

**The Libertarian Party of California
Executive Committee Meeting**

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Meeting Location:
Sunnyvale Hilton

The Executive Committee of The Libertarian Party of California met on Friday February 12, 1993 at the Sunnyvale Hilton. The following are the minutes of that meeting.

Chairman Pat Wright presided. Ray Acosta, Secretary, arrived 20 minutes late. Jon Petersen kept notes of the first 20 minutes, but they have been misplaced. The following are a record of the proceedings from 4:20 p.m.

Jerry Douglas delivered the Treasurer's report. Cullene Lang asked that copies of the report be distributed to all the Convention Delegates. There was some objection to the cost, but it was pointed out that 100 copies would probably only cost \$20.

Pat said that the Executive Committee authorized the 'L' mailing between Christmas and New Years, but was unable to do it because the Treasurer used the money to pay the Regions their dues money. Pat said he went ahead and completed the mailing, and it has returned a profit. But, the printer has not been paid. Pat asked that the Executive Committee direct the Treasurer to pay \$2,100 to the printer, and \$100 to the Graphic Artist. Bill introduced the motion, and it was seconded. Kate asked Jerry if there was sufficient money to pay the bills. Jerry said there was. Because Pat wished to speak in favor of the motion, the gavel was passed to Southern Vice Chair, Bob Weber. Bob restated the motion: The treasurer will pay the Printer and Graphic Artist of the 'L' mailer ahead of the Regions.

Bill said that the Monday Executive Committee meeting was scheduled to approve a slate of candidates to the new Candidate's Advisory Committee. Bill objected that he only received a list of names, without resume's, or other background information. Since the Committee has authority to spend \$10,000, Bill felt that this committee did not have sufficient information to approve the Candidates Advisory Committee. Pat said that the list is not the final list, but was only his list of people he felt were qualified. The listed people will be here at the Convention if the Executive Committee members wish to interview them. The function of the Committee will be to provide assistance to Libertarian Candidates. Members of the Committee should be those with campaign experience. Bill asked if the function of this committee would also include candidate recruitment. Pat said it could. Bill objected, saying that there needs to be a written proposal, or charter for this committee to consider. Pat said that his recommended list was: Fred Heiser, Steve McClenathan, June Genis, John Wilkes, and Ted Brown; they have all run for office. Pat said that the proper time

to discuss this issue was at the Monday Executive Committee meeting.

Eric introduced a motion that this body reconsider the request of the San Bernardino County Region to split into two regions. Bob said that motions for reconsideration may only be introduced by persons who originally voted against the motion. Eric said he voted against the motion. The motion was seconded. The motion to reconsider was passed with a majority Aye vote. At the last Ex-Com meeting, the vote was 7 in favor, and 3 against, an insufficient Aye vote to carry. Thea said that the Region had already forwarded instructions to her as to how to split the Region by Zip codes. Eric now moved that the San Bernardino County Region be allowed to split as per their instructions to Thea. The motion was seconded. Bill spoke against the motion, saying it is to our advantage that our structure match the County lines. There is nothing in the By-Laws that prevents the Region from forming separate supper clubs or other activities. Gail said the By-Laws provide a process whereby a Region may subdivide, San Bernardino has requested permission to subdivide, there are good local reasons to subdivide, this body should approve the request. Jerry Douglas said that he intended to introduce a By-Law change that would prohibit the subdivision of county regions. Jerry Collette said that we should not be bound to county lines which are political and arbitrary. Mark said that the split would increase party expense. Bill said that in all the debate, he has not heard how the split of the Region would make a more effective Libertarian Party. Also, he has not seen any evidence that the split is consistent with the wishes of the majority of the San Bernardino Libertarians. The motion carried by a vote of 10 to 3. For the record, voting against were Bill Evers, Mark Hinkle, and Jerry Douglas. Voting in favor were Pat Wright, Bob Weber, Ray Acosta, Jerry Collette, Eric Lund, Jon Petersen, Kate O'Brian, Ted Brown, Richard Newhouse, and Ross Crain.

Ted requested a change to the Convention agenda. Because the list of proposed By-Law changes was so long, there might not be enough time to debate the proposed Platform changes. Ted suggested that By-Laws debate be limited to Saturday, and Platform debate be limited to Sunday. Jerry D said that this committee can only suggest the agenda to the Convention. The Convention will set its own agenda. Jerry C said that last year Platform took up a majority of the debate time, leaving little time for By-Laws. This year By-Laws starts off the debate, and if there is insufficient time for Platform, then Platform will have to wait until next year.

Jerry C introduced a motion that the Convention be opened with a reading of the Statement of Principals. There was a motion to amend this original motion, to conduct the reading 5 minutes before the opening of the Convention. The amendment passed with a majority vote. The amended main motion passed 9 to 2.

Pat said that the Convention agenda in the By-Laws call for the Party officers to deliver reports to the Convention. Pat suggested that the Treasurer deliver his report first. There was no objection. Bill said that he and Bob did not wish to present a report, but would answer questions from the floor.

Mark requested two corrections to the previous minutes. The minutes refer to Ex-Com members by first name only. Last names should also be included. Ray said that he had been requested to omit last names. Second, where the minutes report on the booth at the LA County Fair, the minutes read "we manned the booth", the more appropriate phrase would be "we staffed the booth". This change was not favorably received by the Ex-Com, being deemed pandering to Politically Correct thought. The minutes were accepted as written with a unanimous aye vote.

Bill wished to comment on the new newsletter. He is not favorably impressed with the first two issues, and has also received critical comments from others. Also, there is a feeling that there is not good communication between the local regions and the Ex-Com. Perhaps, the newsletter editor should solicit news from the regions. Cullene Lang was given permission to address the Ex-Com. She noted that the newsletter was budgeted at \$1,000 per month. Her conversations with Mike Hodges indicated that it is costing more like \$1,600 per month to produce the paper. Any additional solicitation from the editor will only increase the paper's costs, which appears to be running over budget. Jerry D said that the discrepancy might be explained by ad revenues that are anticipated. Bill said that if we are not happy with the newspaper, somebody should advise and council the editor. Do we wish to continue to accept ads from right-wing organizations? Pat said that he received many unfavorable calls after the first issue, but that the second issue was a great improvement. Jerry C complained about the timeliness of the paper. Mark said that he was favorably impressed with the editor. His Region voiced many complaints after the first issue, but Mike Hodges called him, and they discussed several upgrades. Mark was impressed with Mike, and he has seen a noticeable improvement in the second issue. Pat noted that while he stopped for gasoline near Bakersfield, he noticed a newsrack with our newspaper there for sale for 50 cents. Jon had two complaints: The newspaper is called Liberty Bell, without giving any indication that this is the Official Libertarian Party Newspaper, and second, the request for address correction, was folded so it was not visible while viewing the address. Bill said that the newspaper did not have a good appearance, but rather looked like the newspaper of a wild, crazy, far-out group. That may be what we are, but we may not wish to appear that way to the general public. Ted disagreed, saying he was pleased with the appearance. Bill said he does not want to pull the plug on the editor, but pointed to an article that appeared to come from some John Birch Society tract saying that the President of the United States, and other high government officials, are adherents of Karl Marx. That's a pretty wild charge, and should not be in the Official Libertarian Party Newspaper. Pat asked that this discussion be deferred until the Monday meeting.

Bill introduced a motion that we thank the editor for his efforts, we note his improvements, and that we offer our assistance and our ideas if he wishes to talk to any of us. The motion passed without opposition.

The question came up as to what the theme should be for the fund raising dinner on Sunday. Should the request be for money to

support membership drives, or money to get out of debt, or for money for candidate support. Bob suggested that the theme should be that last year, we attempted and accomplished more than we have ever done before. We got more registrations than we ever got before, but in the process, we ran up more debt than we ever had before. Pat said that he does not want to try to put a positive spin on last year. We goofed up. Bill said he disagreed, nobody could have foreseen what was going to happen with the registration drive. We can not go to the fund raiser and ask people to make large contributions by saying, sorry, but we really messed up. The Clark presidential campaign ran up an awful debt, but was able to raise money and retire that debt. Ted said we need to focus on our positive accomplishments this last year. Note the increased number of calls we handled on the 800 number last year. Jerry D said that the most successful fund raisers have been those that support candidates. Bill suggested that Pat and Mark firm up the theme after the Ex-Com meeting.

Eric asked the status of the Audit Committee. Jerry D said that we should have appointed the committee at our last meeting. It was pointed out that the By-Laws do not mandate an Audit Committee; it is the discretion of the Chair. Bill suggested that the Ex-Com caucus after this meeting, and appoint a Committee before the Treasurer's Report in the Convention.

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman Kim Goldsworthy presided. Present were Cullene Lang, At-Large Representative, Richard Boddie, Orange County Representative, Jerry Collette, San Fernando Valley Representative, Jon Petersen, Treasurer, Ray Acosta, Secretary, George O'Brian, Northern Vice Chair, Gail Lightfoot, Southern Vice Chair, Eric Lund, At-Large Representative, Mark Sweany, At-Large Representative, June Genis, At-Large, Wayne Nygren, East Bay Representative, Ted Brown, At-Large Representative.

Eric spoke about Nat-Com representation: Nat-Com representation is based on state party membership, and traditionally, California has had two representatives on the Nat-Com. In spite of the gains in California registrations, the number of California Libertarians who also subscribe to the National Party has not kept pace. We are in danger of losing one of our seats if we can not get about 100 more of our members to also join the National. The count will be made on February 28. June asked if there was a list of California members who were not National members. There was not. Jerry said that he recently processed applications for 57 National memberships, so we may be only about 50 shy. George motioned that Kim, George and Gail, call all the Region Chairs, and ask them to call all their members, and ask them if they are not already a member of the National, ask them to join the National by sending their application to Thea. The motion passed without opposition.

Kim read from the By-Laws: By-Law 4, Section 4: "The Operations Committee shall consist of the Chair and four other county central committee members chosen by the Executive Committee." Ted said traditionally, the Op-Com members are chosen from the Ex-Com. Kim asked for volunteers or nominations. The following volunteered or were nominated: Cullene Lang, Ted Brown, Jon Petersen, June Genis, and Gail Lightfoot. Voting was by secret ballot. The results were Jon Petersen, 10 votes, June Genis 9 votes, Ted Brown 8 votes, Gail Lightfoot 8 votes, and Cullene Lang 7. Jon, June, Ted and Gail are the members of the Operations Committee.

Cullene presented the Ex-Com with the proposed 1993 budget, for approval. Revenue income has been adjusted downward because our membership numbers at the end of the year came in at only 3,800 instead of the projected 4,000. Also, when the budget was prepared, it was expected that the Convention would generate \$1,000 to the Party. This appears unlikely now, though the fund raising

dinner raised more than projected.

1993 Expenses have been adjusted upwards: The newsletter was expected to cost about \$1,200 a month; it now appears that it will cost about \$1,600 a month. Campaign 1994, which was budgeted for \$24,000, has been changed to zero; Debt Services, budgeted for \$3,000, has been changed to \$26,000. Bottom line totals show approximately \$101,000 coming in, and about \$105,000 going out. Cullene asked the Ex-Com to adjust any budget items they could to balance the budget, and then approve the budget. Jon asked for clarification on costs, revenues and net. It appears the budget is unbalance because fund raising shows revenues but does not show costs. Cullene said that costs for fund raising are shown elsewhere as printing, or postage costs. Jon said his concern was that the \$5,000 shown under fund raising revenue may not show a true picture if it does not reflect the costs associated with fund raising. Of the five fund raising projects completed last year, their nets were: \$6,380, \$319, \$6,461, \$2,996, \$2,902, for a total of \$19,060, which matches the proposed budget figure of \$20,000 for 1993 fund raising.

Ted said that newsletter expenses may not be correct. His discussions with Mike Hodges indicate that the newsletter may be self sustaining now that it has started selling advertising. He suggested that the newsletter be shown as an expense for the first few months, but then the expense would change to a profit. It was suggested that Mike come in and discuss his projections for the paper. Since Mike was not readily available, it was suggested that we defer discussion until he became available.

Cullene asked the Ex-Com to approve the budget. It is important that the Party have an approved budget before it spends any money. If there are items that need refinement, the Ex-Com has the ability to amend the budget at any time. Cullene asked for one change: Travel reimbursements are budgeted at \$1,875 so that Northern California members traveling to Ex-Com meetings in Southern California can re-coup their expenses. If we rotate meetings between Northern and Southern California, we can eliminate the travel reimbursements. Kim said that such a motion would be more than a budget change, but would also be a policy change. He would only accept the motion to change the budget if there were no objections. June objected, saying that she accept the Ex-Com responsibilities with the understanding that her travel expenses would be reimbursed. Kim suggested that the budget be modified to eliminate the \$1,875, but that June's concerns be addressed at a later meeting. There were no objections.

Ted noted that the budget shows \$5,000 for candidate recruitment. Since he has been very involved in candidate recruitment, he said that \$2,000 should be sufficient. However, what he would like to see is that the Party spend money on servicing its candidates. June suggested that the Party budget money to be used as seed money for candidates. Jerry said that legally, the Party may not provide money to candidates, that is the function of the PAC. The directors of the PAC are Jerry Douglas, Ed Clark, and Dave Nolan. The Ex-Com needs to decide if these directors should continue or be replaced. Jerry said he would like to be replaced. June asked for

clarification between the Candidates Advisory Board and the PAC. Ted said that the Party may generate and provide generic Libertarian campaign material, may conduct candidate workshops and other such assistance, but it may not provide money. Only individuals and the PAC may give money to candidates. Kim asked that we return to the question, shall the \$5,000 for candidate recruitment be changed to \$2,000? There were no objections.

Jon said that the proposed budget was now unbalanced by \$525; there is \$525 more in Income than there is in Expense. He suggested that increasing Reserves by \$525 would balance the budget.

The question was asked what was the proposed schedule of re-payment to the Regions of money owed to them. Cullene said that the Budget committee suggested that since the Party brings in about \$2,000 more per month that it spends, that this \$2,000 per month be used to pay back the Regions, and that the total debt would be paid back by the end of the year. June asked if the Regions have ever been given an accounting of the money owed them. Jon said that Jerry has mailed them such an accounting.

Mike Hodges arrived, and he was asked if he could speak on the newsletter's finances, specifically if the newsletter would be self sustaining. Mike said that if the Ex-Com wished to use the newspaper only as a newsletter, mailed to dues paying members only, the paper was now self sustaining. However, if the Ex-Com wished to use the paper as an outreach tool, or as a state-wide newspaper, then the Party would need to fund the paper for a few months more. So far, for the last two months, the newspaper has cost about \$1,000 for each month's production run of 10,000 copies, and has brought in about \$1,000 in advertising revenue. The paper is now self-sufficient, three months ahead of schedule. With four more months of Party funding, the newspaper will be a state-wide newspaper, and completely self-sufficient. The cost to print the paper is \$700 a month. Type setting costs about \$50 per page. Mike plans to get an 800 number for advertisers to call; he expects this to cost about \$200 per month. He employs an advertising salesperson, who works on 25% commission. Jon asked what are the current costs of the paper plus distribution. Mike said that current costs are about \$1,600 per month, which includes distribution and mail. The 800 number would add about \$200 to that, so production costs could be as high as \$1,800 per month. Currently there is \$500 a month coming in in advertising. Mike was asked if he could prepare a financial balance sheet, that this body could study; could such a balance sheet be forwarded to the Ex-Com members before the next meeting? The decision as to whether the paper should be a newsletter, or a statewide newspaper, will depend on the financial proposals Mike submits. George asked Mike if there was anything that he needed from the Ex-Com now, that could not wait until the March meeting. Mike said that he would like \$2,000, and this would carry him for two months. This would allow him to pay some bills, and start statewide distribution on positive funding. At the very minimum, he needs \$1,000 for the next 30 days. The last issue was distributed in four counties. During the Convention, he has made arrangements for distribution in eight other counties. Cullene asked for a clarification of the \$1,600 per month production costs (\$1,800 with the 800 number) minus \$500

per month in advertising, leaves \$1,100 to \$1,300 per month. Does Mike wish the \$1,000 currently shown in the budget, or does he wish an additional \$1,000 over what is already budgeted? Mike said he wished an additional \$1,000 because this type setter has asked for more money, and is looking for another job. He has decided to employ his type setter full time in order to keep his services. In addition, he needs to hire a reporter, he needs someone who can do telephone sales, someone who can do re-editing. The Tamera Clark article was written by a free lance journalist that Mike would like to hire. Jon said that the current budget has \$1,600 per month in Party money going to the newsletter. Since Mike will be presenting his proposal at the next meeting, no more money should be given to the paper. June asked that the financial sheet have monthly projections of income and expenses.

The 1993 budget, as amended above was unanimously approved on a show of hands.

Jon said that in order to transfer the signature authorization of the Bank account from Jerry Douglas to himself, there needs to be a resolution from this board, and appropriate forms filled out. Accordingly, Jon proposed the following: Resolved: The Board of Directors authorizes entry into all agreements set forth in the Wells Fargo Business Account Agreement, which Agreement it acknowledges having read before any deposit account or special feature contemplated thereby is used. The Authorized Signer can originate wire transfers or make telephone transfers. This Resolution will remain effective until a new one is furnished to the Bank by the Board. Jon asked that this resolution become part of the minutes, so that he may show the bank the Ex-Com's approval. The account will require one of two signatures to withdraw, either Kim's or Jon's. Ray, as Secretary, will have to sign the transfer form, indicating the Executive Committee's approval. There were no objections, so the motion carried.

Mike Hodges asked to speak again, concerning first class mailing of the newsletter. Currently, members have the option of having their copy sent first class instead of bulk mail. However, because of the way the post office operates, pre-sorted bulk mail is arriving faster than un-sorted first class. Consequently, Mike asked for authority to eliminate first class mailing option, and replace it with Priority mail on the day of the production run. That would arrive before the bulk rate. Additionally, on first class, the post office places ink and cancels all over the paper, spoiling the look of the paper. Non-Profit Priority mail would cost 11 cents each if over 200 are mailed out. Cullene was concerned that those people who have paid for first class should continue to receive what they paid for. June suggested that an announcement in the newsletter telling first class recipients of the change, providing them with an option to continue to receive first class postage for the remainder of their subscription. Jerry suggested that refunds of the \$5 first class fee be provided. Cullene suggested that we announce that we will accept the \$5 as a donation unless they specifically request a refund. We could end up writing 300 \$5 checks. It was suggested that the refund be pro-rated. Jerry pointed out that all of our membership application form provide a box to request first class handling of their newsletter. All these

forms will have to change, along with any facsimiles generated by the Regions. June said if we no longer offer the first class option, we simply line out that item on the membership form. Kim asked for a volunteer to write an announcement to be published in the newsletter. Cullene asked if we sell newsletter subscriptions, would we be in danger of losing our non-profit status? Jon said that that is not the case. June volunteered to draft the announcement, and put it up on E-mail for comments. Jerry C volunteered to review June's draft. Jon suggested that a copy of the final announcement be mailed to all the Regions.

Jerry Collette announced that on March 14, Mary Ruwart will present part II of the Party Strategy Conference. Our next meeting should then be on Saturday March 13 in the Los Angeles area. LA meetings in the past have been in the County headquarters office, but there is the possibility that LA may have to vacate that office. Cullene asked how often we would meet. Kim said that since this meeting has so many new people, and will, by necessity, be short, he proposes that we meet again within 30 days, and then that we meet quarterly. Cullene then suggested that we hold our next meeting in Region 66's office in Long Beach at the corner of Long Beach Blvd and Wardlow, near the 405 freeway. The address is 3381 Long Beach Blvd. June and George said that they will have difficulty affording hotel accommodations, and asked if any Southern Californians could put them up. Ray said he lives in Montebello, about 25 miles from Long Beach, and could put up one person. Kim asked Eric to send out an announcement. The next meeting will be on Saturday March 13, 1993 in Long Beach. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. Generally the meetings go on till 5 p.m.

The next issue was the composition of the PAC steering committee. Jerry C volunteered to work with Jerry D, and make a presentation at the next meeting giving the current status of the PAC, and possibilities for replacements of the committee. June asked that if reports or paperwork are going to be prepared for presentation at the next meeting, that copies be mailed ahead of time to the Ex-Com members, so they might be prepared to discuss them. She also asked that the Chair send out agenda prior to the meetings.

Jim Brausch read to the Ex-Com a proposal by the Sacramento/Yolo County Region: "The LPC has serious financial challenges this year, and will only be able to meet these challenges if we recognize them and try to solve them all together. Sacramento/Yolo, Region 34, would like to help reduce the cost of the data base service while improving the quality of the service. Our proposed costs to the LPC is direct expenses of postage, labels, paper, etc., and \$300 per month (or \$3,600 per year, subject to negotiation). Current costs is \$10,000." Sacramento proposes to reduce costs by using volunteer labor, and some of the newer technologies such as voice mail, pagers, etc. This proposal would save the LPC \$4,400 per year, and the \$300 per month would go to Region 34 to do Libertarian work. They would improve turn around time with lists and mailing labels. The Region currently has a voice mail box, an 800 number, and a pager. They would maximize the use of mail when monthly reports go out by allowing Regions to share with other Regions newsletters in the same envelope. Jerry asked what was our commitment to Hugh and Thea McLean. Thea said their contract calls

for a 30 day notice to terminate. Thea also said that in addition to maintaining the data base, they do the accounting for the Party, and that the two are integrated into a common data base. Currently With-Ease handles all the deposits, computes the shares of dues money that goes to the Regions and the National. Also, Hugh & Thea's address is now the official address of the Party, and this address is shown on all LPC forms. To make this change would require all these forms to change. With-Ease also handles all the re-newal forms and non-renewal verifications. They also handle and keep track of all donations mailed to the official address. Jim said that they propose to handle only the data base, and any other functions should remain with Hugh & Thea, or go to the Treasurer.

June said that our computer operations are much more complex than simply maintaining members names and generating labels. A transition could probably not be completed in 90 days. George asked if Hugh & Thea would provide a written report detailing what services With-Ease currently provides, the quantities of functions that occur, and the payment schedule that is used to charge back to the LPC, and a copy of the contract existing between With-Ease and the LPC. Thea said she would like to do this, because currently, many of the costs are charged to data base maintenance, but should more properly be accounting charges, newsletter charges, etc. Gail said that she performed these functions before Hugh & Thea, and it took 6 months to transition, and it was not as complex as it is today. Cullene proposed the establishment of a Contract Review Sub-committee to review all of our contracts. This would also include review of the 800 contract with LIPLAC, and the newsletter. Wayne, June and Cullene were appointed members of this sub-committee, with the possibility of adding David Bergland and Jerry Collette. Jerry motioned to table the Sacramento/Yolo proposal until the next meeting, after all the anticipated information would become available.

Mark addressed the Ex-Com concerning money he felt the Party owed him. When he was last a member of the Ex-Com he ran up some long distance phone bills doing Party business, and was not repaid \$682.42. This bill was presented quarterly during the term he served, and quarterly for the term after that. The last official action of the Ex-Com committee was to not pay the bill, as it had become too old. Cullene moved that Mark submit what ever information he had to the Treasurer, that it be reviewed, and if the money was in fact used for Party business, that the Treasurer pay Mark. Mark said that he has already submitted documentation eight times. Somewhere in the documents and files of the Treasurer, are the original phone bills, and seven copies. Ed Moss said that he was on the Ex-Com at that time, and recalled that the Ex-Com rejected the bill because original phone bills were not submitted, but that he believed it was the intent of the Ex-Com to pay Mark after the Chair and Mark worked out the details. Jon was also on the Ex-Com at the time, and his recollection was that the Ex-Com had a firm policy to pay only on original bills, but had no other recollection. Jerry motioned that we waive the Statute of Limitations until June 30, 1994, while we review that matter. Kim asked if there would be any objection to paying Mark if he submitted bills to the Treasurer. There was objection that originals can only be submitted once. Cullene said that the audit

committee may be able to shed new light on the situation. The Ex-Com voted 10 to 0 to so extend the Statute of Limitations. Kim instructed the Secretary to place this in writing for Mr. Sweany. June also asked that we express to Mark our intention to resolve this matter by the end of the next meeting.

Jon said that it is standard practice for the books of the previous year to be audited. A committee of three is usually appointed by the Ex-Com. Eric Lund was appointed Chair of the Audit committee, with the understanding that he would appoint other members to assist him.

Ray spoke on an item submitted by Ed Moss. Ed received a letter for the Los Angeles Peace & Freedom Party. Tomorrow evening in Los Angeles they are hosting a multi-party forum, and they have invited the Libertarian Party to participate. The letter read as follows:

Please let this letter serve as an invitation to represent your Party in the panel discussion on the topic Unity: Moving towards a Multi-Party Democracy. This panel will be held on Tuesday February 16, 1993 at 7 p.m. in the State of California Building, 107 S. Broadway, Downtown Los Angeles. Each panelist will get 5 minutes to introduce their group, and to present some of the thinking of their organization on the Panel Question. Then each panelist will be able to respond to the comments and presentations of the other panelist. Questions from the audience will take an hour or less. This will be followed by a two minute summary. The following parties have confirmed for the panel: The Libertarian Party, The Peace & Freedom Party, The American Independent Party, The Green Party, We Stand United America, The New Alliance Party, Campaign for Tomorrow, and more. The press release is going out, and we are assuming that many members of the press consider a panel of this kind to be news worthy. We hope that you can attend. Please R.S.V.P. as soon as possible.

Ed Moss' intention was to attend as a private individual, but would like to officially represent the LPC. Some of the issues Ed would like to bring up are Changes to our By-Laws, opposition to forfeiture laws, and our concern about the Environment. The motion was made that we nominate Ed Moss to represent the Party at that forum. Further, at Ed be our continuing representative to this panel if the panels continue. Further, that Ed submit a written report to the Ex-Com through the Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

June said she would like to sue the State of California over its requirement of now placing Social Security Numbers on drivers licenses, and asked if anyone could refer her to legal assistance, and asked if the Party would be interested in playing a role in this suit. Jerry and Cullene volunteered their assistance. Jon moved that the Party endorse June's actions; Jerry added that if appropriate, that June has the Party's permission to name the Party as a plaintiff. There was no debate, and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a request from the new members of the Ex-Com, that they

be provided with the minutes of the previous meetings. Ray said he would provide them.

From Campaign Elections, Kim read to us an article concerning the recent impact of third party candidates. "WHEN TWO IS A RACE, AND THREE IS A CROWD: Winning When There Is One Candidate to Many. Multi-candidate races will become more and more routine, and the once common 51% majority victory may become a vanishing relic. Campaign professionals can no longer afford to ignore third party opposition. Develop a campaign strategy that can respond to attacks from two, or even three sides. Be prepared for a third party candidate with real financial resources, capable of funding television and direct mail. Main stream party should plan for a narrow victory, even if your candidate is heavily favored. Every vote in a three way race counts."

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on Saturday March 13, 1993, at the offices of the Long Beach Region 66, at 3381 Long Beach Blvd., at the intersection of Long Beach Blvd., and Wardlow, near the 405 Freeway.

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