

# Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting, August 2, 2008  
Libertarian Party of California

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**Call to Order**

Chair Kevin Takenaga called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

**Attending**

**Officers**

Kevin Takenaga, Chair

Richard Newell, Northern Vice Chair

Zander Collier, Southern Vice Chair arrived 11:30

Don Cowles, Treasurer  
Beau Cain, Secretary

### **At-large Representatives**

Matthew Barnes  
Eric Bresson  
Ted Brown  
T. J. Campbell absent  
Brian Holtz arrived 11:50  
Cam McConnell  
Mike McMahan absent  
Rob Power arrived 10:55  
Lawrence Samuels  
Jesse Thomas

### **Alternates**

Donna Orlando  
Mark Selzer absent

### **Guests**

Mike Seebeck, Style Committee  
Wayne Meyers, Interlocutor, Track II Diplomacy  
Boomer Shannon, Libertarian Youth Caucus  
Elisa Pedvin, San Bernardino County LP

### **Comments**

Wayne Meyers: attending to learn more about the Libertarian Party

Mike Seebeck, Riverside County: presenting the Style Committee and Proposition Recommendations

Boomer Shannon: attending on behalf of Libertarian Youth Caucus (LYC), which started in May and already has projects underway. Twenty-two members attended a beach trip, Riley O'Neal from Riverside presented. LYC is managing a Facebook site with over 40 subscribers. Website for Libertarian Youth Caucus [www.lycit.org](http://www.lycit.org).

Shannon also spoke of the fundraiser for Barr/Root in Rancho Cucamonga tomorrow.

## Approval of Agenda

The Committee approved the agenda at 11:00

## Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

MOTION: Cain moved to amend the previous minutes to include a missing phrase explaining why Starchild was seated with the Nevada delegates at the previous national convention, which Barnes seconded.

VOTE: The motion to amend the previous minutes passed without objection.

## Officers Reports

### Chair's Report

Kevin Takenaga, 11:05, 25 minutes

Takenaga presented a slideshow report showing many LPCA accomplishments so far this year.

There were no questions.

### Northern Vice Chair's Report

Richard Newell, 11:55

Newell visited counties, participated in the Butte County LP camping trip, helped with the Root/LP float in the San Francisco Pride Week Parade, served as primary organizer of Pacific Rod and Gun Club fundraiser, photographed the event, and produced the recent e-Flyer that invited over 4,000 readers to join a Barr/Root or LP Meetup group.

Brian Jones was appointed Yolo County LP Chair *pro tem*. Cliff Pickins is the new chair of San Joaquin County LP.

Newell is serving as Chair *pro tem* of the 2009 Convention Committee and has investigated a few sites, with the San Francisco site being most likely, but pricey. Newell noted that the Legislation Analysis Team was doing good work not only in analyzing the Propositions, but also in examining other legislation. Power added that Terry Floyd said that the previous Convention Committee disqualified all state-owned property as prospective convention sites. Brown noted that the State grants the Party a room every other year or so for its conventions.

## **Southern Vice Chair's Report**

Zander Collier, III, 12:07

Collier made more contacts in SoCal for fundraising and expects to bring in new California Coffee Club members. Long Beach LP will hold election night party at Costa Mesa's Greek Town Café and is seeking another site in Long Beach.

Collier will attend the Root fundraiser in Rancho Cucamonga tomorrow, but will be unavailable otherwise. His Party Facebook received minimal maintenance.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Don Cowles, 12:15

Cowles reports that the Candidate Support Committee is shy \$1200, and Newell reported that the contracted website designer has dropped the website template project, but Newell will attempt to collect the unearned payment from him. Cowles noted that Holtz can ask for \$2800 from a separate state candidate account to support all his candidate accounts, from State Assembly down to municipal races.

Brown asked if state candidates can put their messages into ballot statement for a fee. Would the Party in effect buy candidate statements? Cowles answered that money collected in the Candidate Support Fund has to be spent on all candidates rather than on individual candidates, as informally decided by the donors. Brown observed that individual donors can contribute to individual candidates separately from the Candidate Support Fund.

## **Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2008**

Cowles noted that the Party is losing \$1,000 a month, despite having cut expenses drastically without losing services, and will need to reduce payments allocated to the Executive Director office unless the committee finds ways to increase income.

## Balance Sheet, June 30, 2008

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
11100 Cash		
11101 · Wells Fargo Checking –Main	18,036.27	
Total 11100 · Cash		18,036.27
Total Checking/Savings		18,036.27
Other Current Assets		
14000 · Investments		
14001 · E-Gold Account	1.00	
Total 14000 · Investments		1.00
Total Other Current Assets		1.00
Total Current Assets		18,037.27
Other Assets		
18000 · Other Assets		
18001 · Security Deposits	395.00	
Total 18000 · Other Assets		395.00
Total Other Assets		395.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>18,432.27</b>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Credit Cards		
21102 · WF Credit Card -2365		-29.12
Total Credit Cards		-29.12
Other Current Liabilities		
21000 · Current Liabilities		
21103 · Payroll Liabilities -	-150.31	
21109 · Current Liabilities	55.00	
Total 21000 · Current Liabilities -		-95.31
21600 · Deferred Membership Revenue		
21601 · Current Year Dues Renewal	4,428.01	
21602 · Current Year Dues New	3,293.24	
21603 · Current Year Subscription	6,939.19	
21604 · Next Year Dues Renewal	127.39	
21606 · Next Year Subscription	30.00	
21607 · Life Members Renewal	4,535.00	
21610 · Next Year County Dues Share	10.00	
Total 21600 · Deferred Membership Revenue		19,362.83
Total Other Current Liabilities		19,267.52
Total Current Liabilities		19,238.40
Total Liabilities		19,238.40
Equity		
31000 · Beginning Net Assets		4,895.89
Net Income		-5,702.02
Total Equity -		-806.13
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		<b>18,432.27</b>

## Profit & Loss Statement YTD as of June 30, 2008

Income		
41000 · Memberships		
41001 · Annual -- Renewal	3,775.04	
41002 · Annual -- New	471.39	
41003 · Annual Subscriptions	4,683.06	
Total 41000 · Memberships		8,929.49
42000 · Recurring Gifts		
42001 · General	11,210.47	
Total 42000 · Recurring Gifts		11,210.47
45000 · Convention		
45001 · Admissions	12,421.49	
45035 · Meals	189	
45046 · Miscellaneous	2,542.50	
Total 45000 · Convention		15,152.99
46000 · Events		
46009 · Other Events	290	
Total 46000 · Events		290
47000 · Unrestricted Donations		
47001 · General	4,500.07	
Total 47000 · Unrestricted Donations		4,500.07
48000 · Other Revenue		
48001 · Membership List Rental	5,000.00	
48003 · Interest Income	6.21	
48004 · Magazine Advertising	452	
48009 · Other	1,663.12	
Total 48000 · Other Revenue		7,121.33
Total Income		47,204.35
Cost of Goods Sold		
51000 · Member Acquisition		
51054 · Outside Services	1,181.77	
51066 · Printing	61.73	
Total 51000 · Member Acquisition		1,243.50
53100 · Direct Mail		
53154 · Outside Services	658.64	
Total 53100 · Direct Mail		658.64
54000 · Convention Costs		
54001 · Facilities	3,165.00	
54035 · Meals	6,434.00	
Total 54000 · Convention Costs		9,599.00
55000 · Event Costs		
55900 · Other Events	2,395.54	
Total 55000 · Event Costs		2,395.54
Total COGS		13,896.68
Gross Profit		33,307.67
Expense		
60000 · Party Distributions		
60005 · CaLP CandidateSupport Pass Thru	-162.5	

Total 60000 · Party Distributions		-162.5	
61000 · Administrative			
61200 · Convention			
61246 · Miscellaneous	803.3		
61266 · Printing	1,108.36		
Total 61200 · Convention		1,911.66	
61300 · Executive Committee			
61342 · Meetings	350		
Total 61300 · Executive Committee		350	
61600 · LPC Headquarters			
61612 · Payroll Taxes -	252.99		
61613 · 1099 Payments	16,350.00		
61614 · Rent	2,520.00		
61616 · Bad Debts Expense -	720		
61618 · Bank and Credit Card Fees	1,030.98		
61620 · Commissions	249		
61622 · Data Processing	1,678.95		
61628 · Equipment	107.25		
61638 · Meals	92.52		
61646 · Miscellaneous	378.16		
61650 · Office Supplies	354.49		
61658 · Postage	316.25		
61666 · Printing	344.24		
61670 · Professional Services	330.3		
61678 · Taxes & Licenses	103		
61682 · Telephone	1,004.60		
61690 · Utilities	179.7		
Total 61600 · LPC Headquarters		24,066.45	
Total 61000 · Administrative			26,328.11
65000 · Media Relations			
65054 · Outside Services		850	
Total 65000 · Media Relations			850
66000 · Member Communications			
66100 · Magazine			
66146 · Miscellaneous	10.98		
66154 · Outside Services	4,099.98		
66158 · Postage	2,492.43		
66166 · Printing	3,515.00		
Total 66100 · Magazine		10,118.39	
66200 · Website			
66254 · Outside Services	449.9		
Total 66200 · Website		449.9	
Total 66000 · Member Communications			10,568.29
67000 · Outreach			
67046 · Miscellaneous	326.68		
67054 · Outside Services	290.13		
67086 · Travel & Lodging	78.51		
Total 67000 · Outreach			695.32



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99999 - Suspense	730.47
Total Expense	39,009.69
Net Income	-5,702.02

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Brown ask that if membership is a key issue, is there any solicitation going on? Cowles and Cain described their membership expansion efforts since March. Cain reported mailing a fourth postcard that included lapsed members from as far back as 2004, but that didn't produce a significant response. Also, Cowles and Cain reported that monthly recurring gifts are up to about \$2,000.

Cowles observed that Allen Hacker's most recent fundraising appeal didn't produce the expected response.

Takenaga recalled that Bruce Dovner constructed a spreadsheet that automatically calculates breakevens and losses based on multiple

**ACTION:** Takenaga recommended using Dovner's membership analysis again to help the current Executive Committee understand how much money it takes for the Party to break even or generate a financial surplus.

Cain added that new income, which is not monthly recurring gifts but is usually annual membership and subscriptions, are predominantly donated through Click and Pledge, which pays a \$200 - \$400 check twice a month. Very few individual checks and virtually no credit card payments come to the office in the mail, the implication being that almost all new income is through Click and Pledge.

## Secretary's Report

Beau Cain reported voting to approve the minutes of the February 24<sup>th</sup> State Party Convention, approving the list of California delegates to the LNC convention, opposing Propositions 1, 3, and 10, approving the minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting in Sacramento, endorsing 14 California LP candidates for public office, paying a \$100 license fee to publish Ciesewski's manual for starting county parties, fulfilling State Party Secretary duties at the LNC Convention in Denver, attending a tribute to Marshall Fritz, sending out county Party rosters augmented with breakdowns of dues share payments for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2007 and the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2008,

Cain also presented the Office Report and the committee broke for lunch at 13:05.

**ACTION:** Cain to e-mail Ciesewski's PDF to Executive Committee forum.

Reconvened at 14:00

**MOTION:** Collier moved to allow visitor Wayne Meyers of Encinitas to speak for 10 minutes, which Barnes seconded.

VOTE: The motion to allow Meyers to speak for 10 minutes passed without objection.

Meyers invited the EC to visit his home after the meeting for the purpose of possibly planning LPCA events to take place there.

## Representatives Reports

### Brian Holtz, Santa Clara County

Holtz spoke about *DefendsLiberty*, a free service for creating powerful campaign web sites for Libertarian candidates in about thirty minutes.

<http://defendsliberty.com/howto>

### Establishing Websites for LPCA Candidates

Holtz is willing to set up sites for LPCA candidates (at any level) on a first-come-first-served basis for those who send the information below.

For example sites, see <http://BrianHoltz.DefendsLiberty.com> and <http://MarkHinkle.DefendsLiberty.com>.

### What You Need To Provide

- The office you're running for (e.g. Congress - California district 14)
- Your name
- Your campaign photo
- Your campaign bio
- Your campaign email address
- Your campaign mailing address

### What You Get: A Free Campaign Web-Site-in-a-Box

- YourName.DefendsLiberty.com (or any domain you own)
- A dozen customizable LP issue pages
- A page to accept credit card donations
- A guestbook for collecting/displaying endorsements
- Components re-usable in any LP web site
- An interactive Nolan Chart <http://marketliberal.org/quiz/> political quiz
- A slideshow <http://marketliberal.org/Slideshow.html> of LP bumper stickers
- A YouTube [http://www.youtube.com/view\\_play\\_list?p=8694CE77307BC040](http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=8694CE77307BC040) collection of libertarian videos
- A national debt <http://marketliberal.org/DebtClock.html> clock
- An interactive map <http://marketliberal.org/DefendsLiberty> of LP candidates
- Introduction to Libertarianism
- RSS feeds of Libertarian news
- Everything completely customizable via any browser

- Zero cost, zero fees, zero hardware requirements, zero bandwidth limits
- 300MB storage space, full versioning and backups

## **Lawrence Samuels, Monterey County**

Samuels spoke about the Libertarian Party of Monterey County and the Seaside Taxpayers Association gathering enough signatures to place a measure on the upcoming ballot to repeal the 6% utility tax in Seaside. He also reported this same coalition starting the “Recall/Replace the Seaside Five” campaign to boot out all five city council members for voting to reinstate private-to-private eminent domain powers. As chair of the Project Area Committee (PAC), his elected citizens committee voted 7 to 1 to oppose the reinstatement of eminent domain. Nonetheless, city staff recommended it and the city fathers complied. The coalition is now working on a slate of candidates to run and, if elected, rescind the vote.

[www.SeasideTaxpayers.org](http://www.SeasideTaxpayers.org)

Samuels met Christina Walsh of the Institute for Justice in Seaside who serves as the Coordinator for the Institute for Justice's Castle Coalition, and who travels around the country to help local groups fight eminent domain abuses. She said she might get the mayor of Anaheim, Curt Pringle, to speak in Seaside about how to redevelop blighted areas without resorting to eminent domain powers, which Pringle accomplished in his city.

Samuels closed by reporting that the LPMC has a Bob Barr 2008 table at the Monterey Farmers Market every other week.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Style Committee**

Mike Seebeck, Project Lead for reviewing and recommending changes to LPCA Bylaws, submitted the current bylaws as amended at the state Party convention, plus that document marked for revision, plus the proposed resulting document.

MOTION: Barnes moved to table approval of Style Committee Bylaws report, which McConnell seconded.

VOTE: The motion failed.

MOTION: Collier moved to accept the report except for the exceptions noted, seconded by Cowles. Exceptions are 13, 18, 26, 28, 45, 47, 52, 61, 66, 76, 78, 79, 88, 111, 121, 125, 136, 141, 149, 152, 156, 160.

- VOTE: The motion to accept the Style Committee's Bylaws Recommendations except for the noted Propositions passed with one objection.
- MOTION: Brown moved to postpone consideration of the remaining items until the last item of the day, which Barnes seconded.
- MOTION: Collier offered to substitute a motion that the excepted revisions be referred to Bylaws Committee for consideration, seconded by Cowles.
- VOTE: A call for division showed that the substitute motion failed 5 to 7.
- MOTION: Newell moved to substitute a motion to refer the excepted items to the Bylaws Committee for their consideration and to give the EC a report as to whether they're substantive changes or not, which was seconded by Bresson.
- VOTE: The substitute motion to refer the excepted items to the Bylaws Committee and to give the Executive Committee a report about whether the proposed revisions are substantive passed.
- VOTE: The main motion carried. Brown called for division.
- VOTE: Division revealed 6 against 6, the motion failed.
- ACTION: Takenaga invited Newell and Barnes to join the Style Committee. Both accepted.
- MOTION: Cowles called for the orders of the day.
- MOTION: Cain moved to suspend the rules to consider commending Mike Seebeck for his efforts in revising the style of the bylaws, which was seconded by several.
- VOTE: The motion to commend Mike Seebeck passed without objection.

## **Bylaws Committee**

Matthew Barnes reported little Bylaws Committee activity. Seebeck suggested that Bylaws Committee members be appointed to Style Committee in ensuing years. Barnes stated that if Executive Committee members have proposals, refer them to the Bylaws Committee.

## **Membership Committee**

Postponed to the end of the agenda.

## **Convention Committee**

Richard Newell reported that the Convention Committee will soon find a location for our next convention.

**MOTION:** Collier moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of considering appointing a 2010 State Convention Committee, and Collier volunteers to chair the committee, which Power seconded.

**VOTE:** The motion to suspend the rules to appoint a 2010 State Convention Committee passed without objection.

## **Office Report**

Office contractor Cain reported that his priorities as defined by Takenaga are:

1. Fundraising
2. Staffing
3. Clerical

Since then, the priorities were rearranged to Staffing, Fundraising, and Clerical.

### **Fundraising**

Cain reported working on direct appeals by e-mail and telephone, and flagging their records for future reference, meager response to the 4<sup>th</sup> membership renewal mailing, converting our Click and Pledge interface to their new Trio interface, and changing billing procedures to minimize expenses related to processing fees.

Also, he reported that income slowed to disastrously low levels during June and July, and that he recalled that a year ago when he first began working in the office, there was very little income, phone, or e-mail traffic. Further, he reported finding an e-mail from 2004 that mentioned the same low income situation during the same months.

Cain surmised that none of the previous officers or employees recognized this pattern so that the Party could prepare to meet it the following year, but that he's now prepared to face the challenge next spring.

Cain reported that it took a few months of occasionally working on converting the Party's Click and Pledge checkout pages because the new Trio model didn't accommodate the Party's sales model the way the legacy system did. He credited Takenaga with helping him refine the new payment interface.

Cain reported that he changed his EFT billing procedures with Cowles' guidance, ultimately saving as much as 8 hours a month in reconciling credit card and EFT charges by running those charges only once a month instead of once a week.

## Staffing

Cain reported having two steady volunteers to help with office work. Kelly Barnes enters donor information into DonorPerfect and prepares and reconciles the bank deposits. Jill Stone compiles and mails infopaks to prospects.

Cain reported that if he's incapacitated, Kelly Barnes will be the most likely person to take over income and membership recording. Also, the infopaks that Jill Stone mails needs follow up to get prospects to join.

Also, Casse Langford in Ventura County designed and ordered the California Delegate ribbons for the California LNC Convention. As well, she designed the Ventura County LP website, which is significant because Ventura was one of only two county parties that didn't have a Web presence. It's now available online.

Other volunteer efforts include Eric Bresson spending two hours in the office pulling 2005 and 2006 files out of the filing cabinets and putting them into archive boxes; Susan Aquino spending six hours in the office arranging files; and David Kocot showing up unexpectedly and spending two hours cleaning the suite of furniture so it could be photographed to be sold online.

Cain began recording volunteer time and projects in DonorPerfect for Kelly Barnes, Jill Stone, Casse Langford, Eric Bresson, Susan Aquino, David Kocot, and him self.

With Kevin Takenaga, Cain identified the following duties that can be assigned to volunteers.

- Accounts Payable
- Accounts Receivable
- Filing
- Membership Records
- County Support Specialist
- Digital Engagement Tactician
- Pledge Manager
- Project Managers for special projects

Cain reported writing an article for California Freedom asking for volunteers for specific duties, which Sipos will publish in two parts. Also, Cain figured out in DonorPerfect how to include each of the Skills and Interests listed in our online volunteer forms, and how to mark a record as wishing to be included in the Constant Contact e-Flyer mailing. He then spent several hours updating old

records with new data, with the beneficial outcome that all marked records can be reported with these filters.

## **Operation Manual**

Cain is documenting procedures for the Operation Manual. Topics in the manual include the following (although some topics may not be complete, and all need screen shots and illustrations):

- Access Codes (restricted access)
- Archiving
- Cash, Checks, and Money Orders
- Click and Pledge Payments
- County Party Rosters
- Credit Card Charges and Automatic Bank Drafts
- Data Entry
- Deposits
- Electronic Fund Transfers (EFTs)
- Emergency Procedures
- Filing Documents
- Inquiries
- Mail
- Organization Chart
- Petty Cash
- Reconciling DonorPerfect Reports With Bank Deposits
- Run Book
- Security Procedures
- Supplies
- Telephone Calls

Cain reported clerical activity of receiving, opening, date-stamping, recording, forwarding and filing mail, scanning invoices and bills and forwarding them to Treasurer for payment or preparation for payment, Setting up online payment for AT&T, TCast (toll free service), and paid bills as they arrived, (saving Treasurer the effort and expense of cutting and mailing some checks), researching old U.S.P.S. documents to find what accounts and permissions we have to mail at non-profit and bulk rates.

Cain answered phone calls daily, responding to caller needs, referring callers when appropriate, checking voice mail daily, and forwarding phone calls to his cell phone so that he can receive calls while away from the office.

He devised a categorical archive structure and began collecting information from regulatory and other agencies about what documents to archive, arranging files to accommodate categorical filing, according to Filing and Archiving topics in the draft of the Operation Manual, while continuing to cull the Party's archives.

With Takenaga, Cain produced a project tracking system, a cork board using note cards to track projects and deadlines from 0-3 months away, 4-6 months away, and 7-9 months away.

After a few months of intermittent planning, Takenaga approved the suggestion to repurpose the office. Instead of it being a place for two large desks, several storage cabinets and shelves, computer and mailing equipment, and the Party's archives, the back room will become a secure room for all the Party's file cabinets, and the front room will become a presentation area, with collapsible tables and stacking chairs, plus a projection screen.

Cain, Barnes, and Kocot photographed the furniture in the back office furniture suite for sale online (desk, hutch, file drawers, printer cabinet, and bookshelf).

Newell noted that it's likely crucial to do the follow-up on prospects, especially because there is so little time before the General Election, and suggested distributing the follow-up duties to the county parties and Executive Committee.

Barnes asked if the e-mail inquiries that he receives are all the inquiries that come to the office. Takenaga replied that there are four such lists, two for the California LP and two for the LNC, and that they're two inquiry lists and two volunteer lists.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

### **Vendor's Contract**

Takenaga will take the Executive Committee's suggestions for revising the AEscirian Institute for Articulate Management™ proposal to principle Allen Hacker for re-consideration.

## **Endorsements**

### **Candidates**

Although there are two candidates that the delegates didn't endorse at our state Party convention, we don't know who they are, but if they want our endorsement, they can come to us.



## **Propositions**

The Executive Committee voted to oppose Propositions 1, 3, and 10 before the meeting. Ted Brown reported that although our ballot arguments against these Propositions were not published, the arguments that were published were acceptable.

At today's meeting we voted on the remaining Propositions.

### **Proposition 2**

**MOTION:** Barnes moved to oppose Proposition 2, which McConnell seconded.

McConnell spoke in favor of the motion, noting that a free market solution to the possible problem of mistreating animals raised for food is for the objector to avoid buying those food products.

**VOTE:** The motion passed with one objection.

### **Proposition 4**

**MOTION:** Brown moved to take no position on Proposition 4, which Barnes seconded.

McConnell spoke against the motion, preferring to oppose Proposition 4 because he believes the government should not interfere in any manner in the matter of abortions, including the establishment of waiting periods.

Barnes spoke in favor of the motion, noting that abortion is a contentious issue even within the Party, and that endorsing "no position" will best reflect the divided nature of our membership.

Power asked if the California Constitution guarantees access to abortion by an unemancipated minor. Barnes said no, so Power concluded that this Proposition would be the first such mention in the state's Constitution.

Seebeck stated that although he didn't see anything in the Constitution that addresses minor access, that doesn't mean that it's not there. His interpretation of the Proposition isn't about minors' access to abortion so much as it is about notification of the minor's responsible adult.

Brown spoke in favor of the motion to take no position, noting that ours is generally a pro-choice Party, but because of the contentious nature of the issue, it's best not to take a position for or against this proposition.

Power stated that his purpose in asking if the Constitution guarantees access to abortion by unemancipated minors is that he wishes to avoid undoing anything that had already passed scrutiny and was made part of the

Constitution. He believes minors should always have to have parental approval for any medical procedure.

MOTION: McConnell moved to substitute the motion with a motion to oppose the proposition, which Thomas seconded.

VOTE: The motion to substitute opposition to Proposition 4 passed with few objections, and there was a call for division.

VOTE: The divided vote was 7 in favor and 4 opposed, so the substitute motion to oppose Proposition 4 passed.

Brown spoke against the motion to oppose Proposition 4 because parents will be upset by that position and it doesn't reflect a libertarian position.

Power spoke in favor of the motion because he feels the Party must take a stand against the Helen Lovejoy argument of "won't somebody please think of the children?" It's our job as the Libertarian Party to say, "No, don't amend the Constitution for things like this."

Collier spoke in favor of the motion, noting that parents won't like this position, but they likely don't like a lot of our positions.

Barnes spoke against the motion, noting that libertarian principles support either side of this issue.

Holtz noted that as a parent of three girls, he feels he has no right to bind his daughters to a life of whether to become mothers, and the Proposition seems to be a step in that direction.

McConnell spoke in favor of the motion again, noted that opposing the Proposition supports the libertarian principle of denying the government more power over people by denying the imposition of additional requirements.

Power pointed out that if one sees the words "mandates reporting requirements" and "authorizes monetary damages for violations," it doesn't seem very libertarian.

Bresson raised a point of information, asking if it would be a civil court case if a doctor provided an abortion without notifying the minor's parents within 48 hours, and damages would be limited to \$10,000. Seebeck pointed out that such an unauthorized procedure would also impose license hearing before the medical board and other damages as well.

VOTE: The motion to oppose Proposition 4 carried with two objections.

Barnes raised a point of parliamentary inquiry, asking that we vote one for support, one for oppose, and one for no position.

MOTION: Barnes called for division.

VOTE: Division revealed 8 for, 2 against, and 3 abstaining. The motion failed to garner 10 votes (2/3rds majority), and the California LP will take no position on Proposition 4.

MOTION: Collier moved to divide each ensuing vote, which Barnes seconded.

VOTE: The motion to divide subsequent votes regarding the Propositions passed without objection.

MOTION: Barnes moved that for the remainder of the propositions we vote for the proposition, against the proposition, or to abstain, which is equivalent to taking no position on the proposition. This is different from voting for or against a motion to support or oppose a Proposition.

McConnell spoke against the motion, noting that it adds unnecessary complexity to the voting procedure.

Barnes countered by stating that the motion is intended to simplify the voting procedure for or against the Propositions.

VOTE: The motion to suspend the rules and consider each ensuing Proposition with a For, Against, or Abstain vote failed.

## Proposition 5

MOTION: Brown moved to support Proposition 5, and spoke against the committee's recommendation. Samuels seconded. Brown cited LP's stance on ending the drug war by legalizing use.

Samuels spoke in favor of the Proposition, noting that it is a more libertarian position to offer treatment for drug users rather than jail.

Barnes asked if the Proposition would change the length of sentences, and Seebeck replied that he saw no changes in sentencing in the Proposition.

Collier asked Seebeck if, when he said "someone could slip off a track and into jail," did he mean that those tracks currently exist. Seebeck said they do not, ergo a violator would go straight to jail under current legislation.

Thomas asked if it's possible that this legislation will trap people in mandated rehabilitation programs longer than they might have been incarcerated. Seebeck said yes, it was likely.

VOTE: The motion to support Proposition 5 was 5 for, 5 against, and 3 abstain, so the motion failed and the Party will take no position on Proposition 5.

### Proposition 6

MOTION: Barnes moved to oppose Proposition 6, which was seconded by Brown.

VOTE: The motion to oppose Proposition 6 passed with 12 for and 1 abstention.

### Proposition 7

MOTION: Newell moved to oppose Proposition 7, which was seconded.

VOTE: The motion to oppose Proposition 7 passed with 10 for and 3 abstentions.

### Proposition 8

MOTION: Brown moved to oppose Proposition 8, which Barnes seconded.

VOTE: The motion to oppose Proposition 8 passed unanimously.

### Proposition 9

MOTION: McConnell moved to take no position on Proposition 9, which Newell seconded.

Brown spoke against the motion to take no position on Proposition 9.

Barnes spoke against the motion to take no position on Proposition 9.

Power spoke against the motion to take no position on Proposition 9, stating that he doesn't know if the victim does have rights, except for restitution.

McConnell spoke in favor of his motion, noting that he feared that supporting the Proposition endorses the government's system of criminal justice, which he believes we don't want to do.

Thomas asked if the detailed analysis that says "refuse defense discovery deposition and set ground rules for consent to," means the government gives the victims the choice to deny discovery that is in favor of the accuser. Seebeck stated that the intent of that point is to protect the right of privacy of the victim, so that the victim wouldn't be put on trial by the defense.

VOTE: The motion to take no position on Proposition 9 passed with 12 for and 1 against.

### Proposition 11

MOTION: Brown moved to take no position on Proposition 11 because supporting it would make us appear opposed to reform, which Barnes seconded.

Barnes asked the Chair to ask Seebeck to speak about his recommendations. Seebeck reported that there are a lot of parallels to previous redistricting attempts. The difference is that the current Proposition seems to bend over backwards to accommodate political parties beyond just within the Legislature. The problem is that the Proposition doesn't remove partisan politics from redistricting.

Collier spoke against the motion, stating that with a corrupt system, we can continue to point out the corruption.

Barnes agreed with Collier, not sure that a public opposition will attain his goals, but that we might reach our goals in ways other than with a public statement.

McConnell spoke against the Proposition, stating that we should stand up and say that the Proposition doesn't fix the problem.

Holtz asked if jury duty is mandatory, which Seebeck denied. Holtz also asked if all the bullet points in the matching language would be added to the State Constitution, which Seebeck said it would.

MOTION: Collier moved to substitute with a motion to oppose Proposition 11.

VOTE: The motion to substitute with a motion to oppose Proposition 11 passed without objection.

MOTION: Holtz called the question, which was accepted without objection.

VOTE: The motion to oppose Proposition 11 passed unanimously.

### Prop 12, CalVet Bond

Proposition 12 will budget funds to pay mortgages for veterans.

MOTION: Brown moved to oppose Proposition 12, which McConnell seconded.

Barnes noted that the motion is to oppose the Proposition, and asked Brown to clarify his position in light of the idea that if bonds are paid as intended,

there is a net profit to the community. Also, is there the threat of the use of force in the repayment of this bond.

Brown explained how this bond works as opposed to other bonds. If a lot of veterans defaulted on the loans, the taxpayers will have to pay them, including interest. Even though there has been no loss from this program for 87 years, it's risky to approve this Proposition in the face of the impending financial crisis.

McConnell spoke in favor of the motion to oppose the Proposition, noting that bonds are ultimately payable from the General Fund.

Samuels spoke in favor of the motion to oppose the Proposition, noting that with prices dropping, the taxpayers would likely need to bail out this program.

Newell spoke in favor of the motion to oppose the Proposition, noting that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac each used the longevity of soundness argument to continually incur greater debt, and which now will likely become a trillion-dollar burden on taxpayers.

Collier spoke against the motion, noting that we wouldn't have the opportunity to debate the merits of the Proposition if soldiers hadn't sacrificed their well-being to defend us.

Thomas spoke against the idea that it's OK for veterans to leach off the government. He supports the motion and opposes the Proposition.

MOTION: Samuels called the question, which was seconded.

VOTE: The motion to call the question passed with 2 objections.

VOTE: The main motion to oppose Proposition 12 passed with 11 for the motion and 2 against.

### San Francisco Proposition to Reduce Police Enforcement of Prostitution Laws

MOTION: Brown moved to support the San Francisco proposition to de-fund police efforts to enforce prostitution laws. SFCLP will officially vote to endorse in September. The motion was seconded.

MOTION: Samuels called the question, which McConnell seconded.

VOTE: The call for the question passed with no objection.

VOTE: The motion to support the San Francisco Proposition to de-fund police efforts to enforce State prostitution laws passed without objection.

Holtz left meeting at 17:35.

MOTION: Collier moved to reconsider Proposition 5, which Brown seconded.

MOTION: Takenaga asked to reinstate the motion.

MOTION: McConnell moved to suspend the rules and extend time to 6:00 p.m. time certain, which Barnes seconded, and to which there was no objection.

VOTE: The motion to reinstate the motion to consider Proposition 5 passed without objection.

MOTION: McConnell called the question, but got no second.

MOTION: Barnes moved to suspend the rules and vote support, oppose, or no opinion, which Power seconded.

VOTE: Takenaga called for objections, but got none, so the motion to suspend the rules to vote support, oppose, or no opinion passed.

Collier spoke in favor of supporting Proposition 5 because it would chip away at the current laws that criminalize drug possession and use.

Bresson noted that the Proposition expands infractions by including possession of devices that are currently legal under Proposition 215.

Power spoke against the Proposition because it will have no effect on the Federal drug war. He added that we should not support something that adds strength to Federal drug enforcement but that doesn't protect the victim.

Barnes spoke in favor of a No Opinion decision, stating that the DEA has a small enforcement group that relies on the cooperation of the State enforcement agencies.

VOTE: The vote to support Proposition 5 was 5 for, 3 against, and 3 no position. The motion to support Proposition 5 failed.

## **Presidential Electors**

### **Elections Code Section 6900 - 6909**

6900. The term *elector* or *presidential elector* as used in this chapter means an elector of President and Vice President of the United States, and not an elector as defined in Section 321.

6901. Whenever a political party, in accordance with Section 7100, 7300, 7578, or 7843, submits to the Secretary of State its certified list of nominees for electors of President and Vice President of the United States, the Secretary

of State shall notify each candidate for elector of his or her nomination by the party. The Secretary of State shall cause the names of the candidates for President and Vice President of the several political parties to be placed upon the ballot for the ensuing general election.

6902. At the general election in each leap year, or at any other time as may be prescribed by the laws of the United States, there shall be chosen by the voters of the state as many electors of President and Vice President of the United States as the state is then entitled to.

6903. On or before the day of meeting of the electors, the Governor shall deliver to the electors a list of the names of electors, and he or she shall perform any other duties relating to presidential electors which are required of him or her by the laws of the United States.

6904. The electors chosen shall assemble at the State Capitol at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December next following their election.

6905. In case of the death or absence of any elector chosen, or if the number of electors is deficient for any other reason, the electors then present shall elect, from the citizens of the state, as many persons as will supply the deficiency.

6906. The electors, when convened, if both candidates are alive, shall vote by ballot for that person for President and that person for Vice President of the United States, who are, respectively, the candidates of the political party which they represent, one of whom, at least, is not an inhabitant of this state.

6907. The electors shall name in their ballots the person voted for as President, and in separate ballots the person voted for as Vice President.

6908. The electors shall make separate lists of all persons voted for as President and of all persons voted for as Vice President, and of the number of votes for each, which lists they shall sign, certify, seal, and transmit by mail to the seat of the Government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate.

6909. Each presidential elector shall receive ten dollars (\$10) for his or her services, and mileage at the rate of five cents (\$0.05) per mile for each mile of travel from his or her domicile to the State Capitol and return. Their accounts therefore shall be certified by the Secretary of State, and audited by the Controller, who shall draw his or her warrants for the same on the Treasurer, payable out of the General Fund.



## **Elections Code Section 7575 - 7580**

7575. The convention shall be called to order by the chairperson of the state central committee at 10 a.m. of the day designated for the convention. It shall at once proceed to the election of a chairperson. The election shall be by alphabetical roll call, if requested by a petition signed by 50 members. The convention shall elect other officers as the convention may determine.

7576. The chairperson shall appoint a committee consisting of one delegate from each senatorial district, which shall serve as the committee on credentials of the convention, and he or she shall appoint other committees as the convention may direct.

7577. The convention, upon election of permanent officers, shall adopt a state platform for this party. This platform shall be made public upon its adoption.

7578. In each year of the general election at which electors of President and Vice President of the United States are to be chosen, the convention shall also nominate as the candidates of its party as many electors of President and Vice President of the United States as the state is then entitled to, and shall certify the name of each elector nominated, and his or her residence address to the Secretary of State.

7579. The vote on any issue at the convention, including the election of officers, may be by roll call or any other method as may be prescribed by the convention.

7580. The proceedings at the convention shall be governed by any manual of parliamentary procedure designated by the convention.

Power asked if it's legal to appoint major donors as Presidential Electors. Cain pointed out that the Election Code offers no stipulation against it.

Cowles suggested that, in the spirit of the founding fathers, we appoint college professors at Presidential Electors.

Power suggested that we consult with Richard Winger before voting online. Takenaga pointed out that Winger has already asked twice for our list of Presidential Electors, so we should do this as soon as possible.

**MOTION:** Barnes moved to defer responsibility for this decision to the Operations Committee, which Cain seconded.

**MOTION:** Collier called the question, to which there was no objection.

**VOTE:** The motion for the Operations Committee to manage identifying our Presidential Electors passed with no objection.

## **Barr/Root Campaign Appeal**

The Campaign is OK with our support efforts as long as they can send messages to our e-mail list.

## **Website Additions**

Takenaga mentioned our need to move the state party website to a new host. Terra Eclipse, who designed, built, and maintained Ron Paul's website as well as Bob Barr 2008 is willing, but we would need to pay for it, although there was no discussion of how much it would cost.

Power asked if there is a committee for website matters, to which Takenaga said no. Power asked if we have time to research alternatives to Terra Eclipse, to which Takenaga asked who would volunteer the time to do this. Power volunteered.

ACTION: Power to research what we can do to improve the state Party's website other than hiring Terra Eclipse.

McConnell called for the orders of the day, and Takenaga declared the meeting adjourned.

## **Membership Discussion**

The meeting ended before discussing membership.

## **Adjournment**

### **Next Meeting**

TBD

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

## **Action Items**

### **All**

Review, revise, and approve Executive Committee meeting minutes by Monday, September 1, 2008.

### **Secretary**

Prepare meeting minutes and submit to Executive Committee for approval before Tuesday, August 12, 2008.

E-mail Ciesewski's PDF to the Executive Committee forum.

**Takenaga**

Redistribute Bruce Dovner's income and expense breakeven spreadsheet to the current Executive Committee.

**Barnes**

Barnes will join the Style Committee.

**Newell**

Newell will join the Style Committee.

**Power**

Research what we can do to improve the state Party's website other than hiring Terra Eclipse.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beau Cain, Secretary