

Libertarian Party of California

Executive Committee

14 November 1998

The Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California met in San Jose on 14 November 1998 from approximately 10:00 to approximately 18:05.

The Chair gave an oral report commenting on election results and other recent activities and said he was basically pleased with where we stand.

The Executive Director provided a written report concerning media, his visits to Sacramento, campaigns and elections, regional development, fundraising, and other items, and reviewed its main points.

The Northern Vice Chair provided a written report and commented on recent activities. The Southern Vice Chair presented an oral report with particular emphasis on the secession movements within the city of Los Angeles.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with minor corrections. The Secretary was authorized to make certain minor corrections to the Platform and Bylaws that had been recommended by the Style Committee if she finds them appropriate.

The Treasurer and Aaron Starr presented financial statements through October and commented on the need for some improvements in fundraising to keep the Party in financial health.

There was discussion of a reimbursement request from the Chair, for expenses relating to his attendance at a fundraising dinner, that had been questioned by the Treasurer. It was decided to allow the reimbursement.

A budget for 1999, outlining approximately \$300,000 in gross revenue and providing for approximately \$145,000 in expenses (after fundraising costs), was adopted. This budget was described as "conservative" and does not take into account any major increases in membership.

The Committee approved implementation of Phase I of "Operation Beachhead" to begin establishing a presence in Sacramento.

It was decided to pay Laura McFadden the approximately \$5000 that she claimed was owed her for work on the 1998 convention.

There was discussion of the 1999 convention; topics included: problems getting information about convention plans, including a budget, the lack of any activity so far to publicize the event, and differing interpretations of the earlier decision limiting the Executive Director's involvement in these areas. The Committee approved a schedule for the business sessions.

The Committee heard presentations of two concepts for the 2000 convention: one for it to be in Ontario run by Region 36 and the other for it to be in San Diego run by the LPC with the involvement of a professional convention management contractor. Topics discussed included convenience of the two locations to major population centers, hotel room rates, interest of local Libertarians, likelihood of media coverage, expense of paying a contractor vs. problems of relying on volunteers for everything, who would be responsible for publicity, and prospects for obtaining a profit for the LPC. It was decided to hold the convention in San Diego and to authorize use of the convention management contractor.

There was a discussion of the 1998 election results and plans for future campaigns; topics included vote percentages, the effects of absentee ballots and of low turnout, future recruiting for partisan and non-partisan races, and getting more

people involved helping our candidates.

It was decided that the LPC should join the "Mad About Milk" coalition.

The Committee heard a presentation by "Economic Security 2000", an organization pushing a "partial privatization" plan to reform Social Security. No action was taken to endorse their plan, but there was general agreement that it would be appropriate to let our members know of this as something they might be interested in as an interim step.

Jack Dean was appointed as interim chair of the Audit Committee.

Tammy Austin, Brian Cross, Mark Hinkle, Jon Petersen, and Bob Weber were selected as the Bylaws Committee for the upcoming convention. Ted Brown was appointed Platform Committee coordinator.

It was decided that the Chair should appoint a committee to work on getting us more appropriate treatment in the Elections Code.

The Committee voted to thank Sandi Webb for her service as an elected official.

Other items discussed included whether a regional representative should be considered no longer a member of the Committee if he misses two meetings, getting involved in an initiative to implement instant runoff voting on a statewide basis, letting people know that the 11%-in-one-month registration increase report was not accurate, the desirability and feasibility of providing financial statements which compare the current year with earlier years, ways to address concerns about business to be conducted at the post-convention meeting, and arrangements to allow LPLAC to send their newsletter to members in inactive regions within the county.

The next meeting is scheduled to be at the convention in February.

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