

Minutes of ExCom Meeting
Saturday, December 1, 2001
As Approved

Minutes

Location:

Date: Saturday, December 1, 2001

Place: Courtyard Marriott
1727 Technology Drive
San Jose, CA 95510

Time: 10 am - 5 pm

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:	Dan Wiener	
	Elizabeth Brierly	
	Ted Brown	
	Doug Scribner	
	Starchild	
Alternate At-Large Reps:	Al Carlan	Alt #1
	Bruce Dovner	Alt #2
Region Reps:	Wayne Nygren	East Bay Region 1
	Brian Lee Cross	Orange County Region 30
	JR (nobody) Graham	San Diego Region 37
	Mark Hinkle	Santa Clara Region 43
Alternates:	Jeff Sommer	Region 1
	Paul Studier	Region 30
	Steve Cicero	Region 37
	Joe Dehn	Region 43

Staff: David Molony

Visitors: Steven Watanabe, Region 34 Chair; Alan Folmsbee, Region 43; Dennis Umphress, Region 43 Secretary; Audrey Carlan, Region 66 Chair; Ray Strong, Region 43 Chair.

Absent: Mark Hilgenberg, Region 61

1) Call Meeting to Order

Aaron Starr called the meeting to order at 10:19 am.

2) Public Comments and Announcements

(This is the time for those not on the Executive Committee, and who are not already scheduled, to speak to the Committee. ExCom members may also make announcements at this time.)

Steve Watanabe announced a "Walk For Capitalism Day" that was noticed in the LPC News. Audrey Carlan announced a program for community college students to get credit for attending the convention.

3) Approve Agenda

Move Item 9 to Item 5g; add Item 5h Nomination of LNC Representative Alternate. Move Item 8a Budget Report to Item 5e(1) as part of the Treasurer's Report. Agenda approved as amended.

4) Consent Calendar None

5) Officers & Staff Reports

a) Chair - Aaron Starr

Aaron reported on the change of the newsletter format. He said that we used to spend \$4,500 for each issue that printed every other month and \$500 for the on-line issue. The new format is mailed every month at a cost of \$600. He outlined some other cost saving items. Aaron reported that the LPC is running a good number of candidates. He outlined some of the problems with getting signatures for some of the candidates as the districts have all changed with redistricting. Aaron reminded the committee of the deadline for ballot arguments for the school districts bond measures that will be on the next ballot. Aaron updated the committee on the utility tax program that he has been doing. He reported that signatures had been collected in Bellflower but that the City Clerk rejected them on a technicality. He reported that new signatures would be collected.

b) Northern Vice Chair - Rodney Austin

Rodney reported that he had been mostly helping local candidates. He reported that he had someone that was building web sites for the local candidates. The status of several northern regions was discussed.

c) Southern Vice Chair - Mark Selzer (Gave his report after the Executive Director's Report.)

d) Secretary - Sandi Webb

Sandi Webb reported that the ExCom had had two email votes. She reported that the details were on her web page at <http://www.peoplesveto.org/lp>.

e) Treasurer - Lori Adasiewicz

Lori reported that she had good news on the current finances. She said that we had received several payments that were larger than anticipated. She said that Aaron and she were still working out some of the bookkeeping errors from the past.

(1) Budget

Aaron and Lori went over the budget line by line.

Motion: Wayne Nygren moved to take \$2,000 from the Executive Committee line item and add \$2,000 to the Regional Development line item. Seconded.

Substitute motion: Aaron Starr moved to substitute. "Other Revenue & Support" \$2,000. Increase "Regional Development" by \$2,000. Seconded.

Vote on substitute motion. Passed.

Vote on motion. Passed.

Motion: Wayne Nygren moved to reduce Executive Committee line item from \$4,300 to \$3,300. Seconded.

Lori called the question. **Passed.**

Vote on motion: 5 yes; 8 no. **Failed.**

(See attachment A for detailed budget)

Motion: Approve 2002 FY Budget as amended.

ExCom Rep **Vote**

Officers

Aaron Starr	Yes
Mark Selzer	Abstain
Rodney Austin	Yes
Lori Adasiewicz	Yes
Sandi Webb	Yes

At-Large Reps

Elizabeth Brierly	Absent from room
Ted Brown	Yes
Doug Scribner	Yes
Starchild	No
Dan Wiener	Yes

At-Large Alternates

Al Carlan, #1	Yes
Bruce Dovner, #2	

Region Reps **Vote**

Wayne Nygren, Region 1	Yes
Jeff Sommer, alternate R1	
Brian Lee Cross, Region 30	Yes
Paul Studier, Region alternate 30	
JR (nobody) Graham, Region 37	
Steve Cicero, alternate R 37	Yes
Mark Hinkle, Region 43	Yes
Joe Dehn, alternate R43	
Mark Hilgenberg, Region 61	Absent
Erich Miller, alternate R61	

12 Yes; 1 No; 1 Abstention. **Passed.**

f) LNC Report & Strategic Planning Committee Report - Joe Dehn

Joe Dehn reported that the Strategic Planning process is taking longer than it was originally expected. He said that there was no written report from the committee yet. He said that it didn't seem to be accomplishing as much as he had expected. He said that the process has been helpful for the people who have been involved. He said

that there is a range of opinions on how much credit should be attributed to this project for improvement in the future. He said that what was still missing from the plan was the relationship to the state parties. Joe reported on the financial cash flow problems this fall caused by the Anthrax crises in DC.

g) Nomination of LNC Representative Alternate - Joe Dehn

Doug Scribner nominated Starchild. Dan Wiener nominated Bruce Lagasse. Ted Brown nominated Mark Hinkle. Starchild nominated Vin Suprynowicz.

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Starchild	2
Bruce Lagasse	7
Mark Hinkle	3
Vin Suprynowicz	1

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h) Executive Director - David Molony

David reported that things have been hectic because of the Sep. 11 attack. He reported that one week after the 9-11 attack the office computer was hit with a computer virus. He said that Bruce Dovner put in many hours to fix this. He outlined some changes that he has implemented in the office. He reported that it has been a heroic effort to get the new LPC News out. He reported on the number of press releases.

He reported on the progress of the Operation Breakthrough for 2002. He reported on the success of the tax protest signature gathering in Bellflower.

c) Mark Selzer (postponed from earlier)

Mark reported on his media appearances. He reported that he was invited on two shows. He was also working on getting our candidates on the ballot. He reported on the Do Da Parade.

6) **Old Business**

a) Suspension of Membership of Eric Lund for Cause

Aaron Starr gave a brief explanation. He said that the LPC had a problem with the 2001 Convention. The hotel refused to allow the convention to use their facilities without a large deposit. Cullene Lang did not have the credit to post this deposit. On Feb. 15, 2001 the following motion was passed by the Operations Committee, "I move that the LPC, in order to insure that we have a convention this Presidents' Birthday weekend, guarantee to the DoubleTree Hotel on behalf of Liberty Services, aka Cullene Lang, the sum of \$6,000. In the event that the hotel demands those funds, Liberty Services will forfeit any payment owed to Liberty Services, up to, but not over \$6,000, from funds processed by the LPC on behalf of Liberty Services. The LPC assumes no liability for Liberty Services, aka Cullene Lang." - LPC Chair Mark Hinkle. It was decided at the time of the vote that Eric Lund had a conflict of interest due to the personal relationship between him and Cullene Lang. Aaron said that there was a response by Eric Lund in which he made a different proposal. The original motion was passed. Immediately following the convention was the Executive Committee Meeting. There was extensive discussion of this item at that time. Jeff Sommer, Convention Oversight Committee, recommended at that meeting that Culene Lang reimburse the LPC \$6,000. Eric Lund was present when Convention Oversight Committee member Elizabeth Brierly announce that this would not be necessary because the LPC had received the credit card payments that the \$6,000 was to offset. The ExCom believed that this issue was resolved. Eric Lund, LPC Treasurer, then wrote several checks to Cullene Lang: one on Feb. 15, 2001 in the amount of \$2,700; one on Feb. 18, 2001 in the amount of \$2,460; and one on Feb. 19, 2001 in the amount of \$2,694.25.

Aaron said that he felt that the checks were written without authorization and constituted a dereliction of duty and a conflict of interest.

Eric said that his actions were not to intentionally harm the LPC.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to enter closed session proceedings. Passed by voice vote.

Motion: The LPC Censures Eric Lund for his incompetence as LPC Treasurer and that his membership be suspended for a period of one year.

<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

At-Large Reps

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

At-Large Alternates

Al Carlan, #1
Bruce Dovner, #2

Region Reps **Vote**

Wayne Nygren, Region 1	Yes
Jeff Sommer , alternate R1	
Brian Lee Cross, Region 30	Yes
Paul Studier, Region alternate 30	
JR (nobody) Graham, Region 37	
Steve Cicero, alternate R 37	Yes
Mark Hinkle, Region 43	Yes
Joe Dehn, alternate R43	
Mark Hilgenberg, Region 61	
Erich Miller, alternate R61	

12 Yes; 2 No; 0 Abstentions. Passed.

b) Program Co-coordinator Progress Report - Bruce Dovner

Bruce Dovner gave a report on how the Program Committee was doing. He handed out a Draft copy.

c) Campaign 2002 - Ted Brown

Ted reported on the progress of finding candidates. He outlined some of the problems with reapportionment.

7) New Business

a) March 2002 Initiatives - Endorsements - Ted Brown

(1) Prop 40 – \$2.6 billion bond – California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002. **No**

(2) Prop 41 – \$200 Million bond – Voting modernization Act of 2002. **No**

(3) Prop 42 – ACAY – Transportation Funding. **No Position**

(4) Prop 43 – ACA 9 – Right to Have Vote Counted. **No Position**

(5) Prop 44 – SB 1988 – Chiropractors and Insurance Fraud. **No**

(6) Prop 45 – Initiative – Legislative Term Limits – Local Voter Petitions. **No Position**

b) Selection of 5 Member Bylaws Committee

 Dan Wiener - Coordinator

 Mark Hinkle

 Bob Weber

 Joe Dehn

 Brian Lee Cross

c) Selection of Platform Committee Coordinator

 Ted Brown

d) Selection of Program Committee Coordinator

 Bruce Dovner

e) "Three Strikes and You're Out" law Resolution - Doug Scribner

The Libertarian Party of California endorses the efforts to alter the "Three Strikes and You're Out" law to apply to violent crimes only. We recognize and applaud the grass roots groups that are attempting to change the injustice of the current "Three Strikes Law" whether through the legislature, or initiative process.

Specifically we endorse "The Three Strikes Act of 2002" as proposed by Citizens Against Violent Crime.

Motion: Dan Wiener moved to endorse this measure. **Passed by voice vote.**

8) Committee Reports

a) Legislative Committee - Brian Lee Cross - No report

- b) Membership Committee - Vacant
- c) Legal Committee - Closed Session (canceled)
- d) Convention Oversight Committee - Wayne Nygren

Wayne gave a brief report on the progress of the 2002 convention in Santa Maria.

- e) Convention Committee - Wayne Nygren

Wayne reported that the 2003 convention was a little behind in planning. He reported that the committee should have more of a report at the next ExCom.

- f) Human Resources Committee - Aaron Starr - No report
- g) Style Committee - Dan Wiener - No report
- h) Audit Committee - Dale Ogden - No report

9) Evaluation of Standing Resolutions

Mark Hinkle and Brian Lee Cross are to come back to the ExCom with recommendations for changes.

10) Next Meeting February 18, 2002 2PM immediately following the close of Convention Business.

11) Special Presentations and Discussions

- a) Commissions for Fundraising. - Mark Selzer

Tabled to the next meeting.

- b) "Libertarian Heroes" Recognition Certificate. - Jonathan Zwickel

We (the ExCom) authorize the Executive Director to identify where possible any member who has gotten 50 or more signatures for our candidates, and recognize these individuals with a certificate of appreciation to be presented at our annual convention, and also by writing an article naming these "heroes" and publishing it in our "LPC News"..

NOTE-- the Exec director can "identify" by emailing candidates and others and ask who helped with sigs - I'm not asking for irrefutable proof.

I'm open to "friendly" amendments, as long as the signature totals are high enough to show action above and beyond what one might normally expect.

– Jonathan Zwickel – Madera

This item was continued to email discussion.

12) Adjourn Aaron Starr adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM