

Libertarian Party of California

Executive Committee Minutes

November 19, 2016

Berkeley, California

Call to Order

Chair, Ted Brown, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

A quorum of the Executive Committee was present as well as guests.

Ted Brown, Chairman
Kevin Duewel, Secretary
Gale Morgan, Treasurer
Brian Thiemer, Northern Vice-Chairman
Jonathan Jaech, Southern Vice-Chairman

Boomer Shannon, At-Large
Mark Hinkle, At-Large
Jeffrey Hewitt, At-Large
Jason Wu, At-Large
David Bowers, At-Large
Alex Appleby, At-Large
William Hajdu, At-Large
Susan Marie Weber, At-Large
Wendy Hewitt, At-Large
Starchild, Alternate At-Large

Members not in attendance:

Eric Vaughnes, At-Large
Gail Lightfoot, Alternate At-Large

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes

Adoption of Convention Minutes (04/03/2016) and Executive Committee Minutes (04/03/2016, 05/14/2016 and 08/06/2016) were discussed. Adoption was tabled.

Officer Reports

Chair Report:

Chair, Ted Brown, reported on his activities which included e-mail correspondence, including offers of events and appearances. He appeared at two comedy stage shows in Hollywood (Electoral Dysfunction and Second City) similar to Bill Maher's show on TV. He represented the LP at Pierce College and Glendale College (with Jeff Hewitt). He supported candidates and referred Baron Bruno and Mimi Robson to events. He promoted the Johnson-Weld campaign as often as possible. He reported that the LPC stood at 1,010 members at most recent count.

Northern Vice-Chair Report:

Northern Vice-Chair, Brian Thiemer, reported on the Donn Coenen and Ken Anton State Assembly campaigns.

Dr. Kenneth Brent Olsen, chair Pro Tem of Kings County, was present and mentioned that there is a city council candidate in Hanford named Kalish Morrow.

Southern Vice-Chair Report:

Southern Vice-Chair, Jonathan Jaech, reported the Southern California Conference is scheduled for Feb 25. He also reported that Santa Barbara County is in need of a Chair Pro Tem and Gail Lightfoot has been Chair Pro Tem of SLO County since 2015, when he appointed her on the floor of the convention in Las Vegas. If she has resigned, she had not informed him of the resignation.

Secretary Report:

Secretary, Kevin Duetzel, reported that 631 members joined so far in 2016 vs. 445 to this date in 2015 for comparison. He noted 1,015 members as of this date, including 100 out-of-state members.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer, Gale Morgan, presented Balance Sheets and Budgets (attached).

Libertarian National Committee (LNC) Report

Jeff Hewitt reported that revenue is way over target, with 20,000 contributors and \$2.7 million in revenue. He also discussed ballot access.

New Business

Resolution: A resolution was passed acknowledging and applauding Richard Winger's contributions to the cause of liberty.

District Size Lawsuit: Michael Warnken presented an update concerning a prospective lawsuit by Siskyou County et al. against the California Secretary of State, seeking an increase in number of representatives to the California legislature and smaller district sizes, with a request that the Libertarian Party of California allow itself to be named as one of the plaintiffs. Discussion ensued, during which Mr. Warnken assured the Ex Com that the LPC would not be liable for the costs of suit.

Motion: Boomer moved that the LPC consent to be named as one of plaintiffs, which was seconded. Starchild moved to amend the motion to make it conditional upon Michael giving us a written affirmation that there would be no financial liability to the party as a result of our joining the prospective lawsuit. The amendment was adopted without objection. The main motion was then approved on a vote of 10-2-1, with Mark Hinkle and Kevin Duetzel voting no and Gale Morgan abstaining.

The Executive Committee Recessed for Lunch

Reconvened Executive Committee

New Business (Continued)

Convention 2017: Discussion ensued regarding the 2017 state convention. Janine Kloss submitted a bid for Sacramento based on information provided at a prior meeting. Emily Tilford was available by text message to answer some questions about this bid. Boomer Shannon discussed three possible sites and various available dates for hotels in the San Jose/ Santa Clara area. The Convention Committee, chaired by Mark Hinkle, was tasked to review the options quickly and present a proposal to the Executive Committee.

Johnson/Weld Campaign: Robert Imhoff reported the results of the campaign, including 16 million leads, 9.6 million donors, \$1.8 million raised in California and \$12 million raised in the nation. The LNC should have the list within two weeks.

Newsletter: There was a discussion of the newsletter, including the possibility of selling advertising space.

Data Base: Joe Dehn, Santa Clara chair, asked about monthly membership reports and what happens to unaffiliated members. Brian Thiemer and Jonathan Jaech will check the data base for these members. Mark Hinkle said there are 142 unassigned members, and he assigned 60 or so. Membership categories were discussed. County disbursements have not been made.

Data Base Committee: The following will serve on this committee: Robert Imhoff (Chair), Brian Thiemer, Gale Morgan, Boomer Shannon, and Jason Wu.

Office Committee: The following will serve on this committee: Boomer Shannon (Chair), Jason Wu, Frank Chau, Henry Chai.

Office Report: Office is set up in Monrovia. They are switching over from Johnson/Weld activities to regular office activities.

Website: Events need to be posted in a timely fashion. Brian Holtz needs to be added to list of elected candidates.

Grow the LP Committee: This committee was created to promote membership recruitment and fundraising. The following will serve on this committee: Starchild (chair), Kenneth Brent Olsen, Robert Imhoff, and Ted Brown.

Budget: A working budget was adopted based on the budget printouts provided by the treasurer.

Bylaws Committee: Jonathan Jaech, Bylaws Committee Chair, has established an open and transparent bylaw discussion group at lpbylaws.info. He reported that the committee members had not used the group to reach agreement on any bylaw amendment, perhaps due to the press of the campaign season and therefore had not yet submitted a report. They are having a physical meeting on January 14.

Platform Committee: Alex Appleby was appointed as platform committee coordinator.

Motions

Resolution #1: It was moved to show our support for a Stockton resident who was arrested for selling homemade ceviche.
This resolution was tabled.

Resolution #2: It was moved to show our support for the polyamory community.
The motion was passed.

Adjournment

The Executive Committee was adjourned.