

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

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The Executive Committee of The Libertarian Party of California met on Saturday March 13, 1993 at the offices of Region 66 in Long Beach. The following are the minutes of that meeting.

Chairman Kim Goldsworthy presided. The following committee members were present: George O'Brian, Northern Vice Chair, Gail Lightfoot, Southern Vice Chair, Ray Acosta, Secretary, Jon Petersen, Treasurer, Ted Brown, at Large, June Genis, at Large, Mark Sweany, at Large, Cullene Lang, at Large, Eric Lund, at Large, Wayne Nygren, Alameda, John Webster, Santa Clara, Robert Leet, San Fernando Valley, Brian Schar, Orange County. Not present was Paul King, San Diego.

Kim Goldsworthy asked if there were any corrections to the previous minutes. Jon Petersen said that he still had the notes for the first 20 minutes of the Friday meeting that Ray missed: There was a report on the results of the last mailing: 100 new members signed up, giving \$3,300 in dues and donations; there were expectations of another hundred. 250 asked to join without signing the pledge. In other corrections, June Genis said that on the Monday meeting, the minutes incorrectly referred to sending notices out by E-mail, the minutes should have said by FAX. Jon also noted that John Webster was present at the Monday meeting. June asked that corrections to the minutes be made to the permanent record, rather than just noted in the subsequent minutes. Ray said he would change the computer files. Kim asked for a corrected copy of the minutes. Ray asked whether he should include last names within the minutes. The consensus was that last names should be included. The minutes were accepted with the noted corrections.

Kim asked for Officer reports. June asked that Officer reports be limited to 5 minutes each. A point of order was raised that the agenda had not yet been agreed upon. The next 40 minutes were taken with setting the agenda.

Kim delivered the Chair's report by distributing a log of his phone activities since he was elected. June asked that the detail log not be submitted, but rather that he submit a summary of accomplishments.

George O'Brian delivered the Northern Vice Chair's report. He has corresponded with all the Northern Region Chairs that he is aware of, and is in the process of up-dating the list of Northern Region officers. He has scheduled road trips into Sacramento, Santa Clara, and Butte counties. He is also developing a master activities calendar for the Bay Area Regions, and attended a

meeting of the Bay Area Chair's Council. Among the items discussed were joint action on fighting the Bay area regional governments. George is the Libertarian representative to the Green Party in regards to the proposed None-of-the-Above (NOTA) initiative. He distributed copies of the revised initiative. The revised initiative has lowered the ballot status level from 2% to 1%, as recommended by the State Convention. We still disagree on what would happen if None-of-the-Above receives the most votes. The Greens propose that a new election be held, with new candidates; we propose that the office be left vacant. It remains to be seen if the initiative will make that ballot.

Gail Lightfoot delivered the Southern Vice Chair's report, saying that she intends to write a column in the newsletter. She will be asking all the Region newsletter editors to funnel information to her. She has been working with LIPLAC's candidate support committee, and with fund raising. Gail also proposes that new members first be asked to become subscribers to the Party, without signing the pledge. They would not be asked to sign until after they have attended a few meetings, or otherwise become active. They would not be voting members until after they signed the pledge.

Ray Acosta did not have a Secretary's report, but Cullene had some questions: Had he contacted the National Party to see how many delegates we are entitled to for the Salt Lake City Convention? Not yet. Will the list of delegates be published in the Newsletter? Ray said yes, and he intends to send out individual notices to each delegate. Cullene said that publication in the Newsletter should be sufficient since we do not have the funds to finance a mailing. Since the meeting, Ray has talked to Joe Dean, and, as of March 17th, California will be entitled to 115 delegates. There are 136 individuals nominated, and they are ranked in order of votes received. Those people ranking 116 to 136 will be alternate delegates. Gail said that LIPLAC would like to make a mailing to all the delegates to determine if it would be feasible to travel in groups to Salt Lake City. Cullene said that LIPLAC should not have access to labels unless they pay for them at 3 cents each.

Jon Petersen delivered the Treasurer's report by distributing a financial report as of the end of February. Jon has mailed a letter to all the Treasurers of all the active Regions, with the exception of Merced County. In his letter, he indicated his plans to pay the Regions the money the Party owes them, by paying 20% of the debt each month starting in April. Jon said that With-Ease will be generating the monthly checks for the Regions, and he will only have to sign them. Cullene asked what this was going to cost? Jon said that 1000 blank checks and envelopes cost \$138. With-Ease will charge about 3 cents a check. There will be a savings in postage because dues money will no longer be mailed separately, but will be mailed out with the monthly membership reports. Mark asked for clarification of the budget item labeled "Inactive Regions" Northern California shows over \$900 dollars, while Southern California only has \$35. Jon said that an inactive Region is any Region with less than 10 members. The budget money in "Inactive Regions" is money that would have gone to that Region if

it was active. That money is for the use of the appropriate Vice Chair to aid on activating inactive Regions. George said that a Region can also be considered inactive if it has more than 10 members, but has no organization, and have therefore, not asked the Party for money. It was pointed out that the 10 member limit is no longer in the By-Laws, and so, the definition of an inactive Region is any Region with out an organization. Kim said of the 58 possible Regions, 25 are not accepting checks from the Party, mostly because they are not organized. Jon said it is his belief that the recent By-Law change requires that he pay the Regions monthly. In the past, Regions were only being paid after they asked for their money. Jon said that the Budget shows that the Party owes the Regions \$26,000. However, in looking over the records, he can only find justification for \$16,222. George asked if there has been any attempt to identify Party assets such as computers, etc. Jon said no, the budget makes no attempt to locate or evaluate Party assets. Gail said that the Audit Committee usually accounts for Party assets.

Kim read to us a letter from Ed Wimmers, treasurer of the 1993 Convention Committee: "Even though we have not yet received all the bills for the Convention, we expect that the profits from the Convention will exceed \$5,000, and might even be in the neighborhood of \$6,000. To allow time for unexpected expenses to surface, we will retain some profits until the end of May. We are currently distributing \$3,000 of the profits according to the 20% split for the State Party, and 80% split for the County LP, that was agreed upon when the LP of Santa Clara was chosen to host the Convention. Therefore, I am presenting a check for \$600 to the State Party Treasurer, Jon Petersen, and a check for \$2,400 to treasurer of the LP of Santa Clara County, Ed Wimmers. Signed Ed Wimmers." Gail asked how much was raised at the Fund Raising Dinner. Jon said it was \$3,999, as shown in the budget.

Wayne Nygren delivered the Contract Services Committee's report by distributing a written report, and saying that the Committee felt that there were four items that should fall under the Committee's review: Data Base Services, the 800 Number, the Newsletter, and the Convention Contract. Since there has been an proposal to take over the Data Base, the Committee felt that they were not yet prepared to to make a judgment on what constitutes good data base services. Therefore, the Committee proposes to write the specifications for a Data Base Contractor. Concerning the Newsletter, the Committee feels that it first needs some guidance from the Ex-Com on whether the Newsletter should be for internal communication, or whether it should be an outreach vehicle. Once that decision is made, specifications need to be drawn up and given to the editor. We currently do not have a formal contract with Mike Hodges. Mike has been asked to draw up a preliminary contract for our consideration, and to provide a projected cash flow. Concerning the 1994 Convention contract with Cullene Lang, she has expressed an interest in re-negotiating parts of that contract. Concerning the 800 number, the current holder of the contract is not performing up to expectations, and we need to consider our options. The committee has not been able to obtain a copy of the 800 contract.

June said that many Regions complain that they do not receive names

from the 800 contractor. Since there are many other instances of other mailed items that do not arrive, June proposed that any one who mails out information concerning Party Business, be prepared to provide an audit trail as to who the information was mailed to. This would not apply to fund raisers, or mass information letters to the general membership. Jon suggested that this item be tabled for future consideration.

Cullene next spoke on the 1994 Convention contract. She negotiated with last years Ex-Com to host the next Convention in Los Angeles. The Ex-Com wanted a flat fee of \$250 for the license to produce the Convention. She would like to replace the flat fee with a percentage split, with the Party receiving 20% of the profits. A motion to that effect was passed with one nay vote, and one abstention.

Cullene also said that a second provision for the 94 Convention, was that a Speakers Oversight Committee of Jerry Douglas, Ted Brown, and Bill Evers, would oversee Cullene's choices for speakers, to insure that the speakers would be speaking on Libertarian topics. Cullene motioned that the Speakers Oversight Committee be deleted from the Convention contract. She would be agreeable to wording in the contract that all of the speakers would be speaking on Libertarian topics. George suggested that the Oversight Committee be changed to an Advisory Committee, that could advise Cullene, but not veto. There was no second to George's suggestion. The main motion passed with one abstention.

Gail Lightfoot said that she is tracking financial and attendance results of all the Conventions. She asked that the Convention Committee forward to her that information on the last Convention. The information from previous conventions is available from Gail.

Mark motioned that the Sacramento Data Base proposal be referred to the Contract Services Committee for outlining possible transition plans, and that they report back at the next Ex-Com meeting. George suggested that the motion also include any and all other proposals for Data Base service that might be submitted. The resolution of George's amendment was unclear on the tape. The main motion passed without dissent. The Contract Services Committee then asked for more direction on what they were expected to do with the proposal. It was already their intention to develop data base specifications. Gail suggested that Jim Brausch should be told that the Ex-Com is not ready to accept proposals, but that we are developing specifications. Cullene said that we already know what the specifications are, since we currently have a signed contract with With-Ease. We also have a report from With-Ease, telling us what they do. June said that that report will be used as a base in developing the specifications. Jon asked if we wished to continue to keep the data base integrated with the accounting functions. June said that they should remain integrated. Cullene said that the Brausch proposal is all encompassing. Gail said the existing system is run on Smart software, which the Libertarian Party purchased; some 'coding' has been done by Steve Alexander, and that 'coding' is copyrighted in the name of the Party, and the entire package should be transferable. Jon said that the accounting is done on software called Business-Works, and that is owned by the

McLeans. Cullene said that the Party had purchased some accounting software, what happened to it? Kim said that he has it, and it is not being used. There was some discussion on how the data base and the accounting systems were linked, and how easy it would be to move one or both.

At this point, Mark motioned to suspend the rules to consider naming the PAC controller. The motion passed without dissent. Jerry Douglas said that he has been the Treasurer of the PAC since its inception, and would like to step down. The PAC is currently overseen by Ed Clark, Dave Nolan, and Jerry, and they have not been able to devote the time need to administer an effective PAC. The PAC also needs an energetic fund raiser, and Jerry recommended Lawrence Goldberg. The PAC currently covers only State candidates, not Federal candidates. If the Ex-Com wishes to provide for Federal candidates, it should start a separate PAC. Jerry said that there is a report due in July covering PAC activity through the end of June; he will remain treasurer to prepare that report. George suggested that an article be placed in the Newsletter announcing that Jerry is stepping down, and that a new treasurer is needed; volunteers should contact the Ex-Com. Ted Brown volunteered to write the Newsletter article. June suggested that the article also request donations. Jerry said that currently, the PAC has \$1,370, and that this is considered seed money to fund the next mailing. Ted motioned that Lawrence Goldberg, a professional fund raiser, be appointed as a PAC member. There were no objections, so the motion carried. Kim said he would accept Jerry Douglas' resignation from the PAC effective July 31, 1993.

Kim introduced Mr. David Spady, the Outreach Coordinator of ExCEL, the Choice-in-Education organization sponsoring the initiative scheduled to be on the June 1994 ballot. David said that right now, ExCEL is attempting to reach out to other organizations who might be willing to support Choice in Education, and educate them on the fine points of the initiative. In January, the education effort will give way to the political effort. Jon said that the Party officially endorsed the initiative last year, and that generally, we are supportive of the initiative. George asked for some details of ExCEL's organization. David responded by pointing to the list of names on ExCEL's letter head. The Board of Directors are all volunteers, while Kevin Teasley, the Campaign Director, is paid staff. David is the only other paid staffer. Right now, ExCEL is attempting to set up local support groups head up by a volunteer 'field coordinator'. In January, eight Campaign Managers will oversee a specific area comprised of several field coordinators. The field coordinators will be trained and authorized to speak for ExCEL, and will be instructed to outreach to all political parties, since ExCEL does not believe that this is a partisan issue. Of course, ExCEL will be attempting to recruit people with name recognition and influence. Cullene asked David to comment on SWRIL, and other opposition. David said that SWRIL has produced some good data, however, ExCEL does not agree with their conclusions. The opposition is strong, and well financed; it has already spent \$2 million on television ads. Cullene asked if ExCEL has been able to overcome the objections of the Catholic Church? David said that the Catholic Church, and other church schools are deathly afraid that if students attend their schools with

government money, that the government will attempt to influence what they teach. David said that the initiative has language that prevents this from happening, and strict language that prevents the government from changing the initiative. The Church today is not as opposed to the initiative as it has been. June said that teachers who pay union dues are entitled to a rebate on any money that the union spends for political purposes. Has ExCEL attempted to take advantage of this? David said no, but they are in contact with many public school teachers who support the initiative. In Oregon and Colorado, this initiative was leading in the polls by 70%, six months before the election. But still, they both lost at the election by 34% to 66%. ExCEL is finding the same thing here in California; polls show 70% support now, but it is soft support. ExCEL feels it has its work cut out to strengthen that support, so that it remains solid come June 1994.

David said his point in speaking was to gather names of supporters; people who would be willing to donate money. For each Libertarian who donates at least \$10, ExCEL will rebate half of that back to the Party. The organization, be it the Party, LIPLAC, or a Region, would collect names and money, and turn it over to ExCEL. ExCEL in turn, would rebate half the money back to the organization that collected the names and money. Ted suggested that an article be written for the next issue of the Newsletter, explaining the situation, and encouraging people to sign up. Cullene said she would write such an article.

Returning to the agenda, the Contract Services Committee (CSC) wants to know what the Ex-Com wishes it to do with the data base service. Jon suggested that the report indicate any potential areas of separation of functions, and what are the vendor requirements for performing these functions. June asked if the Ex-Com wished the CSC to decide on a vendor, or do they wish to see all the proposals laid out so they can decide on a vendor? Gail and Jon said they wished to see the proposals laid out. Jim Brausch should be told that he will have to wait until the CSC develops vendor specifications, and until the Ex-Com can review those specifications. Concern was expressed that this process would take too long. June said that the CSC would have a report for the Ex-Com two weeks before the next meeting. There was some discussion on whether we were accepting bids from other vendors, but there was no consensus or conclusion.

Still on the Contract Services Committee report, Wayne said the next item of business was the Newsletter, and the Ex-Com needs to give the editor some direction on whether the Newsletter is to be an internal newsletter, or whether it is to be an outreach tool. An internal newsletter could provide members with information of splits within the Party, while we might not wish to publish our dirty linen in an outreach newspaper. The paper currently does not have the name of the Party in the Masthead, because the editor feels that what would be a negative for outreach. Mike Hodges was asked if he would present financial proposals for both options of the newspaper. Mike said that he was unfamiliar with financial proposals, and was therefore not prepared to do this. He asked for help from the Ex-Com in preparing such a report. Cullene said that the paper is budgeted at \$1,600 a month, but that Mike is asking

for an additional \$200 a month for phone service. Last year, when Ted Brown ran the newsletter, he ran it for \$800 a month. Can we afford this kind of outreach? June agreed, saying that given what happened at the last meeting, she is concerned about the escalating nature of the costs. For a paper that we have been told that is going to be self supporting, the only thing we seem to be hearing is requests for more money. Ted said that his paper costs more in the neighborhood of \$1,100 per month when he lost his volunteer help. The largest part of the paper's costs are the production/layout costs, not the printing costs, so if extra copies are printed and not distributed, the costs are not significant. Jon said that last years newsletter cost averaged \$1,400 a month. Wayne asked again, does the Ex-Com wish to have an outreach paper? The consensus seemed to be yes, but only if we could afford it.

Wayne then discussed the advertising revenues from the newsletter. Should that money be used for fund more outreach, or should that money be used to reduce the costs of the paper to the Party. Gail suggested that we fund the paper up to a certain distribution number, and monitor costs to see if the paper becomes self supporting. When the costs of the paper are satisfactory, then we can think about re-funding the paper up to another, higher distribution level. Since member dues include a monthly paper, we need not drive our costs to zero, but only drive the costs down to an acceptable level. June said that she is unclear on how the ad revenues may be spent, i.e., should the ad revenues be use to reduces the Party's subsidy, or should the ad revenues be used to upgrade the paper, and we therefore will always have a budget item for the newsletter. Jon said that so far, for two months, the Party has paid out \$4,258 for the newsletter. Mike said that gave the Party 3 issues. Kim suggested that somebody from the Ex-Com needs to sit down with Mike, and go over the paper's expenditures. Cullene volunteered to meet with Mike and develop a spread sheet. Once the spread sheet is developed, the Ex-Com will have a better view of the its financial commitment. The CSC will still have to work with Mike to develop a contract that is acceptable to both.

The next question concerning the newsletter was how much control did the Ex-Com wish to exercise over the editor. There were concerns that the first issue of the paper looked like a far out right wing publication. However, over the past 3 issues, there has been a significant and noticeable improvement in the paper. Wayne said that he would like to see a clear identification somewhere in the paper, that the paper is the official paper of the Libertarian Party. Mike was asked if there was an advertising policy. Mike said not exactly, but that he did not intend to accept any advertising that he felt would reflect badly on the Party. June rephrased the question by asking if the CSC should include language in the contract concerning content, or should the subject not even be brought up? Wayne said that a termination provision should cover that concern; if the editor consistently publishes material that the Ex-Com feels is inappropriate, the Ex-Com can terminate the contract, and seek a new contractor. George said that he would be happy to work with Mike if Mike has any questions concerning the appropriateness of an ad or of an article. Wayne asked Mike how much money has come in so far in ad revenue. Mike said \$1,200 so far. June asked if that could be broken down by months. Mike said

he didn't have it broken down that way. Cullene said that that would be one of the things she would be looking for when she meets with Mike to develop the spread sheet.

Kim had a question for Mike concerning copyright material. Mike said that he only re-prints material with permission. He has blanket permission from several publications, such as the Orange County Register and Reason Magazine. June said that when such material is published in the Newsletter, there should be a note saying that the article was re-printed with permission. Mike acknowledged that he would do this.

Mike said that as an editor, he has the ability to generate press passes. If anyone would like a press pass, send him a passport type photo.

Kim asked that members of the Ex-Com inform all Region Chairs and Region newsletter editors, that they should send copies of their newsletters to the State Chair, the two Vice Chairs, and Mike Hodges, the Newsletter Editor.

The next item of the CSC report was the 800 number. Ted Brown said that LIPLAC would like to discontinue handling the 800 number, and that the San Francisco Region has indicated a willingness to assume that responsibility. George said that the bidder is Lysander's Mail Central, an answering service associated with Freedom Forums Bookstores, and the ISIL. As soon as the 800 number can be moved to San Francisco, Lysander's is ready to start answering. LIPLAC and Lysander's propose to change on April 1. June motioned that the Ex-Com authorize Wayne on behalf of the CSC, to enter into a contract with Vince Miller on behalf of ISIL; this contract would substantially be identical to the current contract with LIPLAC. Further, that this contract be effective April 1. The motion passed without dissent. June asked that the record show that Ted Brown and George O'Brian will coordinate all the necessary transfer of materials associated with this contract.

George said that ISIL has its own printing press, and so that when 800 packet material runs out, the Ex-Com should consider ISIL as a possible source for new material. June said that this should be referred to the Op-Com. George asked Kim if he would provide a cover letter for the packets, similar to the Pat Wright letter. It was decided that Kim would simply re-sign the Pat Wright letter.

Eric Lund reported on the Audit Committee. He has just picked up the books from Jerry Douglas, and will have a report by the next meeting. Gail said she would like the Audit Committee to produce a list of checks that were written last year, showing who got all our money. June asked that all Libertarian Capital items be identified, located and that a fair market value be attached to these items. Eric objected that he does not have the knowledge needed to set a fair market value of Capital assets. Mark asked that there be a search for his phone records so that he could be reimbursed.

Kim reported on the Op-Com: it has not met yet, and there is nothing to report.



Ed Moss reported on his participation in the Unity Panel Meeting held on February 16, 1993. Ed distributed a written report, which listed the political parties that attended the meeting, along with their positions. Attendance at the meeting was sparse, about 20 in the audience, and there was no media present. At the meeting, Ed distributed our educational pamphlet that describes the different political parties, and it was well received. It was an interesting meeting, with a broad range of political ideas, and the broad range of costumes. Ed felt that we should continue to participate, if there are future meetings, and that the Ex-Com should appoint a permanent participant. Ed said that he would be willing to continue on as our representative, but hoped that the Ex-Com might provide some travel reimbursements. June suggested that Ed tape future successions for our enjoyment, and that he possibly alternate his costumes between his three-piece suit, and his tie-dyed shirts and nose ring. He could also alternate his position on the podium from far right to far left. A motion was made that the Ex-Com adopt the six recommendations of Ed's report. Kim suggested that the motions be divided to consider each recommendation separately.

The first recommendation was that the Ex-Com authorize our continued involvement with the multi-party Unity Panel. This motion passed without dissent.

The second recommendation was that the Ex-com appoint a sub-committee to review the proposed NOTA initiative, and make recommendations for changes consistent with Conventions directions. George said that he is already doing this. The motion passed without dissent.

The third recommendation was that the Ex-Com appoint a sub-committee to review a proposed initiative concerning Proportional Representation, for the purpose of official endorsement, or for making specific recommendations which would make the initiative consistent with Libertarian philosophy. Brian Schar volunteered to take this on. The motion passed with one dissenting vote. George suggested that Richard Winger may also wish to be a member of this sub-committee.

The fourth recommendation was that the Ex-Com develop specific action plans regarding the repeal or reductions of ballot access laws and the repeal or reductions of confiscation/asset forfeiture laws. Cullene suggested that rather than develop our own action plans, there are already groups working these issues, and that we only need network with these groups. George suggested that this question be divided: Ballot access is one issue, and Confiscation is another issue. The motion concerning ballot access passed with one dissenting vote. The motion concerning confiscation passed without dissent.

The fifth recommendation was considered complete, and was not voted on.

The sixth recommendation was that interim reports of these sub-committees be made directly to the State Chair. Kim suggested that the sub-committees report to Ed Moss, who in turn would report to Kim. Cullene said that she would then expect interim reports to go to Ed, but that Ed would make formal reports to the Ex-Com at each Ex-Com meeting. It was felt that there was no need to vote on this issue.

Wayne suggested that in the future, all committee reports include a list of expenditures that they have incurred since their last report. The suggestion was ruled out of order.

Kim next asked for any unfinished business. What is our status with National membership? There was no official word, but both June and Cullene said that we had sufficient members to guarantee our second seat on Nat-Com. There was no action taken.

Kim asked the status of the announcement of the discontinuation of the first class mailing of the newsletter. He was referred to the second page of the most current issue, where this is an announcement.

Cullene said that Mark asked his phone company to provide him with copies of his phone bills, and that they said that they do not provide past copies without a court order. Consequently, she motioned that the Audit Committee specifically look for Mark's phone bills, and if they are found and in order, that they be forward them to the Treasurer, and that the Treasurer reimburse Mark. The motion passed with Mark Sweany, Gail Lightfoot, Ted Brown and Eric Lund abstaining.

The next item of business was new business. Kim said that he felt there is a need for the development of 'handbooks' for new Ex-Com officers. June said that unless someone was willing to come forward and take responsibility for developing such handbooks, that we not consider this item. Kim said that he would take such responsibility. George said that he would favor a motion that the Ex-Com would not oppose Kim's actions on this matter. Cullene asked if the budget was prepared to distribute money for such handbooks. Kim said no money would be required. Cullene then asked about Kim's phone calls related to the handbooks. Kim said that he would consider such calls related to Party business, and would expect the Party to reimburse him. Jon said Kim could charge the calls to the Chair's Discretionary Fund, or come to the Ex-Com with a specific budget proposal. Gail asked if Kim made calls to other sub-committee chairs, would he have to charge those calls to a budget item before he could be reimbursed? It was agreed that the Chair does not have to justify calls to sub-committee chairs. A motion was made that Kim be appointed chair of a sub-committee to create handbooks for new officers. Kim's calls on this matter would be reimbursed, but there would be no funding for publication until Kim came to the Ex-Com with a specific request. The motion passed with dissent.

June said that she would like to see all members of the Ex-Com have FAX and E-mail access, and then have all the Regional Chairs have access. To get a feel on how large an undertaking this would be, she asked how many members of the Ex-Com do not have reasonable access to a personal computer? Three of fourteen said they did not have access. Of those three, one does not have computer experience. June said it may be possible to re-deploy existing hardware and get everybody up on line. She would like to see all the Ex-Com members to subscribe to an E-mail service, one that does not involve long distance charges, such as Comp-u-Serv. June

motioned that the Ex-Com approve in concept the idea of getting the Ex-Com on line as soon as possible; that she volunteer to ensure that all the Ex-Com members have the necessary hardware by the next meeting. The motion passed without dissent. June said that she would need about \$100 to cover the cost of moving equipment, but this was not voted on.

Kim said that he had a list of all the Ex-Com members with with a nine digit Zip code, and instructed the Secretary to include that list in the minuets.

Kim asked if he could obtain a calling card to charge Party business telephone calls. Currently his phone calls are mixed with his home phone calls, and it is creating a difficulty for him. June suggested that each member of the Ex-Com have their own calling card. The negative of a calling card is that the phone company adds \$0.50 to each call made with the card. Jon said that if you sign up with Ex-u-line Long Distance, they automatically provide you with a calling card, and they do not charge you the additional \$0.50. Cullene said the last time she served on the Ex-Com, phone bills were not reimbursed; why do Ex-com members needed to be reimbursed for their Party calls now? Gail said at that time, the Ex-Com had more members, and that they were representatives of their Regions; if they wished reimbursement, they got it from their Region. Today, 10 of the 15 Ex-Com members are not representative of a Region, so it is proper for requests for reimbursements to come back to the Ex-Com.

The next items of business were Policies to Set. Kim asked for some guidance on the Chair's discretionary funds. Mark said that the Chair's funds are his to spend at his discretion, on a quarterly basis. If the Ex-Com feels that the Chair spent the funds unwisely, they may choose not to fund that item in the subsequent quarter. Gail said that it is possible that some of the Chair's discretionary expenditures could be moved to a budgeted item, with Ex-Com approval. Jon said that money unspent at the end of the quarter does not carry over to subsequent quarters.

Kim asked for guidance on correspondence he generates as State Party Chair; does the Ex-Com feel someone should review his correspondence before he mails it out? The consensus seem to be that the Ex-Com would be glad to review anything the Chair would like assistance on, but it was not necessary to get their review. If the Chair wrote something that the Ex-Com disagreed with, the Ex-Com does not have a reputation for being shy, and would bring it to the Chair's attention.

Kim asked for guidance on maintaining a correspondence file for record purposes. June said that proper question is do we have a proper place for our archives? Kim said that he will forward a copy of all his correspondence to Ray for archive purposes. June motioned that when any Ex-Com member completes a mailing to any group of Party members, in an official capacity, such as, mailings to the Regional Chairs, that a record be kept of all the names and address of all the people to whom the copy was sent, and that a copy of the document also be kept. June said that the purpose of this is to know for such that the mail went out. It is not her

intent that unique material be kept, but that a common cover letters should be kept. The motion passed with an eight to one vote.

Kim said that he has had requests from Dick Boddie and Aaron Starr for the list of Party members in computer disk. According to By-Law 3, this is permissible with the approval of 3 officers. Cullene motioned that we should not be send our membership list in soft form, but should only send labels. June said that soft copy is often needed to merge and purge with other lists, to cut the cost of large mailings. We should be able to distribute soft copy, but with contracted restrictions. Jon said that when John Vernon was chair, it was decided that it would be permissible to send out soft copy, but without phone numbers, for one time use for legitimate Libertarian Party or candidate use. Wayne suggested that soft copy lists have phony names, so that if the list is misused, we would know about it. June said she favors this, but that With-Ease is going to charge us. Jon thought that With-Ease could do this with little effort. We may be discussing a mute issue, since scanners are becoming more common place. We never sell our mailing list, but we have rented the list. Cullene's motion to not send soft copy did not pass.

June wished to discuss data privacy. There are a lot of people who feel that names and other information should only be used for the purpose for which it was collected. Should we adopt such a policy? What does it mean: "purpose for which it was collected." What is the reason we have a membership list? Do we want procedures to obtain authorization for release for "other purposes"? George said that he felt this issue has come up before, and that we have standing resolutions. Ray said that the issue did not come up last year. June said that she had a list of standing resolutions dated February 20, 1989. Ed Moss said that the subject came up when he was secretary. The concern at that time was that our member's names and addresses would fall into the hands of people hostile to the Party, and that we wished to protect our members from harassment. June asked that the Secretary search and see if a standing resolution exists on this subject. Kim also asked the Secretary to review all minuets, and policy documents. Ray said he would. June asked that if what we have is insufficient, that this become an agenda item for the next meeting. Brian suggested that if Ray can not find an appropriate standing resolution, that he contact June as soon as possible, so that she may prepare a draft resolution for consideration at the next meeting.

Kim shared with us a conversation he had with Lee Connelly. Lee asked for the rough notes on Platform changes, so that he could make formal copies from his master. Lee also asked why no one had ordered copies of the old Platform for use during the Convention. Lee's concern seemed to be that he considers the format of the Platform as his, and was disturbed that we would make copies of the Platform without discussing the need with him. Cullene listed the reasons that Lee can not claim a copyright or trademark claim on the Platform, but in Lee's defense, Lee was the only one willing to take the time to clean up and format the Platform. It looks the way it does today because of Lee's efforts. Lee's motives may not

have been altruistic, he expected to make a profit each time a copy of the Platform was made. Gail said that Lee is interested in the Platform, and likes to keep his computer copy up to date. But, he has taken a proprietary interest in the Platform, and feels that the output from his computer is his, and there is something wrong when people make copies of his output. Ed said that this is not a new issue, when he was Secretary, he was surprised to learn that the Party did not have a computer copy of its own Platform, and had to go through Lee. That year, they purchased copies from Lee once, and scanned it into a computer. June said that she thinks that we may owe Lee an apology for reproducing copies from one of his originals, since we did not have permission. But we should make it clear to Lee, that he is not the official custodian of the Platform, and he does not have an exclusive franchise to the Platform. He is free to apply his artistic talents in formatting the Platform, and he is free to attempt to sell his formatted copy, but the Party is free to obtain copies of the Platform from what ever source it desires. If he would like that his copies be used at the Convention, then he is a vendor like any other vendor, with something to sell, and it is his obligation to contact those who may be in the market to buy. The Party should not feel it has an obligation to seek out Lee. Jon said the only thing that is unique about Lee's copy is the format of the first page. June said that since Lee will not allow anyone a soft copy of his version, that we should not consider him a sole source. Cullene motioned that a letter be sent to Lee, saying that we are sorry if we have offended him, but that we do not believe that he has exclusive franchise. Wayne said that if it was not for Lee, somebody else would have to keep the Platform up, and there would be an expense to the Party. Lee has taken on the responsibility of supplying the Convention with copies, with the understanding that he could make a profit. Perhaps a resolution would be to buy Lee's format. Jon said that Ray should take June's ideas, and write to Lee. Gail said that the letter should only apologize for reproducing Lee's format, and not mention anything else about who will maintain the computer copy. Kim said that it appears to him, that the best course of action would be to attempt to resolve this off-line; he will confer with Ray to determine the best course of action.

Kim asked for permission to obtain a credit card in the name of the Libertarian Party. Recently, Mike Hodges needed \$400 on a friday evening. Kim was unable to get Party funds, so he advanced the money on his own credit card. So that this does not happen again, he has applied for an American Express card. June objected; we should not have been in the situation were Mike needed \$400 on such short notice. Jon said the situation arose only because of a series of misfortunes. It occurred when the Bank account was in the process of being transfer from Jerry Douglas to himself; Jon sent checks to Jerry for his signature, but then Jerry moved, and the checks were returned to the Libertarian address in San Leandro. So Mike did not get the money he needed. Eric asked who was liable for the charges incurred on this card if Kim does not pay. Kim said that even though the card will say The Libertarian Party, the credit line will be secured by Kim's name. George said that the issue then is should the Party pay the annual fees. Cullene motioned that when this charge card arrives, that Kim cut it up, and throw it away. The question was asked, what happens after

Kim's term as chair expires, who is responsible for the card? Kim said he would refuse the card when it arrives.

Cullene reminded us that the Convention passed a new By-Law which states that missing two consecutive Ex-Com meetings, can be cause for expulsion from the Ex-Com. The San Diego representative has missed two meetings in a row. She suggested that the Secretary write to Paul King stating that he could face expulsion if he does not attend the next Ex-Com meeting. Ray objected, saying that there were extenuating circumstances. Mark suggested a more sympathetic statement: that we understand why you have not been able to attend, if you can not attend the next meeting, please send an alternate. Jon said that Paul was not at the Convention, so he probably does not know about the By-Law change. Kim directed Ray to write a letter to Paul expressing our sympathies and our concerns.

The next item of business was Committees to be appointed. First committee to appoint was the Fund Raising Committee. Wayne noted that the budget calls for raising \$20,000 this year, we are in March, and have not raised a cent. Ed Moss, Gail Lightfoot, Cullene Lang and John Webster volunteered to serve on the Committee. They were accepted without dissent, and instructed to meet and chose a committee chair.

June asked as a point of personal privilege, that she be allowed to express her outrage upon reading in the previous minuets, where the Secretary reported that members "manned" a fair booth, and that subsequently, when there was an attempt made to substitute with a gender neutral word, "staffed", the attempt was quashed and belittled by saying that it was pandering to politically correct thought. If we are concerned about outreach, as we say we are, we have to more in tune with the times, and stop doing this kind of stuff. June motioned that in the future, we make every effort to use gender neutral words. Kim ruled that in as much as June's suggestion was raised as a point of personal privilege, there was no motion, and a vote was inappropriate.

The next item of business was the Candidates Advisory Board. Mark expressed his concern that the Advisory Board would be a censoring organization. June said her reason for supporting a Board is that she felt that such a board would have been welcome during her run for Senate. There is a need for a supporting body for state wide candidates. Gail said that LIPLAC is also working to developing a candidate support system, and suggested that we defer discussion on this item, until LIPLAC was able to make a presentation. Jon said that he felt strongly that a Candidates Advisory Board was needed. June said a stronger need is an organization that can raise money for the Senate candidate, so that when that candidate is chosen, that candidate would be ready to start a serious campaign. This might be a Federal PAC rather than an Advisory Board. George said that we are having difficulty because we are not clear on what we would like the Candidates Advisory Board to do. Jon motioned that this item was similar to Candidate training, which we deferred, so this item should also be deferred. There was no objection, so Kim ruled the motion accepted. Kim asked Gail to take our concerns to LIPLAC, and it might be possible to use

LIPLAC's proposal. June motioned that the current PAC be asked to take on the responsibility of creating a Federal PAC. Cullene objected that June's motion was out of order, since the subject of candidate support was deferred. Kim agreed, but allowed that June was not prohibited from directly contacting the PAC officers, and encouraging them to create a Federal PAC.

Wayne asked for a suspension of the rules, to determine the time and location of our next meeting. Cullene offered the offices of the Sacramento Region on Saturday June 12, details to follow. The offer was accepted without dissent. Cullene also offered to assist those needing lodging. Wayne asked for a feeling from the body as to whether we should continue the remainder of the meeting tomorrow. Consensus was to continue.

Kim asked for suggestions concerning the Platform and the By-Laws committee. June motioned that we appoint Platform and By-Laws committee chairs, and that they become standing committees. Cullene spoke against the motion, saying that creating more committees, and listening to their reports, threatens to turn the Ex-Com meeting into two day affairs. June said that unless there were volunteers to chair these committees, she would object to her own motion. Kim said that Ted had left a note that he would be available to serve on the following committees: Platform, Legal, and Candidates Advisory. Jon volunteered for By-Laws committee. The motion was modified to allow the Chair to appoint Ted Brown as Platform committee chair, and Jon Petersen as By-Laws committee chair. That motion passed by a vote of 10 to 2.

The next committee to appoint was the Legal Committee. This committee should oversee our legal affairs, and report back to this committee. A motion was made to accept Ted Brown as the committee chair, with the understanding that Ted would research pro-bono lawyers, and lawyers with special expertise. The motion passed unanimously.

Kim next spoke on the need for public relations. He said that there are two needs, one for internal news, i.e., keeping our members informed about Party activities, and two, external news, or publicizing our selves to the general public. Kim asked who has FAX machines, and who owns them. Jon said that John Vernon has a machine that is owned by the Party; the other machines are privately owned. Cullene asked if any one knew how John Vernon is doing? He is the Party's media contact person, will he be able to continue in this capacity? Mark volunteered to work this issue, and to contact John Vernon, and possibly transition John responsibilities to himself. Kim accepted Mark, and charged him to also look into the needs for a Party Photographer, equipment the Party should buy, and if one or two committees are necessary. George suggest Mark look into the possibility of two media contact individuals, one for Northern California, and one for Southern California. June asked Mark to look into a FAX network for distribution.

Kim next spoke on a committee charged to maximize convention attendance. Cullene said that that should be the charge of the Convention contractor, who has a monetary interest in seeing that

as many people as possible attend. Kim responded that in his opinion, the last two conventions had done a very poor job on publicity. There was a motion to table, and the motion passed.

The next committee to form was the Membership Committee. Kim said that he has spoken to Pat Wright, and that Pat is willing to chair the committee. The question was asked as to how much was budgeted for the Membership Committee. Jon said that the budget supports \$10,600 for membership drives, not necessarily all of that needs to go to the Membership Committee. Cullene said that that amount includes printing and postage for membership renewal notices. The motion to accept Pat Wright chair of the Membership Committee passed without dissent. George motioned that the Op-Com work with Pat to determine the Membership Committee's budget. The motion passed without dissent.

The next committee to form was the Style Committee. June nominated Cullene Lang to head up the Style Committee. Kim objected, saying that Cullene is already producing the Convention changes to the Platform and the By-Laws. June then nominated Ray Acosta to head up the Style Committee, with the understanding he may appoint anyone he needs to assist him. The motion passed without dissent.

Ed Moss asked the Ex-Com to reconsider the tabling of the Fairs and Festivals Committee. If we wait until June to appoint a committee, the year will be half over, and we will have missed several opportunities. June said any local Region could set up booths at any fair they wanted; if there was no proposal, and if there was no group asking for endorsement or money, the issue should remain tabled. Cullene said that it would take 2/3 approval to bring back the subject from table, and that there was no money in the budget to support fairs or festivals. No further action was taken.

The next issue on the agenda was Fund Raising Ideas. A motion was made to refer all such ideas to the Fund Raising Committee. The motion passed without dissent.

The next issue on the agenda was liaison with the National Party. June motioned the the 800 number contractor become our liaison to the National. Gail suggested the Data Base contractor. Cullene said that the Convention voted in two Nat-Com representatives. George said that the two Nat-Com reps are Thea, who contracts the Data Base, and himself, who will be contracting the 800 number. Kim said that in his Conversations with National, they have complained that Don Meyer does not forward to them the names that Don gets from answering the California 800 number. June said the problem is not that we need a liaison, but rather, that we need to find the contract for the 800 number, and hold the contractor to the terms of the contract. Right now, it seems that no one has a copy of the 800 contract, originally signed by Ted Brown and Pat Wright. She was involved in early drafts of the contract, and there was a provision for the 800 number contractor to electronically exchange names with National. Gail said that if National has a problem with one of our contractors, they should come to the Ex-Com for resolution. Kim said that he would assume that if National has a problem with the LPC, they will contact him.



The next item on the agenda was the creation of a Master Calendar. George said that as Northern Vice Chair, he would be creating a Calendar of Northern California events. Cullene moved to table this item. The motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was the creation of the Convention Oversight Committee. Kim said that Jerry Collette was still heading this committee. Cullene moved to table this item. The motion passed.

Kim said he now has in his possession, the computer owned by the LPC. The IBM 286AT is disassembled in Kim's home: it consists of a faulty disk drive, 52 Megabyte capacity, with a monochrome monitor. Kim has removed all the data from the hard drive, and reformatted it, and is usable. In addition, there is assorted software.

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