

Libertarian Party of California
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting: February 16, 1998

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 P.M.

In attendance: Mark Hinkle* Chair
Jon Petersen* Northern Vice Chair
Bob Weber* Southern Vice Chair
Elizabeth Brierly* Secretary
Eric Fine* Treasurer

Sharon Ayres* At-large Representative
Ted Brown* At-large Representative
Gail Lightfoot* At-large Representative
Aaron Starr* At-large Representative and Treasurer's Assistant

Jack Dean* Alternate At-large Representative #1
José Castañeda Alternate At-large Representative #2

Joe Dehn* Rep from Region 43, Santa Clara
Mark Murphy* Rep from Region 30, Orange County
Kit Maira* Rep from Region 61, L.A. - San Fernando Valley

Jeffrey Sommer* Alternate Rep from Region 1, East Bay
Philip Zoebisch* Alternate Rep from Region 37, San Diego

Brian Cross Secretary of Region 30
Laura McFadden Chair, Region 6, LA-South Bay
Juan Ros Chair, Region 61, LA-San Fernando Valley

David Bergland Member, LPC, and Past Presidential Candidate
Kim Goldsworthy Member, Region 63, LA-Glendale/Pasadena, & Past Chair, LPC

and about 4 or 5 other observers

* Voting member of Executive Committee for today's meeting

I. Budget Ratification

Mr. Fine and Mr. Starr presented the current 1998 budget, dated 12/31/97. Amendments discussed included:

- o Reduce the "Convention '98 Net" income in Feb. '98 from \$10,238 to \$4,000;
- o Reduce "Fundraising Events Net" income in Feb. '98 from \$17,850 to \$9,000;
- o Reduce "CA 540" income in July '98 from \$2,500 to \$0;
- o Change "Data Processing" expense to \$600 each month for Jan.-Mar. and \$400 in April; and
- o Defer "Office" expense for Jan. through March to begin instead in April

These changes would cause the bottom line to increase from a negative \$3,776 to a positive \$4,287.

A motion was made to accept the budget as amended. In this show of hands vote, the budget was ratified:

In favor: 12
Against: 2
Abstention: 1

Also during the budget discussion there was a question about the authority of the Chair to hire a candidate for the proposed LPC Executive Director position. Mr. Hinkle conveyed that the Executive Director would report directly to the Chair and to no one else, and thus the Chair will select the employee, but Mr. Hinkle emphasized that we will not hire anyone (which would constitute a financial contract) without the Executive Committee vote clearly required by the bylaws.

II. Next Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 1998, and will be held at the offices of Mr. Hinkle's employer, Hitachi, in Santa Clara.

III. Appointment of Style Committee

Nominations for the following were cast:

Kim Goldsworthy
Bob Weber
Ted Brown

As there were no objections to appointing these three individuals as the Style Committee, no vote was taken, and the committee was created as such.

IV. Appointment of Operations Committee

It was noted that the Chair is automatically a member of the Operations Committee, and that the committee shall be comprised of five Executive Committee members.

<u>Nominations</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Sharon Ayres	8
Ted Brown	10
Jack Dean	9
Mark Murphy	10
Aaron Starr	10
None of the above	0

Thus, the Operations committee will be comprised of:

Ted Brown
Jack Dean
Mark Hinkle
Mark Murphy
Aaron Starr

V. Appointment of Audit Committee

Nominations for the following were cast:

Mark Murphy
Philip Zoebisch
Gail Lightfoot

As there were no objections to appointing these three individuals as the Audit Committee, no vote was taken, and the committee was created as such.

VI. Membership Mailing List Rental

There has been concern about LP mailing lists being used without permission by certain campaigns. Mr. Hinkle expressed that it is appropriate for us to rent the LPC member list rather than just to give it away, and that campaigns or others requesting use of the list should sign a written agreement (to be reviewed by the Executive Committee) and that the permission of the Executive Committee must be garnered in each case.

It was moved that the Operations Committee examine the issue of creating a written agreement for this purpose. Mr. Petersen expressed concern that his projects had already been approved for use of the list, but he hadn't signed a specific written agreement, and he would like to not have to defer his projects until creation of this agreement.

The motion was tabled.

VII. Telephone Affinity Programs

The LPC originally began a telephone affinity program in 1992 with ExecuLine, which has mutated several times. We are still receiving a listing of each person who subscribes to the program. The commission checks are being sent directly to Ms. Lightfoot, who writes a separate check to the LPC. She has not received any 1099 statements, most likely because the revenue has been less than \$600.00 per year.

Mr. Hinkle stated that if we are to utilize a telephone affinity plan, we need to decide which one to adopt. It was decided to defer the discussion until the next meeting.

VIII. Subcommittees

There was a brief discussion of the bylaws' requirement that all Executive Committee members serve on a subcommittee, and what type of committees might be appropriate to form. Members were asked to consider this and present their proposals for new committees at the next meeting.

IX. Addresses

Ms. Brierly requested that all members forward their address and telephone data to her at <Secretary@CA.LP.org>.

X. 1999 LPC Convention

Mr. Hinkle intends to present a proposal to the Executive Committee to bring the convention organizing in-house. To date, bids have been submitted by:

- o Liberty Convention Services (Cullene Lang)
- o San Luis Obispo County LPC Region 40 (per Gail Lightfoot)

Mr. Hinkle mentioned that in addition, one Peter Cappella has expressed interest in submitting a bid.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:35 P.M.