

Minutes of ExCom Meeting
Monday, March 17, 2001
As approved

Minutes

Date: Saturday, March 17, 2001
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Place: Renaissance Los Angeles Airport Hotel
9620 Airport Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90045
310-337-2800

In attendance:

Officers:	Aaron Starr	Chair
	Rodney Austin	Northern Vice Chair
	Mark Selzer	Southern Vice Chair
	Sandi Webb	Secretary
	Lori Adasiewicz	Treasurer

At-Large Reps: Elizabeth Brierly
Ted Brown
Doug Scribner
Starchild
Dan Wiener

Alternate At-Large Reps:	Al Carlan	ExCom Alternate #1
	Bruce Dovner	ExCom Alternate #2

Regional Reps:	Brian Lee Cross	Region 30
	JR Graham	Region 37
	Mark Hinkle	Region 43
	Bernard Zimring	Region 61

Alternates:	Jeff Sommer	Region 01
	Steve Cicero	Region 37
	Joe Dehn	Region 43
	Mark Hilgenberg	Region 61

Staff:	Juan Ros	Executive Director, LPC
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Visitors: Jonathan Zwickel, R20; Rob Rob, R37; José Castañeda, R65; Audrey Carlan, R66.

Absent: Wayne Nygren, R01.

1. Call Meeting to Order
Aaron Starr called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
2. Public Statements and announcements.
3. Approval of Agenda – time was set for each item.
Add interim Item 9c for Program Committee Coordinator; Add closed session on legal matter at item 3a;
Add item 7b Campaign 2002; Add item 9d Resolution.
Approved as amended.
 - a) Closed session to discuss legal matter.
4. Approval of Minutes - Feb. 19, 2001 ExCom Minutes
Joe Dehn made several minor corrections prior to the meeting. Accepted as modified
5. Officers Reports

a) Chair - Aaron Starr

Aaron Starr reported that there had been a whirlwind of activity. The transfer of power at the LPC office and the Holocaust Remembrance Day activity. He said that he had been meeting with Irv Rubin who is interested in helping with the Holocaust Remembrance Day project. He said that several regions had asked him to speak to their regions.

Aaron said that he meets with Juan Ros on a weekly basis. He said that they have a "to do list" that Juan is doing a good job of getting through.

b) Northern Vice Chair - Rodney Austin

Rodney said that he has sent out updates of the membership list to all of the northern unorganized regions asking the contacts there to contact the members in their counties setting up a meeting of some nature. He will contact them to see how they are doing.

c) Southern Vice Chair - Mark Selzer - No report.

Mark reported on his public access program. He said that copies of them are available for other regions to take to their local TV to run. He said that the price is \$15 per tape. He said that Orange County region is now running them on public access on 10 city cable companies.

Mark said that he has been learning about publicity from Irv Rubin. Mark would like to appoint Irv as Honorary Publicity Chair for the LPC. It was decided that Mark could appoint Irv for the Southern California area. Mark will make sure that no press releases are sent without his approval. He reported on the protest for Robert Downey Jr.

Mark mentioned that Michael Cloud gets a percent for fundraising. He would like to allow others to collect the same commission. Sandi Webb said that this should be taken to the fundraising committee for their recommendation.

d) Secretary - Sandi Webb

Sandi reported that there had been no email votes of either the OpCom or the ExCom.

e) Treasurer - Lori Adasiewicz

Lori reported that she now has all of the records and is trying to reconcile the records. She said that the accounting program is being changed from Quickbooks to MYOB. She said that she should be able to have a report in three weeks. She said that Juan was moving quickly to bring the functions into the office. Lori clarified how the checks are written.

Joe Dehn asked if all of the regions have been paid their dues to date. Lori said that they were up to date.

Recess to take tour of hotel facilities.

f) Executive Director - Juan Ros

Juan handed out a written report. He said that he was cutting back on media outreach to do fundraising. He reported on AB1515 which is an IRV bill for special elections. He also reported on SB36 which would make it a crime not to have a microchip in pets. The LPC is (of course) opposed to this.

He said that we have at least four candidates announced to run for 2001. Marian Smith was re-elected.

Juan reported on the results of the fundraising letters. He said the list of previous donors did the best. He reported on a meeting with Lori and a major donor in the Sacramento area. He said this resulted in a contribution of \$5000.

He said that he didn't receive the checks or the books from the previous Treasurer until March 6, 2001. This has held up the transfer of the accounts.

He reported that he was at the hearing for Steve Kubby.

Recess for lunch.

6. Standing Committees

a) Legislative Committee (no report)

b) Membership Committee. (no report)

- c) Audit Committee - (no report)
- d) Convention Oversight Committee.

Elizabeth Brierly reported that the committee has not finished their report. She said that they would like to meet with the new convention committee. She handed out a resolution that the committee would like voted on.

Motion: Adopt new language for standing resolutions. Seconded.

Current wording:

The Convention Oversight Committee Chair is to receive a copy of the convention contract.

Proposed wording:

The contract between the LPC and the party engaged to organize the LPC's annual convention shall be made available to the Chair of the Convention Oversight Committee, and to the other Convention oversight Committee members upon request.

Discussion: Lori said that the main change was to clarify that the contract in question was the one between the LPC and the organizer and not other subcontracts of the organizer and third parties.

Vote: Passed.

Motion: Create new standing resolution as follows:

"The contract between the party engaged to organize the LPC's annual convention and the hotel or convention hall shall be made available upon request to the Chair of the Convention Oversight Committee or his delegate.

Motion to amend: Jeff Sommer moved to replace "the hotel or convention hall" with "any subcontractors" Seconded.

Failed.

Vote on main motion: Passed.

Presentation by B.J. Wagener to hold 2002 LPC Convention in Santa Maria.

- e) Convention Committee.

Add Mark Hilgenburg to committee.

Motion: Al Carlan moved to accept the Santa Maria Convention proposal with negotiation of the contract.

ExCom Rep **Vote**

Officers

Aaron Starr	Yes
Mark Selzer	No
Rodney Austin	Yes
Lori Adasiewicz	No
Sandi Webb	Yes

At-Large Reps

Dan Wiener	Yes
Elizabeth Brierly	No
Starchild	Yes
Ted Brown	Yes
Doug Scribner	Yes

At-Large Alternates

Al Carlan, #1
Bruce Dovner, #2

Region Reps **Vote**

Wayne Nygren, Region 1	
Jeff Sommer, alternate R1	Yes
Brian Lee Cross, Region 30	No
Mark Murphy, Region alternate 30	
JR Graham, Region 37	Yes
Steve Cicero, alternate R 37	
Mark Hinkle, Region 43	No
Joe Dehn, alternate R43	
Bernard Zimring, Region 61	
Mark Hilgenburg, alternate R61	No

6 No; 9 Yes

Passed.

- f) Audit Committee - (Vacant)
- g) Style Committee - Dan Wiener and Ted Brown, Co-Chairs - No report
- h) Legal Committee (Closed Session) Mark Hinkle, Chair

The Legal Committee Chair, Mark Hinkle, updated the ExCom on an ongoing lawsuit. No action was taken.
i) Human Resources Committee (Closed Session) Aaron Starr

Motion: Compensation A

<u>ExCom Rep</u>	<u>Vote</u>
<u>Officers</u>	
Aaron Starr	Yes
Mark Selzer	Yes
Rodney Austin	Yes
Lori Adasiewicz	Yes
Sandi Webb	Yes
<u>At-Large Reps</u>	
Dan Wiener	Yes
Elizabeth Brierly	Yes
Starchild	No
Ted Brown	absent
Doug Scribner	Yes
<u>At-Large Alternates</u>	
Al Carlan, #1	Yes
Bruce Dovner, #2	
<u>Region Reps</u>	
Wayne Nygren, Region 1	
Jeff Sommer, alternate R1	Yes
Brian Lee Cross, Region 30	Yes
Mark Murphy, Region alternate 30	
JR Graham, Region 37	Yes
Steve Cicero, alternate R 37	
Mark Hinkle, Region 43	Yes
Joe Dehn, alternate R43	
Bernard Zimring, Region 61	
Mark Hilgenburg, alternate R61	Yes

14 Yes; 1 No. Passed

Motion: Compensation B

<u>ExCom Rep</u>	<u>Vote</u>
<u>Officers</u>	
Aaron Starr	Yes
Mark Selzer	Yes
Rodney Austin	Yes
Lori Adasiewicz	Yes
Sandi Webb	Yes
<u>At-Large Reps</u>	
Dan Wiener	Yes
Elizabeth Brierly	Yes
Starchild	No
Ted Brown	
Doug Scribner	No
<u>At-Large Alternates</u>	
Al Carlan, #1	Yes
Bruce Dovner, #2	
<u>Region Reps</u>	
Wayne Nygren, Region 1	
Jeff Sommer, alternate R1	Yes
Brian Lee Cross, Region 30	Yes
Mark Murphy, Region alternate 30	
JR Graham, Region 37	Yes
Steve Cicero, alternate R 37	

Mark Hinkle, Region 43 Yes
Joe Dehn, alternate R43
Bernard Zimring, Region 61
Mark Hilgenburg, alternate R61 No
12Yes; 3 No Passed.

7. Other Committee Reports

- a) LNC Representative's Report - Joe Dehn (Due to audio problems at the meeting, Joe's written report is being used.)

The Chair briefly commented on some recent activities. Deryl Martin was elected as Treasurer to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mark Tuniewicz. A proposal to not elect a replacement until after an investigation of the reasons for the resignation was considered but not adopted.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved. There was brief discussion of additional corrections to be made to these minutes and to minutes of Executive Committee meetings.

The Treasurer provided a written report and commented on his concerns regarding liquidity and revenue shortfalls. There was discussion of the financial situation, topics including: outstanding accounts payable, causes of the revenue shortfalls, and membership renewals. The committee approved a one month delay in the schedule for CD deposits.

There was discussion of a proposal to modify the UMP to increase the payments to affiliates and also increase dues. Topics included: costs of serving members at the national level, other changes that might be made to the UMP, the interests of non-UMP affiliates, and the relationship of such a step to the financial situation and to the SPT process. The issue was postponed until after the SPT process.

The Political Director provided a written report and commented on various topics including tracking of officeholders, ballot access, and the role of party leaders in supporting candidates.

The Communications Director provided a written report and commented on various topics including a new writer, media activity levels, planning for increasing the effectiveness of media efforts, and recent decisions not to issue press releases on certain news items.

The National Director commented on and provided updates to the new monthly reports that he is producing, with particular emphasis on budget variances.

A request by the LP of Costa Rica that we forward a notice about their activities to our e-mail list was approved.

Regional representatives reported on activities in the affiliates, covering such topics as membership, candidates, activities of office holders, ballot status issues, conventions, and alternative strategies being tried at the state level.

The committee went into executive session to discuss legal issues relating to the unresolved situation in Arizona.

The committee adopted goals for 2001 relating to ballot access, number of candidates and election victories, media activities, number of members and contributors, end of year net worth, and strategic planning.

The committee passed a resolution reaffirming the existing policy concerning disclosure of conflicts of interest, affirming that it applies in the case of an LNC member being employed by or otherwise receiving payments from a pre-nomination presidential campaign, and stating the intent of the committee to further consider this subject at future meetings.

Participation in a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the federal campaign finance laws was approved, subject to negotiation of terms including use of the LP mailing list, with another vote of the LNC required to approve the terms.

There was discussion of the SPT process. It was decided that the remaining meetings of the SPT would be open to observation.

Other topics briefly discussed included: the Program, and database software for affiliates.

The next meeting is scheduled for 25-26 August 2001 in Las Vegas. The following meeting is scheduled for 8-9 December in the Washington, DC area.

No other items on the agenda were discussed because of lack of time.

- b) Campaign 2002

8. Old Business

- a) Transfer of Accounting to Office
- b) Questionnaire Project
- c) Operation Breakthrough

2) New Business

- a) Approve Bylaws as amended at 2001 Convention
- b) Holocaust Remembrance Day Project
- c) Interim Program Coordinator
- d) Resolution

3) Evaluation of Standing Resolutions

4) Next Meeting – Northern California – June 2 – Jeff Sommer will make arrangements. Place to be determined.

Adjourn 6:08