

Libertarian Party of California

Executive Committee

4 May 1996

A regular meeting of the LPC Executive Committee took place from about 10:00 to about 16:50 at the Sheraton Hotel in Rancho Cordova, with all members in attendance except Dick Halvorson.

A formula was adopted for determining who will serve as candidates for presidential elector.

There was discussion of newsletter arrangements, including what expenditures had been authorized for the "interim" issues and how to handle future issues. The committee decided to pay Dick Venable \$1200 per issue for the already-published April and May issues, and approved paying him for future issues at the same rate on a month-to-month basis until such time as the committee chooses an alternative. Al Swain volunteered to chair a new bidding process, with a first report on bids to be made at the August meeting but with the final decision more likely to be made in December.

Plans for the 1997 state convention were discussed, with major topics including the location, schedule, and financial arrangements. A contract with Liberty Convention Services to hold the convention in Sacramento was approved.

There was discussion of two literature packages in preparation: an election tabloid and a new member packet. The election tabloid, being coordinated by Ted Brown, will be published shortly after the national convention and is expected to be used as the primary inquiry response item during the election season. A set of items to be included in the new member packet was approved; Mark Murphy volunteered to do the layout for the new items being created specifically for this packet.

Dante Ridley and Joe Dehn volunteered to serve with Ted Brown as the Literature Review Committee.

There was a discussion of strategic planning, including what it is, the benefits of having a plan before making budget decisions, what attempts at planning there have been in the past, and how the planning process relates to the ordinary schedule of the Executive Committee. Terry Savage volunteered to lead a subcommittee, open to all interested Executive Committee members, to work on the process and report back.

There was discussion of the budget. Both revenue and expenses were below expectations for the first quarter. The budget previously adopted on a temporary basis was approved for the remainder of the year, although it is very likely that some items will require adjustment in the future.

Other items briefly discussed included election-related legislation and the cost of the 800-number.

The next meeting is scheduled for 3 August at 10:00am, in Long Beach.

Note: This is only a summary of the highlights of the meeting, and is not intended to substitute for formal minutes.