Libertarian Party of California Annual Convention of Delegates

April 6, 2013

Call to Order 10:24am

Credentialing Committee Report – Kelly Barnes

Delegate Count: 56
Simple Majority: 29
2/3 Vote: 38

Officer Reports
  - Chair’s Report: Kevin Takenaga
  - Northern Vice Chair’s Report: C Michael Pickens
  - Southern Vice Chair’s Report: Absent
  - Secretary’s Report: Absent
  - Treasurer’s Report: Brian Darby

Bylaws Report: Gale Morgan

- Proposal One: Bylaw Four: Definitions, Certifications

Amendment Aaron Starr

Bylaw Four Amendment: Individuals who have executed previous versions of the certification shall also meet this requirement.

Amendment Seconded.

Amendment Passes.

Motion on Proposal One, as amended: The motion passes. Bylaw is adopted.

- Proposal Two: Bylaw 29 Operating Procedures Manual
Amendment Starchild: Add after the last word ‘manual,’ to add, ‘including, publication of the page on the Party’s website that is readily available to any member.’

Amendment seconded.

Amendment Mr Marsh: to add the words, ‘to be updated in the manual within 30 days,’ at the end of amended paragraph.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment Motion: Passes.

Original Motion: Passes.

-Proposal 3: Bylaw 5: Membership, Section One:

Individuals may become members of the State Central Committee by:

A. Becoming a holder of a California public office that is subject to election other than County Central Committee, or
B. Making application and paying such dues as prescribed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may authorize participation in a joint membership arrangement with the national Libertarian Party, for the purpose of satisfying the dues requirement.

Proposal Motion: Passes.

-Proposal Four: Bylaw 7: Dues Sharing, Section Two

Section 2: A renewing member is one who has record of membership in the state Party’s database at the time they pay their dues. The State and County Party organization shall split the renewal membership dues 50/50.

Aaron Starr, substitute motion: eliminate the bylaw all together.

Substitution seconded.

Substitute motion: Fails. 35-17

Amendment Starchild: dies for lack of second.
Bylaw proposal motion: Passes.


Rule 12: Add, “The Party officers shall be automatically nominated as national convention delegates by reason of their official Status within the Party.

Second paragraph: Add, “…of nominees who are members in good standing who confirm to Secretary by the time of their nomination their acceptance of their nominations and their intention to serve as a California delegate to the national convention.

Seventh paragraph: delete, “and determining which nominees are eligible.”

Aaron Starr amendment: Add one sentence at end, “The Secretary shall notify in writing all the delegates nominated and they shall have 30 days in which to consent to their candidacy.”

Amendment Motion: Fails.

Bylaw motion proposal: Passes.

Motion: Morgan Resolution to Adopt Assemblyman Donnelly’s AB 351

Whereas the Libertarian Party of California reaffirms the rights of the First, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments, as inalienable to man and denounce the un-Constitutional powers currently held by the President of the United States of America, under the National Defense Authorization Act, find the bill known as AB 351, the California Liberty Preservation Act, to be the first line of defense of the citizens of California.

The Libertarian Party of California publicly supports the legislation introduced by Assemblyman Donnelly and demands that the public servants within the legislative house, recognize the rights of The People and require the Federal Government to adhere to the delegated powers expressly
granted within the confines of the Constitution, providing no aid to the violation of the citizens of the state of California.

Resolution seconded.
Resolution passes.

Candidate Endorsements

Mike Paster motion to endorse Alex Fidel for Mayor of Encinitas.
Motion seconded.
Motion passes.

Aaron Star resolution motion: Resolved, the Libertarian Party of California thanks the management and staff of the Hyatt Regency for its hospitality and assistance with making our 2013 state party convention a successful event.
Resolution seconded.
Resolution passed.

Aaron Starr motion to adjourn.
Motion seconded.
Motion passed.

4:18pm.
Business called to order: 9:32am

Credentialing Report – Kelly Barnes
Delegate Count: 59
Majority: 30
2/3: 40

Officer Elections
-Chairman
    Janine Kloss: 26
    Kevin Takenaga: 38
    NOTA: 3

-Northern Vice Chair
    Gale Morgan: voted in unanimously
-Southern Vice Chair
  Glynda Perrotte: voted in unanimously

-Secretary
  Janine Kloss: 33
  Jose Castaneda: 31

-Treasurer
  Brian Darby: voted in by acclamation

Motion to suspend the rules for Platform plank.
Motion fails.

-At Large Nominations for Executive Committee
  Grant Huihui: 45
  Nancy Zardeneta: 27
  Bill Lopez: 40
  Shawn Fox: 44
  Josh Famestad: 38
  Armando Romero: 20
  Judd Weiss: 51
  Jose Castaneda: 34
  Brian Thiemer: 45
  Starchild: 18
  Alex Fidel

At Large Executive Committee Alternates
Motion: Ted Brown: Motion to accept Jose Castenada as first alternate and Nancy Zardeneta as second alternate to the Executive Committee.
Motion seconded.
Motion passes without objection.

2013 Platform Committee Report

Brian Darby - Coordinator
Sarah Bales, Matt Barnes, Tom Lippman, Mike Paster - Members

Libertarian Platform Plank on Representation

The committee recommends that the following be inserted at the beginning of sectionIV-20 of the current platform:

“The legislature is meant to have a real and effective connection with the people. To that end, there should be enough legislators to allow all people access to their elected representatives. California has only 40 Senators and 80 Assembly members to represent a population of almost 40 million.

To promote the ability of citizens to develop and maintain healthy relationships with those who represent them, California should increase the number of electoral districts, thereby decreasing the number of citizens within each district. This would also have the benefit of eliminating the need for officeholders to waste their time as perpetual fundraisers, and would reduce the power of the elected to unethically benefit from their positions.

It is the position of the Libertarian Party that the people should have adequate representation in their legislature and that the number of representatives should increase as the population grows.”
And that the existing paragraph of section IV-20 will be modified to the following:

“Additionally, we oppose a full-time legislature in California and support efforts to make the job of legislator at most a part-time one with drastically reduced salaries, staff, and expenses.”

The committee thanks Michael Warnken and Shawn Fox for their input prior to the meeting. This plank was proposed by Michael Warnken.

Motion Starchild: Add, to the very end of the paragraph in section IV-20: “This reform should be undertaken without any increase to the legislature’s budget.”

Substitute Amendment Ed Wimmers: “This reform should include a decrease in the legislature’s budget.”

Substitute seconded.

Aaron Starr call to question on the substitution and amendment.

Motion passes.

Substitute motion fails.

Amendment motion fails.

Committee main motion passes.

Rich Vanier, motion to suspend the rules for the consideration of a resolution by Randy Marsh:

Whereas: This democratic republic is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Whereas: The people have authorized the government to collect taxes from the people to support the legitimate functions of government.

Whereas: The Internal Revenue Service has been delegated as the agent to collect taxes and requires reporting by all wage and investment earners of all payments for services rendered including any grants of money or services, including gifts to our children.
**Whereas:** The government makes payments of goods and services to individuals and corporations.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the California Libertarian Party declares that all payments, grants, tax abatements, services, or other benefits granted to individuals or corporations by the government, at any level, which exceed $250 in any year must be reported to the Internal Revenue Service by IRS Form 1099-GOV.

**Amendment Starchild:** Replace all existing ‘Whereas’ paragraphs to one only that reads:

“Whereas: Governments themselves should be held to no less stringent reporting requirements than they impose upon those subject to their laws.

Amendment passes.

Amendment Josh Famestad: after the word corporation, insert, “or any other legal entity.”

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the California Libertarian Party declares that all payments, grants, tax abatements, services, or other benefits granted to individuals or corporations, or any other legal entity by the government, at any level, which exceed $250 in any year must be reported to the Internal Revenue Service by IRS Form 1099-GOV.”

Amendment passes.

Main resolution motion: fails.

Brian Thiemer, motion to suspend the rules to consider a resolution on grand juries: “We support grand juries investigating and indicting willful misconduct, in office, by public officers.”

Motion seconded.

Motion passes.
Aaron Starr motion to adjourn.
Motion seconded.
Motion passes unanimously.
Adjournment at 4:18pm.