

Libertarian Party of California

Executive Committee

9 November 1996

The Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California met in Sacramento on 9 November 1996 from approximately 10:13 to approximately 17:43. All members were present except Richard Halvorson. The Chair noted the death of at-large member Art Hays, whose place was taken by first alternate Mark Hinkle.

The Committee considered two bids that had been submitted for publication of the LPC newsletter. After extensive discussion involving such issues as cost, format, and quality, the bid from Perry Martin to produce a 12-page 8.5x11 newsletter was accepted. (Martin is to take on the job with the January issue.)

A budget for 1997 was presented by the Treasurer, along with a new budget format which will organize revenue and spending along "department" lines while still providing information about how money is spent within each department. The Committee approved the new format. The proposed 1997 budget was adopted with a few changes to the dues and newsletter lines. This budget, however, is not yet in the new format; conversion to the new format, including working out of the details of the department breakdown, is to be done by the Treasurer.

There was a discussion of a controversy which arose over the contents of a candidate's WWW site, and the concerns of some members that a link from the LPC site could be embarrassing to the LPC. The webmaster stated he was managing the site in accordance with the policies of the LPC, under which the candidate in question had been nominated and was as deserving of a link as any other candidate. The Committee adopted a rule that the Operations Committee can by a 4/5 vote direct the webmaster to alter LPC pages. The Chair, however, stated her opinion that the particular action that had been proposed in this case (removing a link to a specific candidate's page because of the way he was running his campaign) would be a form of censure of a member, and therefore something that could only be ordered by the Executive Committee.

The Committee appointed the following central committee members to serve as the Bylaws and Rules Committee for the upcoming convention: Jose Castaneda, Mary Gingell, Mark Hinkle, Cullene Lang, Bob Weber. Ted Brown was appointed coordinator of the Platform Committee (the members of which are selected by the regions).

There was a discussion of membership solicitation mailings being done by contractor Pat Wright; it was decided to continue the contract but to require itemized reporting for each mailing.

There was a discussion of the handling of various merchandise that had been listed as being available in the newsletter; in reply to a question from the Treasurer it was clarified that the transactions involved private parties and did not constitute sales by the LPC, although some of the proceeds might be donated to the LPC. The Committee passed a resolution authorizing the development of a merchandise plan and creation of merchandise to be used in the future as fundraising premiums.

There was brief discussion of the possibility of LPC participation in the combined national/state membership plan now being offered by the national LP. A committee to be chaired by Joe Dehn will study this possibility and report to the Executive Committee and upcoming convention.

Laura McFadden was elected to fill the vacancy in the position of second at-large alternate.

The next meeting is scheduled for 14 February 1997.

Note: This is only a summary of the meeting, and is not intended to be relied upon as a complete record of business.