

In attendance:

Officers:	Mark Hinkle Rodney Austin Ted Brown Eric Lund Sandi Webb	Chair Northern Vice Chair Southern Vice Chair Treasurer Secretary (present only near end of meeting due to speaking engagement)
At-Large Reps:	Elizabeth Brierly José Castañeda Perry Martin John Scott Ballard Steve Marsland	Immediate Past Secretary & Acting Secretary today Vice Chair, Region 65, LA - Southeast Editor, <i>LPC Monthly</i> Chair, Region 36, San Bernardino; at-large Chair, Region 41, San Mateo, at-large
Alternate At-Large Reps:	Jonathan Richter	
Regional Reps:	Philip Zoebisch Tom Spielbauer Terry Floyd	Region 37, San Diego Region 43, Santa Clara Region 1, East Bay
Alternate Regional Reps:	Kit Maira Joe Dehn	Region 61, L.A. - San Fernando Valley Region 43, Santa Clara
“Employees”:	Thea McLean Juan Ros	Withease Services (database administration) Executive Director, LPC
Others:	Jack Dean Mark Hilgenberg Marion McEwen Wayne Nygren Jon Petersen J.R. Prohaska Marv Rudin Terry Savage Ray Strong Starchild Al Swain Dan Westphal	Region 30, Orange County Vice Chair, Region 30, Orange County Chair, Region 1, East Bay Region 1, East Bay Immediate Past Northern Vice Chair Region 41, San Mateo Chair, Region 43, Santa Clara Chair, Nevada LP Region 43, Santa Clara Chair, Region 38, San Francisco Region 45, Shasta County Chair, Region 49, Sonoma

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 P.M.

I. Medicinal Marijuana and the Kubbys

Mr. Hinkle has assembled a blue ribbon commission to study the issue of the Kubbys' arrest, medicinal marijuana, and what part the LPC might play in the effort. Dale Wood is the attorney defending Steve Kubby, and Joe Farina is defending Michele Kubby.

II. Election of Operations Committee

Rodney Austin was nominated but declined.

Mr. Hinkle, as LPC Chair, is a member by default.

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Votes Cast</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Resulting Committee</u>
Ted Brown	14	1	*
Eric Lund	12	2	*
Sandi Webb	9	3	*
Steve Marsland	8	4	*
Joe Dehn	6	5	
Terry Savage	5	6	

III. Report of the Executive Director

Mr. Ros distributed a written report, outlining his activities, including a review of his trips, press releases, and the status of the Party's telemarketing projects, which have been profitable. He distributed a suggested convention planning timeline for the 2000 LPC convention, and mentioned the participation of the Balcom Group in its planning. First-time convention attendees will be targeted, and the goal is to garner 500 delegates.

Mr. Hinkle remarked on the fact that Mr. Ros reports directly to Hinkle, not to the whole Executive Committee; if members need Mr. Ros's time for a project, we should route the request through Mr. Hinkle.

IV. Car Tax Initiative

Mr. Hinkle proposed the following resolution:

Whereas, the Libertarian Party of California opposes taxation of any kind, and seeks to repeal all current forms of taxation, and

Whereas, California Assemblyman Tom McClintock is circulating petitions for a ballot initiative that would repeal California's vehicle license fee, also known as the "car tax," said initiative to be put before the California voters, at the March 7, 2000 primary elections, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Libertarian Party of California endorses the car tax initiative and shall campaign in support of its passage.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution. **The motion passed without dissent.**

V. Tobacco Tax Initiative, Proposition 10

The retail company Cigarettes Cheaper and their owners, the Roscoes, are planning, pending the resolution of the lawsuit to repeal the initiative, a petition signature gathering campaign to begin on March 23, 1999, for the purpose of overturning the initiative. The LPC has been encouraged to participate in the effort, and it would be an excellent opportunity and target market for a voter registration campaign.

An *ad hoc* committee was formed (via a voice vote without dissent), including Mr. Hinkle as a standing member:

Elizabeth Brierly	John Scott Ballard	Wayne Nygren
Bob Sheckler	Philip Zoebisch	

Stacy Macris would like to assist, but due to some impending trips will not officially be a committee member.

The committee shall make recommendations at the next meeting.

VI. Complimentary Membership for Nominees for Public Office (Mr. Maira)

Mr. Maira proposed a resolution:

“Being that the Party is grateful to its nominees for public office, it is the sense of this convention that the Party compensate these nominees by providing them with Central Committee Memberships and Memberships in the National Party.”

There was discussion but no vote was taken.

VII. Uniform Date of Membership Renewal

Mr. Maira proposed a resolution:

“It is the sense of this Convention that the Executive Committee implement and uniform date of renewal for Central Committee memberships in order to improve the rate of Central Committee Membership renewal.”

There was discussion but no vote was taken.

VIII. Audit Committee

Members of the Audit Committee, whose interim chair is Jack Dean, were appointed (pending confirmation from these individuals):

Pam Potillo	Mary Gingell	Maggie McIntyre
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Mr. Zoebisch requested that audits be conducted *prior to* each February conventions since there's a financial report to be presented then.

Mr. Hinkle requested a monthly (at least) budget status from the treasurer, *i.e.*, plan vs. actual.

Mr. Richter proposed changing the LPC Standing Resolution about the Audit Committee, as follows (proposed language is **underscored** and deleted text is ~~strike through~~):

Paragraph 3: “The Audit Committee shall obtain, no later than the **20th of January** ~~1st of March~~ of the following year, the financial records of the LPC for the fiscal year ending December 31.”

Paragraph 4: “A written report shall be prepared as to the Audit Committee's findings, to be submitted to the LPC Secretary no later than two ~~days~~ **weeks** prior to the **commencement of the convention** ~~April/2nd quarter executive committee meeting,~~ **and included in the year-end report.**”

The motion passed without dissent in voice vote.

IX. Reality Growth Plan

Mr. Marsland instigated the formation of an *ad hoc* committee to study the proposed "Reality Growth Plan." Volunteers to this committee are:

Scott Ballard	José Castañeda	Mark Hilgenberg
Steve Marsland	Jonathan Richter	Tom Spielbauer

The committee will evaluate the plan and provide a report to the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

X. Newsletter Editor Selection Committee (Mr. Hinkle)

The composition of the previously designated newsletter editor selection proposal committee is:

Jack Dean	Perry Martin	Joe Dehn	Ted Brown
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XI. Appointment of Style Committee (Mr. Hinkle)

The Style Committee is charged with reviewing and correcting the convention-approved Bylaws and Platform prior to their approval by the Executive Committee. Mark Hinkle appointed:

Elizabeth Brierly

XII. Credit Card System, Monthly Pledgers in Regions (Mr. Hinkle)

Mr. Hinkle announced that a "credit card debit" system has been set up with Bank of the West. To process credit card donations, the bank charges approximately 6% of the funds, and we're paying Withease's administrative fee as well. We've told the regions that if they will solicit monthly pledgers for their regions, if they're willing to have a credit card debit or a reminder sent to them in the mail, the LPC will process their monthly pledgers' credit card transactions for them, and we'll charge the regions \$.10 per dollar. Recently we learned that we can automate the transactions and submit them electronically once per month (at a rental fee of \$29.99/month for the necessary equipment). By consolidating the transactions we can lower expenses and pass the savings along to the regions.

XIII. Newsletter Folding (Mr. Hinkle)

Perry Martin was convening members for folding and labeling the LPC Monthly. He found a mailhouse that will provide this service for us at \$200/month, but at a savings of \$190 in postage! Six or so volunteers were freed up for a whole day for a net cost of \$10/month! Mr. Hinkle recommended that when regions reach the point of sending their newsletters via bulk mail, they consider using a mailhouse.

XIV. Fund Raising (Mr. Dehn)

Mr. Dehn spoke about the procedure for credit card pledges for regions, mentioning the form available on the Web. He proposed to have a choice of regions on the electronic form. The Executive Committee did not object to offering this on the Web.

XV. Next Meeting

Mr. Hinkle proposed holding a full weekend meeting for the Executive Committee meeting. This was not agreed to for the next meeting but will be broached again later.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on March 20, 1999, tentatively to be held in San Diego.