

# Libertarian Party of California

## Executive Committee

### *22 November 1997*

The Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California met in Los Angeles on 22 November 1997 from approximately 10:16 to approximately 17:18. All voting members plus several regional alternates were present for most of the meeting.

The Chair gave an oral report on the status of various projects. He announced the appointment of Sharon Ayres as Finance Chair, and outlined his ideas about establishing an office and hiring employees. The vice chairs provided written reports on their activities, highlights including the reactivation of several regions in the North and plans for candidate training meetings in the South.

The Committee accepted a proposal from Perry Martin to renew his contract as editor of LPC Monthly for another year on the same terms except that he will no longer be responsible for labeling and mailing; he presented a report showing that another contractor could be hired to do these tasks in such a way that the additional cost would be made up by savings in postage.

Dick Rider presented a proposal for a new telephone affinity program. The proposal was referred to the Operations Committee for review.

Current financial statements were reviewed, and a budget for 1998 adopted. The new budget calls for more than \$350,000 in gross revenue, with net revenue and expenses of almost \$200,000. It includes hiring two employees during the year, as well as significant amounts for membership recruitment and a project to survey existing members to help focus marketing and volunteer activities.

There was discussion of current special election campaigns and plans for 1998. Ted Brown reported on candidates signed up so far. Other topics included implications of the blanket primary and contested primary situations and possible ways to deal with them.

The date for the nominating convention for statewide offices was set to be 16 February so it can be held as part of the regular state convention. The Committee decided that the regional caucuses for nomination of district candidates should be held during January, with results to be reported to the Secretary by 5 February.

The Committee endorsed the "Free the People" initiative to eliminate the state income tax. Also endorsed, but only "in concept" since final wording was not yet available, was the "Safe Communities Act of 1998"; a subcommittee was established to explore how the LPC could provide polling data in support of this initiative.

The Bylaws Committee for the 1998 convention was selected, consisting of Joe Dehn, Linda Grau, Jon Petersen, Terry Savage, and Bob Weber. Ted Brown was selected as coordinator of the Platform Committee.

Other items briefly discussed included plans for distributing registered Libertarian lists, use of the LPC list for a letter soliciting contributions for several libertarian projects, the LPC Update e-mail newsletter, and use of the LPC credit card merchant account.

The next meeting is scheduled for 16 February 1998, after the close of the state convention.

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