

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 5-22-2004

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA

Saturday, May 22, 2004 Executive Committee Meeting

Sheraton Gateway LAX, 6101 W. Century Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045, Tel 310-642-1111

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:14 pm.

Officers:

PRESENT Aaron Starr, Chair
PRESENT Lawrence Samuels, Northern Vice Chair
PRESENT Mark Selzer, Southern Vice Chair
PRESENT Monica Kadera, Treasurer
PRESENT Daniel Wiener, Secretary

At-Large:

PRESENT M Carling
PRESENT Ted Brown
PRESENT Bruce Dovner
PRESENT Allen Hacker
PRESENT Mark Hinkle

ABSENT David Nolan (At-Large Alternate)
ABSENT B.J. Wagener (At-Large Alternate)

Regional Representatives:

PRESENT Steve Cicero, San Diego
PRESENT Allen Rice, Santa Clara
PRESENT Bruce Cohen, Orange County
PRESENT Martina Slocomb, L.A. South Bay
PRESENT John Ericson, East Bay Second Alternate

ABSENT Frank Manske, East Bay Representative
ABSENT Terry Floyd, East Bay First Alternate
ABSENT Timothy Johnson, Orange County Alternate
ABSENT Mike Laursen, Santa Clara Alternate

2. Public Comments and Announcements

Executive Committee members introduced themselves.

3. Approve Agenda

Items 8g thru 8j, 9m, and a presentation by Shawn Steele were added.

The agenda was approved as amended.

4. Consent Calendar - no items

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. ExCom meeting (12-20-2003) – approved without objection
- b. State Convention (03-13-2004 thru 03-14-2004) – approved on voice vote
- c. Revised LPC Platform -- approved on voice vote
- d. Revised LPC Bylaws & Convention Rules -- approved on voice vote
- e. Revised LPC Program -- approved on voice vote
- f. ExCom meeting (03-14-2004) -- approved on voice vote

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6. Officer & Staff Reports

Chair - Aaron Starr

Aubri Webb has left the position of Office Manager, to devote full time to her business. Monica Kadera will do the bookkeeping in the interim. The LPC needs someone new, who's self-motivated and trustworthy, yet willing to work part-time and able to do so unsupervised. Ted Brown suggested Alexandra Goldberg; Aaron will contact her. After the election, perhaps a Judge Gray staff member might be interested.

Kate O'Brien may work on the Operation Breakthrough Elected Officials project. The ExCom discussed the conflict of interest issue, and the consensus was that would not be a problem. The LPC can't do a regular Project Breakthrough for non-partisan local offices this year because of timelines and staff limitations.

Northern Vice-Chair - Lawrence Samuels

Butte County is becoming very active. The LP had a booth at the Davis County festival. Lawrence spoke to a Watsonville NRA meeting.

Southern Vice-Chair - Mark Selzer

Mark has been speaking and visiting as many regions as possible, and promoting his TV show. There is interest in different regions in doing tax limitation initiatives.

Secretary – Daniel Wiener

The Judicial Committee voted 3-2 to consider that the term of an LNC representative runs to the end of the national convention rather than until the LPC state convention elects a new representative.

The Executive Committee conducted an email ballot in which the following motion was passed 10-3-0-2:

RESOLVED, that the LPC thanks Joe Dehn for his years of prior service, and further
RESOLVED, that pursuant to Bylaws 9, Section 7, Joe Dehn is hereby removed from the office of
Libertarian National Committee representative effective immediately.

The Operations Committee then voted unanimously to appoint M Carling to the vacant position of 2nd Alternate to the Libertarian National Committee.

Treasurer - Monica Kadera

March financials were reported; the LPC is doing slightly better overall than the budgeted numbers. There was a question about classification of a \$2000 donation, part of which was included in Convention Expenses for a newspaper ad. The Member Recruitment mailings bombed. Monica needs the April regional allocations. The LPC will be recording \$5,000 from Labels & Lists in April, so the second-quarter results should be better.

The meeting recessed for ten minutes at 11:58 am.

Shawn Steel (a former LP member and the past State Chairman of the California Republican Party) spoke about the "Voter Choice Open Primary" initiative. Focus groups showed that the corruption argument (e.g., similarity to the Louisiana system) is effective with men, while the fairness argument appeals to women. The measure will degrade political parties and increase the advantage of wealthy candidates. Reardon & Westly are bankrolling the initiative. Shawn Steel wants a summit of the Executive boards of all political parties to oppose the initiative.

It was moved that the Libertarian Party of California should officially participate in a summit of Executive bodies of California political parties to oppose the so-called Voter Choice Open Primary initiative, also known as the Louisiana Political Corruption initiative.

A motion was made to amend by striking the phrase "also known as the Louisiana Political Corruption initiative". The amendment passed unanimously. The motion as amended passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed for lunch. M Carling conducted a tour of the hotel's convention facilities.

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7. Old Business – Selection of LNC 2nd Alternate.

Bruce Cohen nominated M Carling; seconded. Nominations were closed. M Carling was unanimously elected by a show of hands.

8. New Business

a. Activation of Butte County

Butte County has met all the criteria for an active region. Their Chair was happy to have guidelines to help them achieve their goal. Mark Selzer moved and Martina Slocomb the following motion: The Libertarian Party of California Executive Committee commends the achievements of the Libertarian Party of Butte County under the leadership of its Chair Casey Aplanalp and recognizes them as an active region. Passed unanimously.

b. Mark Selzer requested funding for the Libertarian Alternative. Time for discussion was extended twice. It was the consensus recommendation of the Executive Committee that, at the Chair's discretion, Mark Selzer be issued \$200 per month through the end of the year from the previously-approved Outreach budget item.

c. A discussion was held regarding money for Vice-Chairs to assist inactive or barely active regions. There is already \$2,600 in the budget for Regional Development, which the Vice-Chairs will be able to tap by submitting their expenses.

d. M Carling invited questions regarding the National Convention.

e. Rob Rob will be asked to serve on the Style Committee again.

f. Timothy Johnson and Dave Hollist will be asked to serve on the Audit Committee again.

g. M Carling and Allen Hacker were nominated for Chair of the Bylaws Committee; M Carling was elected. M Carling nominated Allen Hacker, Daniel Wiener, Martina Slocomb, and Ray Strong to be on the Committee. Allen Rice was nominated. Constance Ericson was nominated. A secret ballot was held, with up to four votes per member. The results were:

Daniel Wiener	13
Allen Hacker	12
Martina Slocomb	11
Ray Strong	10
Allen Rice	7
Constance Ericson	5

The top four were selected as Bylaws Committee members.

h. Bruce Dovner was selected as the Program Committee Coordinator.

i. Ted Brown was selected as the Platform Committee Coordinator.

j. The biweekly conference call will be changed to 8pm on Sundays; the next teleconference will be on June 6th.

9. Committee Reports

a. Membership Acquisition & Retention – M Carling said we need to welcome new members to the Party. Allen Hacker and Allen Rice said we need to contact members about to lapse and encourage them to renew.

b. Coalition Building – Terry Floyd wasn't present. John Ericson said work is being done with medical marijuana advocates.

c. Guest Opinions – B.J. Wagener wasn't present.

d. Fundraising – Bruce Cohen said we don't have a good method of follow-up, so he's been researching software to facilitate that. He wants a set of monthly goals. We should send out a Welcome Pack to new members in a pseudo-FedEx envelope.

e. Awards – Bruce Cohen will compose July newsletter articles on four monthly awards: Recruiting, Fundraising, Event/Organizer, and Volunteer.

f. Legislation – Allen Rice wants to track various bills on a website and with email alerts. He submitted a written report.

g. Legal – Martina Slocomb said that three attorneys have agreed to help: Mannie Klausner, Robert Chatenever, and Daniel Tusa. She will meet with Mannie and get advice. Possible issues include Tax Limitation measures

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and the "Open Primary" initiative if it passes. There are about 140 identified attorneys among the LPC membership.

- h. Events Planning & Oversight – M Carling has been negotiating with hotels, and the Sheraton Gateway Hotel LAX has the best offer so far. The LPC would have 7400 sq ft of meeting room for free with a minimum of 120 room nights. There would be 1 free room night for every 40 paid, plus some various upgrades. Regular room nights will be \$94 + tax. Meal prices will be fixed at reasonable levels. The convention will be held Friday night through Sunday on the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th weekend of March, 2005. There will be fewer but more expensive speakers. The LPC will directly put on the convention under M Carling's direction, and he will guarantee against any losses.
 - i. Volunteer Development – Allen Hacker discussed volunteer management software he is investigating.
 - j. Candidate Recruitment & Elected Officials – Ted Brown reported that we'll have 72 partisan candidates, 8 of whom will be in 2-way races (but not Colleen Lang, since a write-in Democrat qualified in her race). Allen Rice will take over the effort to work with elected officials.
 - k. Voter Registration – Bruce Dovner had nothing major to report.
 - l. Infrastructure Development & Website – Bruce Dovner got the list of Registered Libertarian voters, and will be getting the complete list of all California registered voters this week from Labels & Lists. He will update the list of all regional officers on the website. The membership database is not available on the web site; M is trying to transition it by the end of June. The website will go through another transformation this summer.
 - m. Member Communications – Mark Hinkle had nothing major to report.
10. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held in Northern California probably in the second half of August. The exact date will be determined after the Libertarian National Committee meeting date is decided.

The meeting was adjourned precisely on time, at 5:00 pm.