

Minutes of ExCom Meeting
Saturday, June 2, 2001
As approved

Minutes

Date: June 2, 2001
Time: Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Place: Holiday Inn Express - San Jose International Airport
1350 N. Fourth Street
San Jose, CA 95112
(408) 467-1789

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:	Ted Brown	
	Doug Scribner	
	Starchild	
	Dan Wiener	
Alternate At-Large Reps:	Bruce Dovner	ExCom Alternate #2
Regional Reps:	Wayne Nygren	Region 1
	Brian Lee Cross	Region 30
	JR (nobody) Graham	Region 37
	Mark Hilgenberg	Region 61
Alternates:	Paul Studier	Region 30
	Steve Cicero	Region 37
	Joe Dehn	Region 43 (Voting alternate)
Staff:	Juan Ros	Executive Director, LPC

Visitors: Melissa Gulick; RobRob, San Diego; John Andrews, San Francisco; David Molony; Jonathan Zwickel, Madera; Gary Copeland, Orange.

Absent: Elizabeth Brierly, At-Large Rep.; Al Carlan, ExCom Alternate #1; Mark Hinkle, Region 43.

1. Call Meeting to Order - Aaron Starr called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.
2. Public Statements and Announcements - None
3. Approval of Agenda - Time was added to some items; add Item 7a Campaign 2002; Agenda was approved as amended.
4. Consent Calendar - None
5. Officers Reports
 - a) Chair - Aaron Starr

Aaron Starr said that he has been meeting with Juan every week for dinner (at Aaron's expense). He said that the party is making progress on fundraising from major donors and letters. He said that he visited the Santa Maria Inn, where the next convention will be held, on his way to speak at a B-B-Q for Region 27, Monterey.

Aaron said that as a result of this meeting he learned something significant about elections from the region chair, Mark Dierolf. Prop. 218 reduced the number of signatures required to put a local initiative on the ballot to reduce or eliminate taxes. In the past the required 10% to 15% of ALL registered voters has been a daunting task. Prop. 218 reduced this to 5% of those who voted. Because of the power crisis that the state of California is having, the cost of power is increasing dramatically. Many cities in California have utility taxes of about 6%. Because of the higher price of power, the cities are getting a windfall. Aaron's idea was to draft a standard initiative called the

Windfall Energy Tax Rebate initiative, and take it from city to city and get it on the ballot. This could be used to generate more interest in the LP. The LP is currently getting a list of all of the cities that have a utility tax. There is a small amount of work to do to write the ordinance. Aaron asked the ExCom for their opinion of the proposal and whether they wanted to peruse it further.

Several of the ExCom members said that this would be a good idea. Juan said that this was something that the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association was interested in.

Aaron discussed Operation Breakthrough for 2001. He said that he was having trouble raising the needed funds in time for the current round of elections.

b) Northern Vice Chair - Rodney Austin

Rodney gave a report on the research he has been doing on the activities that the regions in the northern state were doing. He described how many regions do not have newsletters, websites, regular elections for officers, etc. Madera/Mariposa region had a very successful forum on the energy crises with the local congressmen in attendance. He reported that he was beginning to work on the Annual Chairs Conference coming this August.

c) Southern Vice Chair - Mark Selzer

Mark said that he has been visiting the regions in the southern area, especially in the desert. He reported on the protest for actor Robert Downey Jr. This was very successful. He showed footage from several national news shows with LP protesters and signs. He said that there are several things he will do differently the next time, but that the response was very good.

d) Secretary - Sandi Webb

Sandi reported that there had been six email votes. The results of those votes can be read at her web site at <http://www.peoplesveto.org/lp>. She said that because of the amount of discussion on one of the items she had set up a page with just the comments. She said that she will do that in the future when the discussion traffic gets heavy.

e) Treasurer - Lori Adasiewicz

Lori said that she owed a vote of gratitude for the help of Aaron Starr in setting up a new system. Aaron said that we are very close to being on track with the budget. Personal solicitation fundraising is ahead of budget at 58% toward target of \$30,000 with \$17,500 raised. The LP currently has a net surplus of \$8,500. The balance sheet shows a unrestricted net assets of about \$4,000. He explained that the books were not correct when Eric Lund delivered them to Juan and that they were still trying to straighten them out. Strategy of Operation Breakthrough was discussed as well as the cost and fundraising for it. He said that there is a lot of set up cost and if there are not enough offices coming up it would not be cost effective. J.R. said that San Diego region was ready to do their own Operation Breakthrough.

Aaron pointed out that the budget format had been changed. The budget itself had not changed. Starchild asked for more detail to be included in the report. It was requested to include a glossary of terms.

Motion: Approve the new formatted budget. Seconded. (Requires a 2/3 vote.) **Passed unanimously.**

Motion: Require treasurer to provide a glossary of terms in all future financial statements. **Passed**

Lunch

f) Executive Director - Juan Ros

Juan said that the media contacts were down because he has been focusing on fundraising. He is now focusing on media contacts. He reported that he went to Sacramento for a bill that was postponed until next year. While he was there he and Lori contacted a major donor. He said that he has been tracking several bills. He discussed the Labels & Lists proposal which was voted on by the ExCom by email.

6. Old Business

a) Audit Committee Appointment

Aaron explained that the bylaws require three people to do the audit. He said that he was having problems finding this many people to do it. He said that he has found one person, Dale Ogden, who has volunteered. Aaron said that he needs help finding someone in the Long Beach area where Dale lives who can help with the audit.

Motion: Appoint Dale Ogden as chair as the Audit Committee. Seconded. **Passed.**

b) Approve 2002 Convention Contract

There were several questions on the details of the contract. It was requested that there be more contact with the Convention Oversight Committee in the future.

Motion: Approve the 2002 Convention contract with William Wagener. Seconded.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Aaron Starr	Yes
Mark Selzer	Yes
Rodney Austin	Yes *
Lori Adasiewicz	Yes
Sandi Webb	Yes
Elizabeth Brierly	Absent
Ted Brown	Yes
Doug Scribner	Yes
Starchild	Yes **
Dan Wiener	Yes
Al Carlan Al #1	Absent
Bruce Dovner Al #2	Yes
Wayne Nygren, R1	Yes
Jeff Sommer, al1	Absent
Brian Lee Cross, R30	Yes
Paul Studier, al 30	Alternate
JR (nobody) Graham, R37	Yes
Steve Cicero, al 37	Alternate
Mark Hinkle, R43	Absent
Joe Dehn, al43	Yes
Mark Hilgenberg, R61	Yes
Erich Miller, al 61	Absent

Passed

* Indicates that the vote was cast with reservations.

** Indicates that the vote was cast with the observation that the Convention Planning Committee Members should have been consulted before and during the contract negotiations.

Passed.

7. New Business

a) Campaign 2002

Ted Brown gave a brief report on the deadlines and problems regarding the next election. Reapportionment and the early date of the primary election is complicating the process of recruitment of candidates.

b) 2003 LPC Convention RFP

Juan said that convention planning should start a minimum 18 months in advance. His recommendation was to put out an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the 2003 convention. The RFP would include all of the requirements of the LP for a convention. Juan has started drafting the RFP and will submit it to the Convention Committee first.

- Draft a Request For Proposal (RFP) for the 2003 convention
- RFP will include all requirements for running a convention, plus template of Lori Adasiewicz's contract.
- Have the RFP published in the July newsletter and circulated on LPC mailing lists.
- Deadline for submitting proposal is September 1.
- Proposals will be considered at the Sept. ExCom meeting. Winning proposal will be selected by ExCom vote.
- Contract negotiations with winning proposal will begin, with contract approval to take place no later than December ExCom meeting.

Motion: Approve plan for RFP proposal. Passed.

c) Appoint Program Coordinator

Aaron said that the new Bylaws require a Program Committee. He said that it would be best to do this early because this is the first time for this committee. He wanted to appoint an Interim Program Coordinator that could get started writing the Program. Aaron had suggested Lawrence Samuels for this position on a email vote that failed.

The job parameters were discussed. What the Program would contain was discussed. Aaron went around the table and had each person comment on their vision of the Program.

Motion: Appoint Bruce Dovner and Lawrence Samuels as Co-Coordinators Pro-Tem of the Program. **Passed.**

8. LNC Report

Joe Dehn gave a report on the national committee meeting. He said that there has been discussion on a change to the UMP. There was no action as yet by the LNC. He reported that the Treasurer had resigned and the LNC appointed someone at the last meeting to replace him. He reported that the LNC adopted some modest goals. Among these were:

- Ballot access goal to gain access in several states.
- Have a record number of candidates of approximately 400 candidates.
- Set a record for membership.
- Media
- Financial goal to end the year with a surplus.

Joe gave a brief report on the problems with Perry Willis.

9. Standing Committee Reports

a) Legislative Committee - Brian Lee Cross

Brian gave a brief report on what he has researched on changing the election law governing the LP. The LP is governed by the Peace and Freedom section. This party is no longer in existence. It was decided not to pursue this at this time.

b) Membership Committee - Chair - David Molony

David said that he is developing a new database program for the LP membership.

Motion: Suspend the rules to allow Gary Copland to speak early. Passed.

Gary declared his candidacy for LP governor. He presented a proposal for a debate between him and other candidates. The tape of this debate will be available to the regions for \$100.

c) Legal Committee - Closed secession

No other committees reported.

- d) Budget Committee - Lori Adasiewicz
- e) Convention Oversight Committee
- f) Convention Committee - Mark Selzer
- g) Human Resources Committee - Aaron Starr
- h) Style Committee - Dan Wiener
- i) Audit Committee

10. Evaluation of Standing Resolutions

Aaron said that he has had Mark Hinkle and Joe Dehn working on new Standing Resolutions.

11. Next Meeting - September 8, 2001 - Location to be determined. JR (nobody) Graham is suggesting San Diego.

12. Special Presentations and Discussions

a) Elected Libertarian Recognition Proposal - Mark Selzer

Mark proposed having all of our elected Libertarians on the front page of the web page.

Motion: Libertarian Party of California recognizes the elected Libertarians and in so doing we will put their pictures and names on our web sites, and put articles in the newsletter. Dan Wiener suggested that this motion should be done by email. Joe Dehn objected to the proposal. He said that the lack of mention of the elected Libertarians is a symptom, and that we don't have enough contact with the elected LP members. He objected to a motion dictating the layout of the web site or the newsletter.

Motion withdrawn.

b) Donor Worthy Project web-based fundraising system

Mark Hilgenberg and Doug Scribner presented a proposal for setting up a web site similar to the one at **4goodcause.com**. This would be a site for fundraising for specific projects. Many problems and concerns were voiced with this proposal, as well as the benefits. It was suggested that instead of direct donations, the different projects get pledges toward their goal. When they get enough pledges to accomplish the project, they collect the pledges.

It was decided that more research was needed. The proponents were to bring back more detail but the idea was accepted by the committee.

13. Adjourn