

Libertarian Party of California

Executive Committee Minutes

January 24, 2016
825 S. Myrtle Avenue
Monrovia, CA 91016

Call to Order

Ted Brown called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM.

Roll Call

Motion: Ted Brown moved to suspend the rules to allow meeting by teleconference.

Vote: Motion carried without objection.

The following members of the Executive Committee were present at 825 S. Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016 or by teleconference at 1725 K St, Sacramento, CA 95811:

Ted Brown, Chair
Brian Thiemer, Northern Vice Chair
Jonathan Jaech, Southern Vice Chair
Kevin Duewel, Secretary

Boomer Shannon, At-Large
Mark Hinkle, At-Large
Jeff Hewitt, At-Large
Ray Fostore, At-Large
Eric Vaughnes, At-Large
Jason Wu, At-Large
Jarrett Tilford, At-Large
Gale Morgan, At-Large
David Bowers, At-Large

Tyler Kuskie, Alternate

Approve Minutes

Motion: Ted Brown moved to approve EC minutes from 10/3/2015.

Vote: Minutes adopted as amended without objection.

Appointment of Treasurer

Nomination: Boomer Shannon nominated David Peters.

Nomination: Kevin Duewel nominated Gale Morgan.

Vote: Gale Morgan was appointed by majority vote.

Appointment of At-Large Member

Nomination: Gale Morgan nominated Emily Tilford.

Nomination: David Bowers nominated Jose Castaneda.

Vote: Emily Tilford was appointed by majority vote.

Appointment of Alternate

Nomination: David Bowers nominated Jose Castaneda.

Nomination: Gale Morgan nominated Steven Blakeman.

Nomination: Ray Fostore nominated Susan Marie Weber.

Vote: Steven Blakeman was appointed on the second ballot.

Motion: Brian Thiemer moved to recess for lunch.

Amend: Boomer Shannon moved to amend to recess from 12:30 to 1:30pm.

Vote: Motion adopted without objection as amended.

Website

Motion: Jarrett Tilford moved to adopt new logo and style guide for state party.

Vote: Motion adopted without objection.

Motion: Jarret Tilford moved to establish a paid account on WP Engine with CDN and 1-year renewing subscription at \$489.50 per year.

Vote: Motion adopted without objection.

Motion: Jarrett Tilford moved to use LPC.org as the primary domain.

Amend: Jason Wu moved to amend to keep ca.lp.org as the DNS A register and use lpc.org in marketing materials.

Vote: Motion to amend passed by standing count.

Vote: Motion passed by standing count as amended.

Endorsements

Motion: Gale Morgan moved to endorse Alex Applebee for House District 9.

Vote: Motion adopted without objection.

Convention

Motion: Brian Thiemer moved to renegotiate the contract with Hilton LAX with the following requirements: (1) reduce the meeting rooms reserved to one conference hall and one break out room; (2) reduce the food and beverage obligation by half, from 80% of \$17,000 to 80% of \$13,804; and if these requirements are not met, to cancel the contract by March 1, accepting the cancellation penalty of \$10,935.

Ray Fostore resigned.

Vote: Motion failed by roll call vote for lack of a majority.

Ayes: Brian Thiemer, Kevin Duewel, Gale Morgan, Emily Tilford, Jarret Tilford, Tyler Kuskie, and Eric Vaughnes.

Nays: Ted Brown, Jonathan Jaech, Boomer Shannon, Mark Hinkle, Jeff Hewitt, Jason Wu, and David Bowers.

Motion: Gale Morgan moved to increase delegate package from \$49.00 to \$75.00.

Amend: Boomer Shannon moved to decrease cost of delegate package to \$25.00 and to add a speaker package at \$75.00.

Vote: Motion to amend passed by standing count.

Vote: Main motion passed by standing count as amended.

Motion: Mark Hinkle moved for Gold and Silver Packages each with an Early Bird Discount until February 21.

Vote: Motion passed without objection.

Appointment of Operations Committee

Nomination: Jonathan Jaech nominated Boomer Shannon.

Nomination: Kevin Duewel nominated Gale Morgan.

Vote: Gale Morgan appointed by majority vote.

Newsletter

Motion: Boomer Shannon moved to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, reaching out to membership and strengthening our coalition is of utmost importance to the party at large;

Whereas, there has been little membership communication lately and reestablishing it is critical to our survival and growth;

Whereas, the Executive Committee believes the Chair and his agents were acting in naive good faith when they obligated the party beyond the extents of the budget for printing and postage costs;

and Whereas the good faith and trust of the membership is the highest obligation of Party officers and representatives:

Resolved, the Libertarian Party of California thanks the chair and his agents for their hard work reaching out to our membership in cooperation with the National Libertarian Party;

Let it also be resolved that the Executive Committee reminds the chair that the budget is inviolate unless voted upon before an obligation is entered into;

That we hereby remind the chair and his agents that obligations made outside of the approved budget are, by their nature, made in bad faith regardless of intent;

That we should all remember that according to the bylaws these sort of unauthorized obligations are the sole responsibility of the person who made them and not the party."

Vote: Motion failed for lack of a majority.

Motion: Jonathan Jaech moved to reimburse Ted Brown for expenses on the newsletter sent with the LNC mailer to the amount of \$2137.00.

Vote: Motion passed by voice count.

Mailer

Motion: Mark Hinkle moved to reimburse Ted Brown \$1700.00 for membership mailing.

Vote: Motion failed for lack of a majority.

Appointment of Financial Standards Committee

Nomination: Boomer Shannon nominated David Peters.

Nomination: Jonathan Jaech nominated Jose Castaneda.

Nomination: Jason Wu nominated Boomer Shannon.

Nomination: Jarrett Tilford nominated Janine Kloss.

Nomination: Gale Morgan nominated Susan Marie Weber.

Vote: The preceding appointed to Financial Standards Committee.

State Fair

Motion: Mark Hinkle moved to approve a budget for the California State Fair of \$7000.

Amend: Gale Morgan moved that deposits or payments not be disbursed until after the funds are raised from donors for the purpose.

Vote: Motion to amend passed by standing vote.

Vote: Motion passed by roll call vote as amended.

Ayes: Jonathan Jaech, Boomer Shannon, Mark Hinkle, Jeff Hewitt, David Bowers, Gale Morgan, Ted Brown.

Nays: Brian Thiemer, Kevin Duewel, Eric Vaughnes

Abstentions: Emily Tilford, Jarrett Tilford, Tyler Kuskie

Budget

Motion: Mark Hinkle moved to include a \$7000 line-item for fundraising in budget.

Vote: Motion passed without objection.

Election

Motion: Jeff Hewitt moved to allow decline-to-state voters to vote for the Libertarian candidate in the presidential primary.

Vote: Motion passed without objection.

Endorsements

Motion: Boomer Shannon moved to endorse Jeff Hewitt for Assembly District 42.

Vote: Motion adopted without objection.

Motion: Jeff Hewitt moved to endorse Doug Jones for Assembly District 36.

Vote: Motion adopted without objection.

Motion: Gale Morgan moved to endorse Janice Bosner for Assmebly District 8.

Vote: Motion adopted without objection.

Motion: Ted Brown moved to endorse Benjamin Omoto for Assembly District 29.

Motion: Kevin Duewel moved to table the motion to endorse Benjamin Omoto.

Vote: Motion to table failed for lack of a majority.

Vote: Motion to endorse passed by standing count.

Motion: Jeff Hewitt moved to reconsider endorsement of Benjamin Omoto.

Vote: Motion to reconsider passed by voice count.

Vote: Motion to endorse Benjamin Omoto failed.

Motion: Ted Brown moved to endorse John Hoop for Assembly District 20.

Motion: Motion to endorse passed by voice count.

Motion: Ted Brown moved to endorse Chris Kazam for Assembly District 43.

Vote: Motion to endorse passed by voice count.

Motion: Mark Hinkle moved to endorse John Inks for Assembly.

Vote: Motion to endorse passed by voice count.

Motion: Jarrett Tilford moved to adjourn.

Vote: Motion failed for lack of a majority.

Motion: Gale Morgan moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.