

Libertarian Party of California

Executive Committee

10 September 1995

The LPC Executive Committee met on 10 September 1995, from about 08:35 to about 16:38, at the Holiday Inn in Rancho Cordova (near Sacramento). All regular members were in attendance except for Fred Heiser; alternate Jon Richter took his place.

The meeting began with a discussion, invited and led by the chair, of why party business has not been getting done. Various members expressed their views and complaints. Topics included the need for more and better work to be done by the officers and subcommittees, the structure of meetings, the amount of e-mail and other ways to communicate, making more use of the Operations Committee, and ways to measure and/or reward results.

The immediate result of this discussion was a re-ordering of the agenda from the traditional format (numerous officer and committee reports followed by other business) to one in which a few major topics of general interest were allotted a half hour or more each, followed by a few other items of significant interest and then by the other reports if time allowed. Although it is not clear that this format actually resulted in getting more done than would have otherwise been the case, it did seem to put many members into a better mood for dealing with things and it was agreed to try a similar arrangement next time.

There was general agreement on the appropriateness of seeking alternative publishers for the state newsletter, to possibly take over the job when the current contract expires in February. The Publications Oversight Committee was directed to draft a request for proposals by November, to be included in the Nov./Dec. issue of LPC News and otherwise disseminated; the POC was authorized to spend up to \$250 on paid advertising outside party channels for this purpose.

Caucus responsibilities for a number of districts were reassigned to different regions in cases where the region originally assigned did not appear willing and able to manage the process. The committee discussed and commented upon drafts presented by the Elections Chair of the suggested caucus procedures and the letter notifying central committee members of the caucuses. It was decided that in cases where "none of the above" wins in a caucus, the LPC would report nothing to the state for that nomination (rather than attempting to file "none of the above" as a candidate).

The Treasurer reported that the financial situation is tight, but that funds are likely to be available for the expected normal business. There was discussion of ways to raise more funds, but no specific action was taken by the committee to directly increase fundraising activity.

A charter was adopted for the Membership Committee, defining its job in a manner similar to that done for a number of other committees. Several ideas for changes in the dues structure were discussed but no changes were made, except that the committee voted to clarify that the current dues amount is a minimum (i.e., that payments of less than the \$25 "basic" amount do not qualify a person for central committee membership).

The committee voted to take positions opposing two proposed initiatives: the "SOS-2" anti-immigration measure and one imposing restrictions on campaign contributions and spending. The committee also voted to state the LPC's general opposition to the changes proposed by the California Constitutional Revision Commission, with positions on specific items to be taken later.

There was a discussion of the use of e-mail for LPC business. The committee voted to consider e-mail an acceptable substitute for paper mail in the handling of mail ballots, assuming that all the ordinary bylaws requirements for such ballots are complied with.

The Operations Committee was directed to prepare a plan and budget for establishing an office in Sacramento and

hiring a full-time Executive Director, 50% of whose time would be spent on fundraising. This plan is to be presented to the Executive Committee at its next meeting, to be considered for possible implementation in 1996, with at least one hour allocated for discussion at that meeting.

In other business, a revised contract with the inquiry response contractor was approved, a small budget was allocated for faxing of news releases, and Jean Taborsky was elected as the second alternate at-large member.

Additional items discussed included other initiatives on which the LPC might want to take a position, accuracy and corrections in the newsletter, LNC representative attendance, and statistics concerning the number of inquiry names received from various sources.

The next meeting will be on 10 December in the Pismo Beach area.

Note: This is only a summary of the meeting, and is not intended to be relied upon as a complete record of business. Several officers and committees presented written reports, which should be consulted for details of their activities.