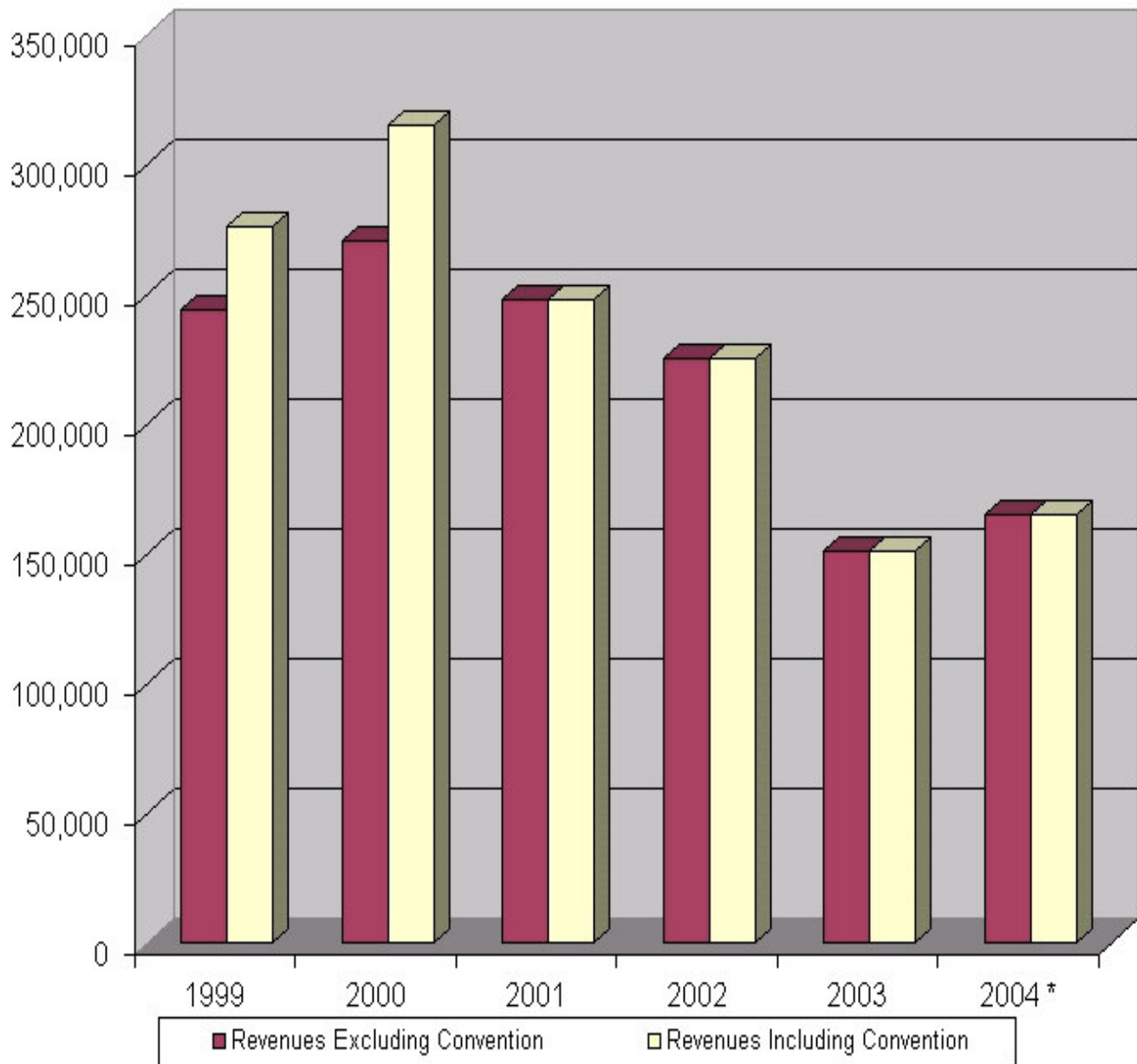
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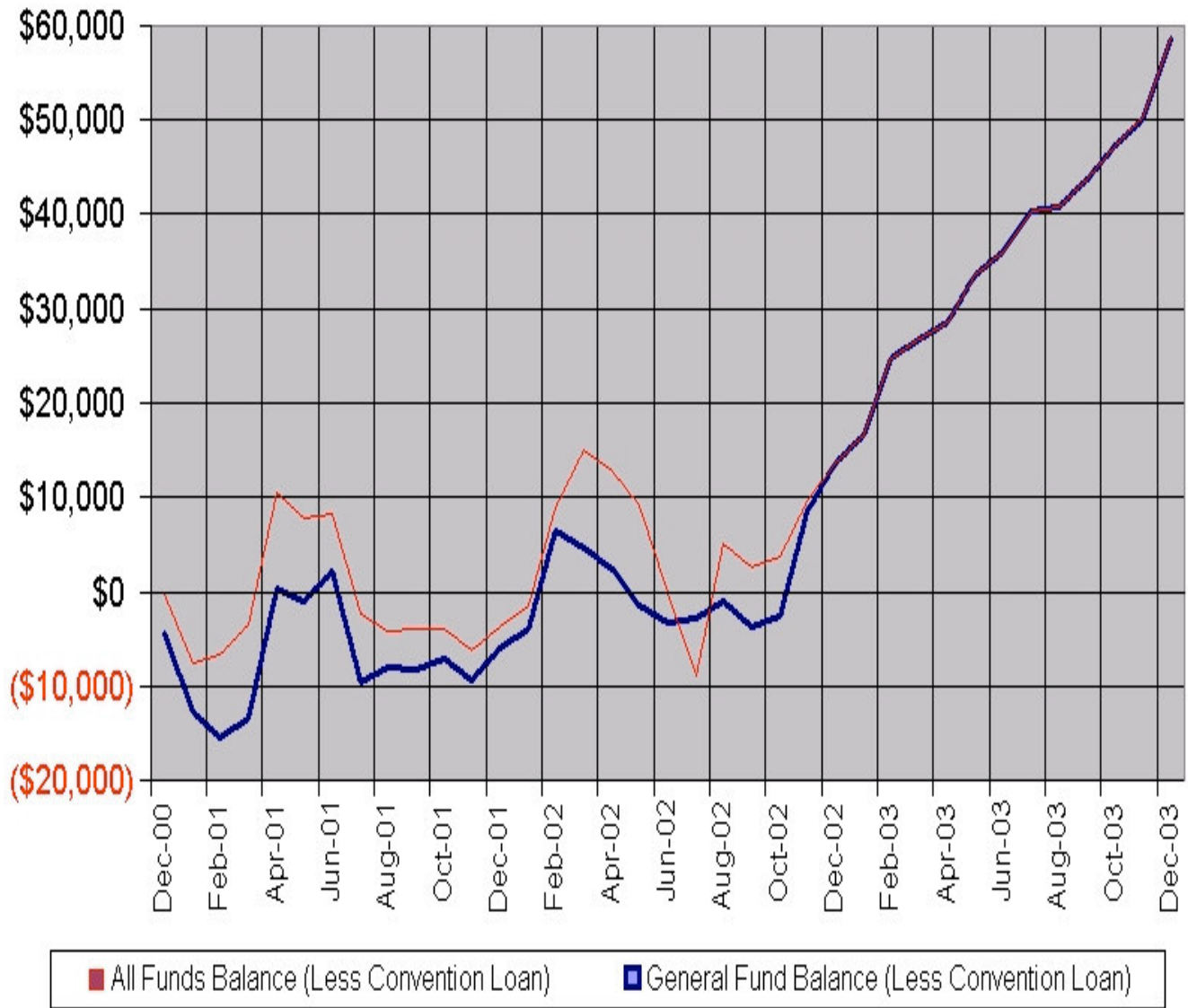
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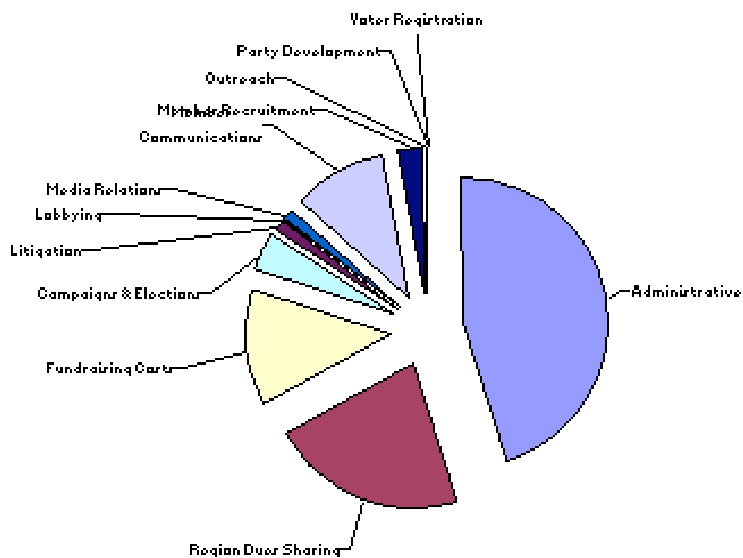
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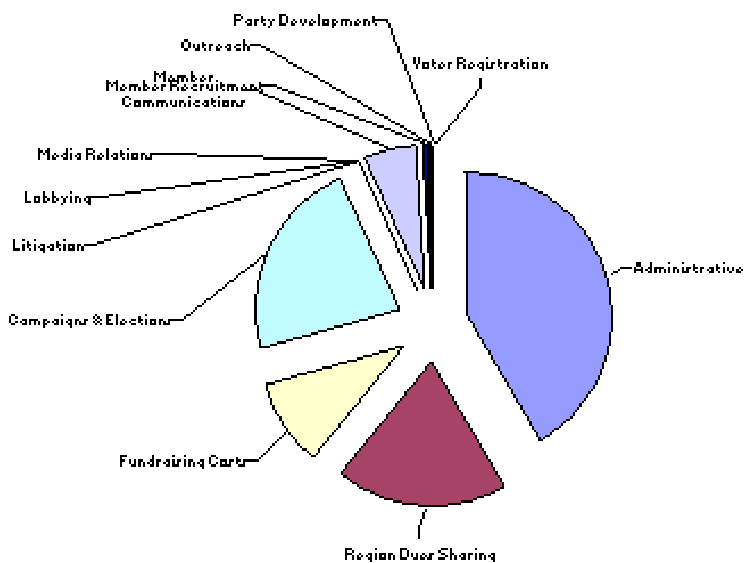
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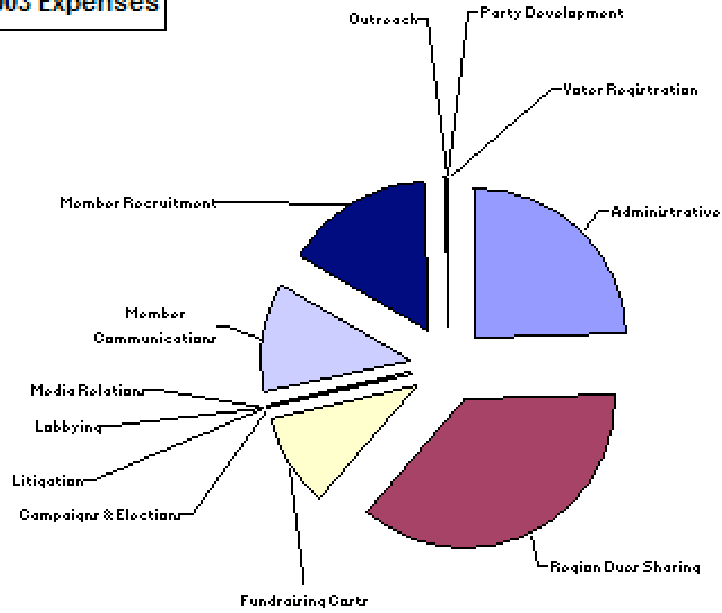
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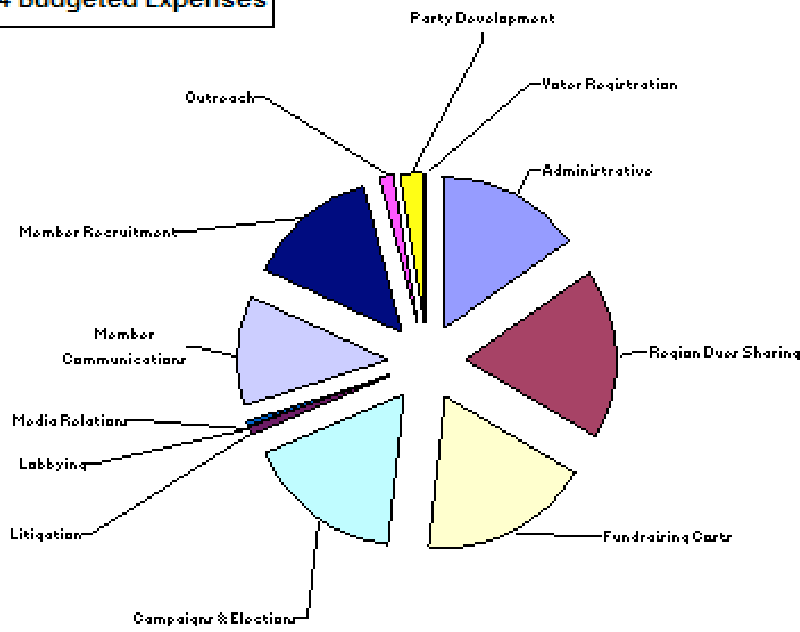
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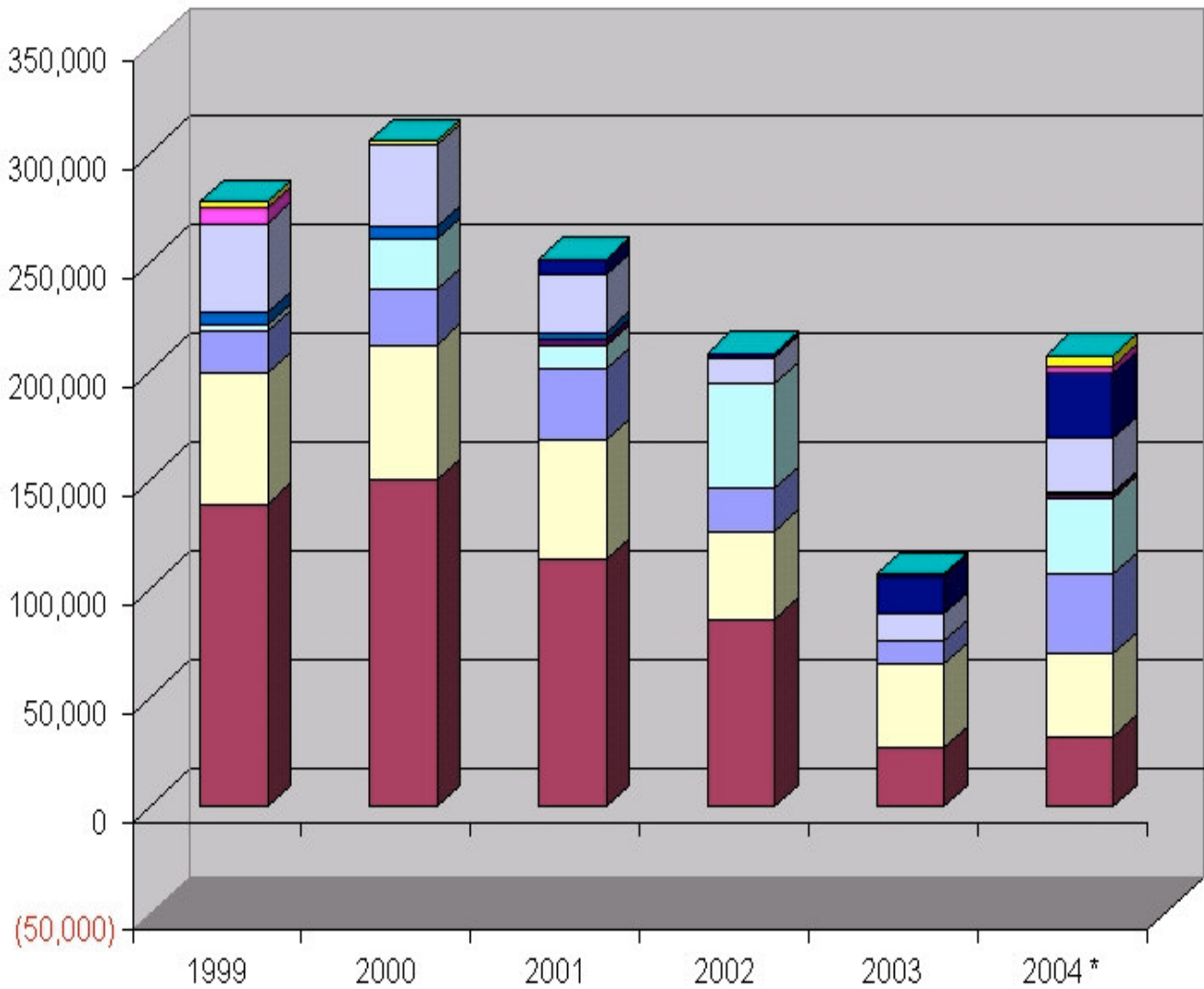
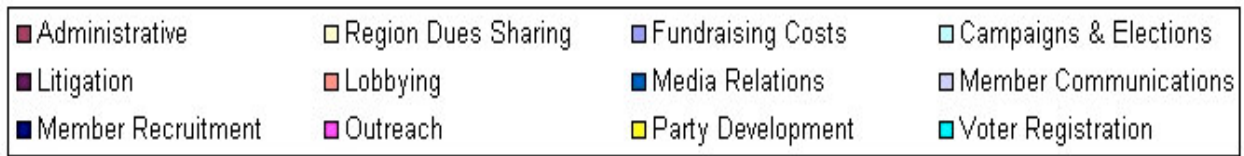
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2004 Budgeted Expenses



Libertarian Party of California Expenses



**Libertarian Party of California FY 2004
Adopted Budget 12/20/2003**

	Unrestricted General	Unrestricted Op-Com	Unrestricted Chairs Fund	Total General	Restricted LPC PAC	Restricted Operation Breakthrough	Restricted Questionnaire Project	Restricted Donor Software	Totals (Memo Only)
Support and Revenue									
Membership Dues	63,000			63,000					63,000
Membership Bounties (1)	0			0					0
Pledges (1)	51,000			51,000					51,000
Direct Mail Fundraising	20,000			20,000					20,000
Telephone Fundraising	9,000			9,000					9,000
Convention Fundraising	2,000			2,000					2,000
Event Fundraising	0			0					0
Bequests	0			0					0
Personal Solicitation	10,000			10,000					10,000
Other Revenue and Support	10,000			10,000					10,000
Total Support and Revenue	165,000	0	0	165,000	0	0	0	0	165,000
Cost of Support and Revenue									
Membership Dues	37,800			37,800					37,800
Membership Bounties (1)	0			0					0
Pledges (1)	5,000			5,000					5,000
Direct Mail Fundraising	20,000			20,000					20,000
Telephone Fundraising	9,000			9,000					9,000
Convention Fundraising	0			0					0
Event Fundraising	0			0					0
Bequests	0			0					0
Personal Solicitation	1,000			1,000					1,000
Other Revenue and Support	2,000			2,000					2,000
Total Cost of Support and Revenue	74,800	0	0	74,800	0	0	0	0	74,800

**Libertarian Party of California FY 2004
Adopted Budget 12/20/2003**

	Unrestricted General	Unrestricted Op-Com	Unrestricted Chairs Fund	Total General	Restricted LPC PAC	Restricted Operation Breakthrough	Restricted Questionnaire Project	Restricted Donor Software	Totals (Memo Only)
Net Support and Revenue Available for Programs	90,200	0	0	90,200	0	0	0	0	90,200
Program Expenses									
Administrative									
Convention	2,500			2,500					2,500
Executive Committee	2,000			2,000					2,000
Other Committees	500			500					500
LPC Office (1)	27,000			27,000					27,000
Total Administrative	32,000			32,000					32,000
Campaigns & Elections (1)	35,000			35,000					35,000
Litigation	2,000			2,000					2,000
Lobbying	0			0					0
Media Relations	600			600					600
Member Communications	25,000			25,000					25,000
Member Recruitment (1)	30,000			30,000					30,000
Outreach	3,000			3,000					3,000
Regional Development	2,600			2,600					2,600
Voter Registration	0			0					0
Other	0		2,400	2,400					2,400
Total Program Expenses	130,200	0	2,400	132,600	0	0	0	0	132,600
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(40,000)	0	(2,400)	(42,400)	0	0	0	0	(42,400)

(1) Authorization to spend on Membership Recruitment and Campaigns & Elections to be automatically increased by 3/4 of the amount combined net support from pledges and membership bounties exceeds \$46,000. Authorization to spend on LPC Office to be automatically increased by 1/4 of the amount combined net support from pledges and membership bounties exceeds \$46,000. Campaigns & Elections includes Elected Official Conversion Costs

LPC Audit of 2002 Financial Reports

1. The objective of this audit of the LPC 2002 financial report is to express an opinion whether the financial report is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with an applicable financial reporting framework. The auditor's opinions are given in a true and fair view of the financial information provided to us. Although the auditor's opinion may enhance the credibility of the financial report, the user cannot assume that the audit opinion is an assurance as to the future viability of the entity nor the efficiency or effectiveness with which management has conducted the affairs of the entity.
 - (a) Those charged with governance of the LPC (The Party) are responsible for providing reasonable assurance that the financial report taken as a whole is free from material misstatement;
 - (b) The responsibility for preparing and presenting the audited financial report within the applicable financial reporting framework is that of the Audit Committee, with oversight from those charged with governance.

On 02/15/04, the undersigned elected auditors completed an examination of the books and records of the Libertarian Party of California for the calendar year of 2002. The auditors certify that, to the best of their knowledge, the information in this report is true and correct.

Primary Findings

4. Disbursements were accurately reflected in the Party's records and issued for legitimate purposes.
5. Receipts were accurately reflected in the Party's records and deposited to the Party's bank accounts.
6. Assets were properly accounted for.

Overall, the Party seems to be compliant with standard accounting practices and procedures with the following exceptions:

- A) Only one individual in the Party's office typically handles cash donations and disbursements. Ideally, at least two persons should handle and verify each cash transaction. However, due the cost restriction of employing additional personnel and the apparent lack of any obvious impropriety, no action is deemed necessary to change the current practice.
- B) The June MasterCard statement was not available for review. Financial reports reflecting the amount of activity for this period do not appear out of the ordinary and no corrective action is needed.
- C) Annual expenditures for "office supplies" in the amount of \$3,135.74 are higher than expected given the limited office area and amount of supplies noted during audit. While receipts were available to confirm all costs, a more detailed listing of the higher-priced items would have been helpful in understanding the level of expenditure declared.

Suggestions and Conclusions

1. Future audit committees will need more reasonable access to Party records. Either because of scheduling conflicts, the limited time availability of regular office staff (one day per week) or office access restrictions, the estimated time frame for completing the audit was lengthened considerably. Specific changes can be discussed in regular committee meetings.
2. The Party should invest in additional storage or filing space for records more than one year old with clearer delineation of year-to-year records. All records, receipts and notes for any given year should be located in one specific filing area.
3. The LPC will have an improved audit from a scheduled regimen of face-to face discussions between the Executive Committee and the auditors in addition to ad hoc emails about the various details of compensation, expenditure and special programs instituted during the audited year.

We attest to the true and factual natures of the audit performed and certify the findings and conclusions to be our own:

Timothy L. Johnson

Chairman, LPC Audit Committee

Dave Hollist

Audit Committee Member

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
PRESENTED AT THE MARCH 2004
LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA CONVENTION**

For the first time this last year, each non-officer member of the Executive Committee – officers already have defined jobs -- is required to chair at least one committee.

Below are summaries of their activities.

John Scott Ballard

No report submitted.

Edward Bowers

The Media Relations Committee came out of the gate strongly in February of 2003. It established PRWeb.com as our internet press release service and immediately sent out a post-convention release in time for the Republican GOP convention which followed a week later, entitled "Libertarians Resolve to Recall Davis." <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2003/2/prweb57955.htm>

As chair of the Media Relations Committee, Edward continued to put out press releases throughout the year, some not official LPC business, but all with some interest to libertarians. They can undoubtedly be found by searching the keywords and phrases "press release," "Edward Bowers," and "libertarian."

Subsequent official releases appeared as follows:

- California Libertarians Call "Shotgun" in Drive to Reverse Governor's Car Tax Maneuver <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2003/6/prweb70243.htm>
- Libertarians Remind California Voters There is One Place to Vote No on the Recall Ballot - Proposition 53 <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2003/10/prweb83152.htm>
- Libertarians Beat Democrat Edward Kennedy in Election <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2003/10/prweb84150.htm>
- A Libertarian New Year's Resolution for California: Just Say No, No, No, and No <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2003/12/prweb96317.htm>

The interest generated by these releases can be gauged by spending a minimum of ten dollars (for this otherwise free service) per release to get "stats." For one of the non-official LPC releases (announcing the posting of a timeline of the Recall, entitled "The Recallist Papers"), the number of hits quickly exceeded 3000, so there is some confidence that we can reach people.

Our most visible success was our getting a picture of a (clearly marked) libertarian gathering Recall petition signatures published in a USA Today article on July 1, 2003.

Those who can't be thanked enough for arranging this include Tony Andrade of the People's Advocate, Dave Saxe and Anne Heidsiek of Region 61 and, most importantly, Andrew Jacobs (also of Region 61). We made a couple of contacts with this "media coup," including Tim Loehke, photo editor from USA Today, and John North of ABC News.

Early on, Edward recognized that the committee would accomplish little with only one member. Thanks to Dan Minkoff for answering the call put out in California Freedom for help. He had worked previously with former Executive Director David Molony, and we hope he will take on a greater role as a PR expert for the Party in the coming year.

Ted Brown

Ted Brown's main responsibility in 2003 was candidate recruitment for the 2004 election. About 110 Libertarians agreed to run for office, and 74 of them qualified for the ballot. The others either dropped out or failed to get enough signatures. About half are veterans, the other half newcomers. Ted established a new LPC-candidates e-mail list where the candidates can bounce ideas around and obtain technical assistance.

Ted's other responsibility was to contact elected Libertarian officeholders and find out how they were doing in office. Ted interviewed several of them and wrote articles about their efforts in the state newsletter. Ted believes he was sidetracked by the candidate recruitment, but will again start through the list of officeholders in the near future.

M Carling

LPC Bylaws Committee:

- Drafted more than two dozen proposed amendments to the Bylaws and Convention Rules.
- Read Robert's Rules of Order cover-to-cover.
- Took a correspondence course in parliamentary procedure.
- Incurred out-of-pocket expenses to consult with a Professional Registered Parliamentarian.

LPC Event Planning and Oversight Committee:

- Incurred out-of-pocket expenses staying at several hotels under consideration by the 2004 convention contractor and examined meeting facilities and sleeping rooms.
- Worked with the Legal Committee to ensure that the 2004 convention contract protects all parties, particularly the LPC.
- Began planning and negotiations for the 2005 LPC convention.
- Made two trips to Southern California to appraise the suitability of various hotels and to meet with hotel sales representatives.
- Submitted to the LNC a formal proposal to host the 2008 LP convention in Los Angeles. Assisted the Oregon LP in the preparation of a formal proposal to the LNC to host the 2006 LP convention in Portland.

LPC Operation Breakthrough Support Committee:

- Incurred out-of-pocket expenses exceeding \$100,000 (not including the value of his time) developing software to facilitate future Operation Breakthrough efforts.

LPC Executive Committee:

- Negotiated with Oregon and Hawaii a new LNC double region in which California chooses both Representatives and both Alternates.
- Attended one LNC meeting in Denver as an observer.
- Attended the State Chairs' Conference in Raleigh, NC, as an observer.

LPC Awards and Recognition Committee:

- Drafted a proposal for individual awards and recognition after the failure of the communal awards and recognition program that had been foisted upon our committee.
- Emphasized simplicity after complaints about the complexity of the communal awards and recognition program.

LPC Fundraising Committee:

- Planned a reception for our pledgers and major donors at the 2004 LPC convention.
- Successfully solicited significant pledges and donations.

LPC Infrastructure Committee:

- Incurred out-of-pocket costs developing a new LPC member and registrant database to replace the previous LPC database, whose maintainer abandoned it and then refused to let anyone else maintain it.
- Calculated UMP2 distribution payments for the regions after the person previously making the calculations stopped doing so and wouldn't answer whether the stop was temporary or permanent.

Steve Cicero

No Report Submitted.

Bruce Cohen

Bruce Cohen chairs the Awards and Recognition Committee. Its purpose is to create and implement awards programs to recognize and motivate Libertarians to greater levels of involvement and achievement.

In the year 2003, the committee created an awards program for the regions. The program, while gaining limited support and enthusiasm, failed to be embraced by any of the regions to the level hoped. While still an excellent road map to regional success, it needs some fundamental changes for it to be used in the real world.

While work will continue forward on making the group or regional awards more usable, the focus in the future will be more on bottom-up oriented awards and focusing on recognizing the individual. These awards will have simplified requirements, without metrics, and be mostly subjective.

Some possible ideas being considered for individual awards in the future include:

- Activist of the Month
- Event Organizer of the Month
- Recruiter of the Month
- Regional Chair of the Month
- Committee Chair of the Month
- Volunteer of the Month
- Regional Magazine of the Month – Editor, Publisher, Committee Chair
- Regional Chair of the Month
- Fundraiser of the month

Bruce Dovner

Voter Registration Committee

Bruce Dovner's activities this year have taken the form of preparing for a voter registration drive. In particular, voter registration activities will require an up-to-date, well-designed web site to which to refer potential registrants. Also, in his role as Voter Registration Chair, it is his responsibility to provide voter registration data to Party officers and candidates as needed. Below are his activities regarding these functions:

- Redesigned and updated Party web site, ca.lp.org and LPC.org.

- Engaged web host for new Party web sites, ca.lp.org and LPC.org, taking into account the future needs of the Party for web hosting, web hosting features, and database hosting.
- Created voter registration web pages and added to web site. Added links to voter registration and membership recruitment throughout web site as part of standard navigation toolbar so that such pages are accessible from every page of the site.
- Distributed registered Libertarian lists to all candidates, customized for district, and addresses sorted by proximity so as to facilitate easy walking or driving from one address to another. Put lists in form that is easily imported into most popular spreadsheets and databases. Distributed lists via e-mail, and conventional mail on CD and paper hard copy.
- Distributed registered voter lists to regional and state officers and Central Committee members upon demand.
- Devised and implemented system of secure web distribution via URLs of above lists from new web hosts. Also, distributed voter registration lists on CD in person and via conventional mail.

Terry Floyd

Terry's committee focused on membership acquisition and retention activities targeted to special interest groups who share certain goals of the Libertarian Party of California.

The Committee organized the following activities during 2003:

- Coordinated an OPH Booth at the 2003 NORML conference in San Francisco. The late Ron Crickenberger helped Terry organize the LP presence at this remarkable event where they recruited a number of new members to the LP and collected dozens of signatures for the Recall Davis Campaign.
- Coordinated an OPH Booth at the 2003 SF Pride Festival with the Outright Libertarians of the Bay Area. Overall, the Pride Festival was a great success; we collected over 100 contacts and even more Recall Davis signatures. The event was so popular that the Outright Libertarians plan to coordinate an even larger Pride Parade contingent for next year.
- Met several times with Cory Doctorow and John Gilmore of the Electronic Frontier Foundation to discuss various efforts of the EFF to defend the rights of individuals in the digital arena. EFF has been instrumental in opposing the USA PATRIOT Act, defending computer users accused of "crimes" such as exposing poor security features of encryption products, DVD content scrambling and peer-to-peer file sharing. EFF has also been at the forefront of the legal opposition to the Diebold Accu-Vote Touch-Screen electronic voting system, which the LP also opposes. EFF was just last month awarded \$600,000 from the MacArthur Foundation for its efforts to ensure that future media standards protect the rights of end users.
- Actively participated in the Recall Davis effort from collecting signatures to qualify the recall for the ballot to serving as a precinct inspector on Election Day, October 7.

In 2004, the Committee has:

- Volunteered time at the new San Francisco office of the Marijuana Policy Project at the request of Bruce Mirken.
- Volunteered to serve as a precinct inspector for the March 2 Primary Election.
- Continued to submit critical reviews of the Diebold Accu-Vote Touch-Screen voting machines to Alameda County Registrar of Voters Bradley Clark.

Mark Hinkle and Allen Rice

Mark Hinkle led the Legislation Committee during 2003. Recently, Allen Rice joined the Executive Committee and took over as chair of the Legislative Committee. Current members include Hinkle, Rice and Richard Winger. This committee:

- Contributed significantly to SB 1024, signed by the Governor in October, which put Libertarian Central Committee elections firmly within the jurisdiction of the Party.
- Established a working relationship with the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials through its co-chair, Brad Clark. (Clark is also Registrar of voters for Alameda County.)
- Initiated a relationship with the office of Senator Tom McClintock.
- Identified a web site for tracking bills.
- Publicized this site and the Committee via an article published in California Freedom.

Goals for the coming year include:

- Maintaining the existing relationships and creating one on the Left as well.
- Publishing an article to "California Freedom" on lobbying and bills, at least every other month.
- Establishing an email alert system to encourage writing to legislators on specific bills.
- Using the state Party website to hold or provide a link to information to allow our membership to communicate with the legislature.

Timothy Johnson

Timothy Johnson, a recent addition to the Executive Committee, headed up the audit committee to review the 2002 financial reports. With the assistance of Dave Hollist, Timothy completed the first audit of the LPC's finances since the bylaws were modified to require an annual audit.

Frank Manske

No report submitted.

Rick Nichol

No report submitted.

Daniel Wiener

Daniel Wiener serves as chairman of the General Membership Recruitment & Retention (GMRR) Committee, which is tasked with developing innovative methods of increasing Libertarian Party membership and encouraging renewals by existing members.

The goals of the GMRR Committee are to...

- develop strategies for attracting and retaining members;
- provide close oversight of the LPC's telemarketing-based recruitment efforts, including scripts, expenses, and quality control;
- investigate the UMP II option and make recommendations;
- seek information regarding past successful recruitment drives in California and elsewhere;
- consult with the national LP on ways to improve retention rates;
- create a database for exit interviews.

Over the course of the year the GMRR Committee reviewed and assisted in efforts to attract members through a computerized telemarketing/Internet project which tied into the Recall Gray Davis drive; a direct mail campaign targeted at registered libertarians; and an on-line advertising campaign utilizing Google ad words. None of these efforts have proven successful so far, although experimentation is continuing. The adoption by the LPC of the Unified Membership Plan II makes the consideration of many new approaches financially feasible.

Another on-going effort is to improve communications with Libertarian Party members and LPC regional officers via personalized email. A new program (Group Mail) is being utilized to contact both groups, and existing databases have been purged and updated.

ELECTED NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES IN RANK-ORDER:

Ted	Brown	Region 63 - Foothills LA
David	Nolan	Region 30 - Orange County
James	Gray	Region 30 - Orange County
Rodney	Austin	Region 10 - Fresno
Bruce	Dovner	Region 66 - South Bay LA
Elizabeth	Brierly	Region 43 - Santa Clara County
Daniel	Wiener	Region 56 - Ventura County
Gail	Lightfoot	Region 40 - San Luis Obispo County
David	Bergland	Region 30 - Orange County
Mark	Hinkle	Region 43 - Santa Clara County
Richard	Venable	Region 40 - San Luis Obispo County
Grace	Walker	Region 30 - Orange County
Linda	Hinkle	Region 43 - Santa Clara County
Lawrence	Samuels	Region 27 - Monterey County
Vern	Dahl	Region 40 - San Luis Obispo County
Kate	O'Brien	Region 56 - Ventura County
Sandi	Webb	Region 56 - Ventura County
Jose	Castaneda	Region 66 - South Bay LA
Mark	Dierolf	Region 27 - Monterey County
M	Carling	Region 43 - Santa Clara County
Ray	Strong	Region 43 - Santa Clara County
Frank	Manske	Region 01 - East Bay
Allen	Hacker	Region 43 - Santa Clara County
Mark	Selzer	Region 64 - Central LA
Aaron	Starr	Region 56 - Ventura County
Scott	Lieberman	Region 43 - Santa Clara County
Susan Marie	Weber	Region 71 - Riverside County
Starchild		Region 38 - San Francisco County
Mark	Werlwas	Region 01 - East Bay
Logan	Hinkle	Region 43 - Santa Clara County

Edward	Bowers	Region 61 - San Fernando Valley LA
Martina	Slocomb	Region 66 - South Bay LA
Bob	Weber	Region 62 - West LA
Monica	Kadera	Region 61 - San Fernando Valley LA
Bruce	Cohen	Region 30 - Orange County
B.J.	Wagener	Region 42 - Santa Barbara County
Sharon	Ayres	Region 30 - Orange County
Richard	Winger	Region 38 - San Francisco County
Linden	Hsu	Region 43 - Santa Clara County
Paul	Ireland	Region 36 - San Bernardino County
Philip	Mitchell	Region 01 - East Bay
Michael	Acree	Region 38 - San Francisco County
John Scott	Ballard	Region 36 - San Bernardino County
June	Genis	Region 41 - San Mateo
Albert	Segalla	Region 03 - Gold Country
Ray	Acosta	Region 30 - Orange County
Robin	Miller	Region 01 - East Bay
Celeste	Roschuni	Region 38 - San Francisco County
Rose	Weber	Region 62 - West LA
Norm	Westwell	Region 30 - Orange County
Audrey	Carlan	Region 66 - South Bay LA
Al	Carlan	Region 66 - South Bay LA
David	Rhodes	Region 38 - San Francisco County
Rodger	Rosie	Region 65 - Central LA
Tristan	Horn	Region 38 - San Francisco County
Hal	Chiprin	Region 56 - Ventura County
Laura	Ferrer	Region 43 - Santa Clara County
Bryce	Bigwood	Region 38 - San Francisco County
Pardis	Fatolazede	Region 30 - Orange County
Kristi	Westwell	Region 30 - Orange County
Steve	Dekort	Region 38 - San Francisco County
Francoise	Fielding	Region 38 - San Francisco County
Philip	Heath	Region 30 - Orange County
Herb	Peters	Region 66 - South Bay LA
Rob	Power	Region 38 - San Francisco County
F. Aaron	Smith	Region 49 - Sonoma County
Lance	Brown	Region 29 - Nevada County
Jack	Dean	Region 30 - Orange County
David	Graham	Region 37 - San Diego County
Jascha	Lee	Region 44 - Santa Cruz
Laura	McFadden	Region 66 - South Bay LA
Rick	Nichol	Region 36 - San Bernardino County
O. Robert	Welch	Region 44 - Santa Cruz
Jason	Heath	Region 64 - Central LA
Jim	Rushing	Region 30 - Orange County
Jennille	Smith	Region 67 - E. San Gabriel LA
Dan	Fernandes	Region 67 - E. San Gabriel LA
Dale	Ogden	Region 66 - South Bay LA
Juanita	Ramirez	Region 36 - San Bernardino County
Susan	Aquino	Region 56 - Ventura County
Bryan	Lackey	Region 67 - E. San Gabriel LA
Linda	Rushing	Region 30 - Orange County
Dave	Schrader	Region 66 - South Bay LA
Cathi	Brown	Region 42 - Santa Barbara County

Peter	McNulty	Region 61 - San Fernando Valley LA
Andrew	Favor	Region 30 - Orange County
Joseph	Henchman	Region 37 - San Diego County
Al	Newman	Region 43 - Santa Clara County
Jerry	Dixon	Region 37 - San Diego County
Timothy	Johnson	Region 30 - Orange County
Murray	Levy	Region 63 - Foothills LA
Paul	Blumstein	Region 66 - South Bay LA
Travis	Griffiths	Region 27 - Monterey County
Melanie	Hayes	Region 30 - Orange County
David	Hollist	Region 36 - San Bernardino County
Ethel	Mohler	Region 36 - San Bernardino County
Randall	Weissbuch	Region 63 - Foothills LA
Raphael	Moller	Region 38 - San Francisco County
Jason	Gonella	Region 68 - Antelope Valley LA
Mark	McSpadden	Region 66 - South Bay LA
Helen	Schuenemann	Region 66 - South Bay LA
Jose	Agular	Region 64 - Central LA
Mary Ann	Cazzell	Region 42 - Santa Barbara County
Max	Hilschurery	Region 62 - West LA
Pat	Johnston	Region 27 - Monterey County
Suzanne	Kleiman	Region 48 - Solano County
Pamela	Maltzman	Region 65 - Southeast LA
Lisa	Favor	Region 30 - Orange County
Josh	Lo	Region 66 - South Bay LA
Anthony	Romero	Region 42 - Santa Barbara County
Michael	Goren	Region 30 - Orange County