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Convention Minutes  
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Call to Order—Day 1

Chair, Ted Brown, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Credentials Report

The Secretary presented the initial Credentials Committee Report with the following delegate count: 98 delegates; accordingly, a simple majority was determined to be 50 delegates, a super majority (two-thirds) was determined to be 66 delegates and a standing second would require 10 delegates.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Bob Weber moved with standing second to add 10 minutes to the agenda for the Judicial Committee Report which would be directly following the Officer’s Reports with objections.

Vote: Debate was closed with a super majority by voice vote.

Vote: The motion to add Judicial Committee Report to the agenda passed by voice vote.

Motion: Robert Imhoff moved with standing second to move the Bylaws Committee Report to Saturday and the Platform Committee Report to Sunday with objections.

Point of Information: The Secretary asked the Platform Committee Coordinator, Alex Appleby, if the Platform Committee Report had been drafted and was answered that it had not.

Discussion: Harland Harrison, member of the Platform Committee, noted that there will be seven items included in that report.

Vote: Discussion was closed on the motion with no objections.

Vote: The motion to move the Bylaws Committee Report to Saturday and the Platform Committee Report to Sunday passed by voice vote.

The Agenda as revised was adopted with no objections.
Convention Appointments

The Chair announced that Kim Goldsworthy was appointed the Convention Parliamentarian and Ben Gibbins was appointed the Sergeant-at-Arms for the Convention.

Officer Reports

Chair’s Report

Ted Brown, Chair, submitted a report in advance (see Appendix A) and presented an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

**Questions:** Starchild asked about the 17 California districts where the incumbent was running unopposed. He asked what those districts were and where they were located. Ted noted that he had sent an email to the members but would post that information to the website.

Jóse Castañeda asked if any of the write-in candidates had their nomination petitions at the convention for signatures. Ted answered that he didn't know if any of the candidates had their petitions at the convention but if you are in one of their districts you can ask that they email you the petition for signatures.

Northern Vice-Chair’s Report

Kenneth Brent Olsen, Northern Vice-Chair, submitted a report in advance (see Appendix B) and presented an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

**Questions:** Starchild asked if there was any email list for the northern counties to discuss issues and activism in the region. Kenneth Brent Olsen answered that there was a list for county Executive Committee members that hadn't been used but he would take that suggestion for creating a list.

Angela McArdle asked that with so many counties in the northern region had there been any further talk of splitting up the state into more manageable areas. Kenneth Brent Olsen answered that there was further discussion and that will be one of the recommendations presented in the Bylaws Committee Report.

Southern Vice-Chair’s Report

Jonathan Jaech, Southern Vice-Chair, submitted a report in advance (see Appendix C) and presented an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.
Motion: A motion was made with standing second to extend time by five minutes for the Southern Vice-Chair’s Report. The motion passed with no objections.

Questions: Starchild asked if there was an activist email list in the southern area for discussion among members. Jonathan Jaech answered that there was no specific list set up for the south.

Secretary’s Report

Honor “Mimi” Robson, Secretary, submitted a report in advance (see Appendix D) and presented an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

Questions: Starchild asked if there was a way to have a current list of all the committees and their members on the website. The Secretary answered that it's currently on the website at www.ca.lp.org/committees and it includes the Chair and members of each committee. Starchild asked that it be expanded to include details of each committee as well as volunteer information.

Point of Information: Susan Aquino mentioned that the Operating Procedures Manual as well as the Platform and Bylaws have been printed and are on the back table for all delegates to obtain copies. The Secretary added that there is also a copy of the Program which has been recently updated to include a new plank.

Treasurer’s Report

Steven Haug, Treasurer, submitted a report in advance (see Appendix E) and presented an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

Point of Order: Robert Imhoff asked the chair if the body should go into Closed Session and turn off the live-streaming video. The Chair ruled that we would remain in open session however the live-streaming video would be turned off.

The video stream was turned off.

Motion: Starchild moved with second to resume the live-streaming video stating that there was no reason to stop the live-stream as all information contained in the Treasurer’s Report is public information.

Vote: The motion to resume the live-streaming video passed with a vote of 27-24.
The video stream was resumed.

**Motion:** A motion to extend time by five minutes was made with standing second. The motion passed with no objections.

**Questions:** Sandra Kallander suggested that rather than do a single contribution or premium membership it would make more sense to offer additional monthly pledge options.

William Hajdu asked what we had in our bank account one year ago and what do we have in the bank now. Steve answered that we had more in the bank now than we have had going back to 2009 which is as far back as our records go. He further answered that the current balance is $26,443.99.

Matthew Barnes stated that he had been donating office space for the Southern Vice-Chair’s office and questioned if those in-kind donations were being tracked. He also stated that he, and others, had pledged money last year however no invoice had been provided. It was answered that those donations had been noted as being promised but had not been received by the Treasurer; it hadn’t been thought that an invoice would be required.

**Recess for Lunch**

Meeting Recessed at 12:13 p.m.

**Reconvene**

Chair, Ted Brown, called the meeting back to order at 1:36 p.m.

**Credentials Report**

The Secretary presented the Credentials Committee Report with the following delegate count: 98 delegates; accordingly, a simple majority was determined to be 50 delegates, a super majority (two-thirds) was determined to be 66 delegates and a standing second would require 10 delegates.

**Motion:** It was moved and seconded for a quorum call which passed by voice vote.

The Chair asked that all delegates in the room raise their hands and declared that a quorum was present.
Judicial Committee Report

The Judicial Committee report (see appendix F) was projected to the screens in the business room however no one from the Judicial Committee came forward to speak on behalf of the Ruling in Dovner vs. Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County.

Questions: Bob Weber questioned if the ruling affirmed that any member of the state central committee can affiliate with any county affiliate of their choosing so long as it was one, and only one, county affiliate. He further asked if it was the general finding of the Judicial Committee that if someone is not affiliated with a particular county central committee they may not go to that county's meetings and introduce motions, vote or hold office. The Chair stated that was his understanding of the ruling unless someone in the committee wanted to make a clarification.

Time expired on the item so discussion was closed.

Bylaws Committee Report

Kenneth Brent Olsen, Bylaws Committee Chair, submitted a report in advance (see Appendix G) and presented that report at the meeting.

Note: Additions to the text are in **shown in a bold green, underlined font** and omissions to existing text are shown **stricken in a red font**.

Proposal I: Area Coordinators

The amendment would affect several sections of both the Bylaws and Convention Rules as follows:

Bylaw 9: County Organizations

Section 4

The appropriate Vice-Chair *Area Coordinator* may appoint a county Chair Pro Tem for any county in which there is no active county organization. It shall be the responsibility of said Chair Pro Tem to promote the development of a county organization within that county.

Bylaw 10: Officers

Section 1

The Party officers shall consist of a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Northern Vice-Chair, a Southern Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. All of these officers shall be elected for two-year terms, beginning in odd-numbered years at an annual convention of the State Central Committee of the Party, by attending delegates, and shall take office immediately upon the close of such convention.
Only delegates from a specific region may vote for candidates for Vice-Chair of that region.

Section 4

The Vice-Chairs shall act as assistants to the Chair, performing such duties as the Chair shall prescribe, shall perform the duties of the Chair in the event that the Chair is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office.

The Northern Vice-Chair shall reside in the northern half of the state, and the Southern Vice-Chair shall reside in the southern half of the state, (with the state divided at the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino counties). Each Vice-Chair shall be responsible for coordinating activities in their respective halves of the state.

Bylaw 12: Executive Committee

Section 1

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the control and management of all of the affairs, properties and funds of the Party consistent with these Bylaws, and any resolutions which may be adopted in convention. The Executive Committee may endorse any registered Libertarian candidate for public office, or it may rescind its endorsement of any candidate for public office.

The Executive Committee of the Party shall be composed of the following members of the State Central Committee:

A. The five four elected officers of the Party;

B. Three Area Coordinators. The Northern Area Coordinator shall be affiliated in a county in the northern area of the state, the Southern Area Coordinator shall be affiliated in a county in the southern area of the state, and the Central Area Coordinator shall be affiliated in a county in the central area of the state (with the state divided as follows: The southern area shall be the 6 southern counties which end at Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties; the central area shall be the 21 counties which begin north of the southern boundary and extend to the northern boundaries of Santa Cruz, San Benito, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Amador and Alpine counties; and the northern area shall be the 31 counties that begin north of the central boundaries). Each Area Coordinator shall be responsible for coordinating activities in their respective area of the state elected for two-year terms.

C. Ten Eight at-large members, five four elected for two-year terms at each convention; and

D. Two alternates, each elected for one-year terms. There will be free substitution of alternates in ranked order at the Executive Committee Meetings.
CONVENTION RULES

Rule 5: Agenda

E. Elections, in the following order:

1. In odd-numbered years, Party officers and Area Coordinators, and in even-numbered years to fill the unexpired terms of vacated Party officers or Area Coordinators;

Rule 12: Election of Party Officers

Section 1

Delegates shall nominate and elect Party officers in the following order: Chair, Northern Vice-Chair, Southern Vice-Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 3

For the offices of Vice-Chair, delegates from each office’s respective regions shall give the nominating and seconding speeches.

Add Rule 13 and renumber:

Rule 13: Election of Area Coordinators

For the offices of Area Coordinators, delegates from each office’s respective area shall make nominations from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech and one seconding speech, made by delegates. The total time for both speeches shall not exceed five minutes. After delegates give the nominating and seconding speeches, the candidate may then speak for a maximum of five minutes.

Elections will be conducted using Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). For each office, to be elected to the office, a candidate shall receive a majority vote of all of the ballots cast. Delegates from each office’s respective area may rank their candidate choices on their ballots in order of preference, such as First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice, and so on. Delegates shall turn in all individual ballots to the Secretary. In cases in which no candidate receives a majority of First Choice votes, the candidate with the least number of votes shall be eliminated and his or her ballots redistributed to the remaining candidates according to the next choice indicated on those ballots and the ballots are recounted. If no candidate yet has a majority of votes, the process of eliminating the candidate with the least number of votes, redistributing according to the next choice on those ballots and then recounting, shall be repeated until one candidate has a majority. Lack of a majority vote for one candidate or a majority vote for “None of the Above” shall cause nominations for that office to be reopened.
Motion: Joe Dehn moved with standing second to amend the motion to include the following additional wording in the final sentence of Bylaw 12, Section 1B (annotated in blue):

Bylaw 12: Executive Committee

Section 1

B. Three Area Coordinators. The Northern Area Coordinator shall be affiliated in a county in the northern area of the state, the Southern Area Coordinator shall be affiliated in a county in the southern area of the state, and the Central Area Coordinator shall be affiliated in a county in the central area of the state (with the state divided as follows: The southern area shall be the 6 southern counties which end at Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties; the central area shall be the 21 counties which begin north of the southern boundary and extend to the northern boundaries of Santa Cruz, San Benito, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Amador and Alpine counties; and the northern area shall be the 31 counties that begin north of the central boundaries). Each Area Coordinator shall be responsible for coordinating activities in their respective area of the state and shall be elected by the delegates from that area for two-year terms.

Discussion: Mark Herd spoke in opposition to the main motion stating that although he likes the idea of adding additional area coordinators that would be better served by the Chair appointing those coordinators but still maintain the Northern and Southern Vice-Chair Positions.

Point of Information: The Chair stated that arguments should be kept to the amendment of the main motion until that has been decided.

Discussion: Matthew Barnes also spoke to the main motion stating that the amendment can’t be spoken to without considering the full issue. He stated that the reason that this amendment had been referred back to the committee in 2017 was that the membership wanted the amendment to die. He further stated that this amendment had been brought before the central committee at convention several times in the past and had always failed. He asked that the membership vote down this amendment as well as the main motion quickly and perhaps vote to end the Bylaws Committee Report prior to considering any further proposals.

Bruce Dovner spoke in favor of the amendment stating that this would insure that the people in each area are the ones electing the coordinator for that area which insures better coordination.
Vote: The amendment to the motion passed by voice vote.

Motion: Starchild moved to delete the language in the proposal that eliminates the two At-Large positions. The amendment to the motion died for lack of second.

Discussion: José Castañeda spoke in favor of the main motion stating that California is too large to be represented effectively by only two officers organizing the areas of the state.

Jason Wu spoke in opposition to the motion stating that although it may be well intentioned it could more effectively be accomplished with coalition building rather than institutional changes in the Bylaws.

Bruce Dovner spoke in favor of the motion stating that even half the state of California is bigger than most states in the union and this would lead to more efficiency in building the party. In addition, he stated that having a single Vice-Chair to act as an assistant to the Chair was a good idea.

Motion: Mark Hinkle moved to call the question with objections. The motion failed by a show of hands.

Motion: Matthew Barnes moved with second to extend time by 24 minutes with objections. Motion failed by a show of hands.

Vote: The main motion as amended passed by a standing vote with a majority of all registered delegates voting in favor of the motion.

Proposal II: Parliamentary Authority

The amendment would update the state party’s parliamentary authority to the newest version of Robert’s Rules of Order.

Bylaw 28: Parliamentary Authority

The current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised (10th ed.) shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by these Bylaws.

Convention Rule 1: (Delete and Renumber)

Rule 1: Parliamentary Authority

Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised (10th ed.) shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by these Convention Rules.

Discussion: None
Vote: The motion passed by voice vote.

Proposal III: Electronic Communications

The amendment would replace “email or fax” and instead include all electronic communications.

Bylaw 4: Definitions

D. All references in these Bylaws and Convention Rules to “mail,” “written notification,” or similar terms shall be considered to include email or fax electronic communications.

Discussion: David Bowers noted that in other areas of the Bylaws it requires written notice be mailed to members, which is important for members that don’t pay attention to email communications.

Mimi Robson noted this is simply a change in definition as it had already included that “email and fax” communications are allowed, however it wouldn’t change any other bylaws that specifically note that written notification needs to be mailed to the members.

Starchild noted that he would hope this wouldn’t mean that all notifications would be made by something like Facebook which not all members subscribe to.

Vote: The motion passed with no objections.

Proposal IV: Bylaws Committee

The amendment would change the requirement of adopting the bylaws report from 70 days to 30 days and the posting requirement from 60 days to 15 days prior to the convention. It would also require a minimum of one in-person meeting where all central committee members would be invited to attend.

Bylaw 15: Committees

Section 2: Bylaws Committee

Not later than sixty days following the close of each convention, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Bylaws Committee of five State Central Committee members to recommend changes in these Bylaws and Convention Rules. The Bylaws Committee shall adopt its report not less than seventy thirty days prior to the convention and the Secretary shall cause it to be published on the Party’s website not less than sixty fifteen days prior to the convention.
The Bylaws Committee shall hold a minimum of one in-person meeting that is open to all Central Committee Members. The Committee Chair shall notify the Secretary a minimum of 30 days prior to this meeting and the Secretary shall publish the meeting information on the Party’s Website.

**Discussion:** Jonathan Jaech spoke in opposition to the motion stating that although it seemed like a well-intentioned proposal there was no reason to make a change or requirement on how the committee would do its job. In addition having a requirement for one in-person meeting would be impractical and could create games being played by deciding which area of the state the meeting would be held.

Bruce Dovner spoke in favor of the motion stating that it gave more franchise to people for inclusion in the process.

**Point of Information:** Kenneth Brent Olsen stated that it would not be a meeting at the convention as the final report would still be required to be finalized 30 days prior to the convention.

**Motion:** Bruce Dovner moved to amend the motion to include that the meeting would alternate between the north and the south. The motion died for lack of second.

**Discussion:** Bill Hajdu spoke in opposition to the motion stating that our approach to un-smooth operations isn't correct. He would prefer to elect competent people for these roles to get the job done.

**Motion:** Starchild moved to amend the motion to include that all meetings of the bylaws committee are open to the public and available via live streaming. The motion to amend died for lack of second.

**Discussion:** Henry Chai spoke in opposition to the motion stating that any time there is more control it's likely a negative thing. The bylaws committee should be allowed to do its work in any way they feel is appropriate.

Gail Lightfoot spoke in favor of the motion as she feels this would be far more transparent. In addition the 70 day requirement meant that two years went by without a committee report and this would insure that a report would be produced and presented.
William Lopez spoke in opposition to the motion stating that he had served on the bylaws committee and he never had a problem with the 70 day requirement.

Starchild spoke in favor of the motion stating that although he understands the philosophical position that we shouldn’t have bylaws, simply not making any changes to the bylaws isn’t going to get rid of the bylaws. We have rules and as a party if we don’t allow additional participation we will have only the people at the top making the decisions.

**Motion:** Mark Hinkle moved to call the question with second. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Vote:** The main motion failed by standing vote.

### Proposal V: Platform Committee

The amendment would change the requirement of appointing a committee coordinator from 30 days to 90 days prior to the convention and eliminate the requirement that each county must elect one delegate to the committee. It would also eliminate the requirement that the counties must select their delegate 30 days prior to the convention.

### Bylaw 15: Committees

#### Section 3 Platform Committee

The Platform Committee shall consist of a coordinator and up to one delegate from each County Central Committee. A coordinator shall be appointed by the Executive Committee at least thirty ninety days before each convention. The county delegates shall be selected at least thirty days prior to the convention in such a manner as each County Central Committee shall provide.

**Discussion:** Harland Harrison spoke in opposition to the motion stating that the counties should have a time requirement for appointing delegates to this committee.

Starchild spoke in favor of the motion stating that this would alleviate the state bylaws telling the counties what they must do and be more in line with what’s actually been happening. It allows greater choice and flexibility and greater participation in the process.

**Motion:** Bill Hajdu moved to amend the motion with standing second to leave in the first portion which allows counties to appoint up to one delegate (or none) but leave the rest of the bylaw as it was, as follows:
Section 3 Platform Committee

The Platform Committee shall consist of a coordinator and up to one delegate from each County Central Committee. A coordinator shall be appointed by the Executive Committee at least thirty days before each convention. The county delegates shall be selected at least thirty days prior to the convention in such a manner as each County Central Committee shall provide.

Discussion: Robert Imhoff spoke in opposition to the amendment stating that the main motion actually gives more flexibility and time for the platform committee to get organized as well as eliminates the time constraints on the counties to elect their delegates.

Henry Chai spoke in favor of the amendment stating that he likes it removing the added requirement to the counties but doesn't put in place more rules on how the committee does its business.

Motion: Mark Hinkle called the question on all pending questions with no objection.

Vote: The amendment failed by standing vote.

Vote: The main motion failed by standing vote.

Proposal VI: Dues Sharing

Currently the bylaws only allow for one year membership and this amendment would allow for multi-year members.

Bylaw 7: Dues Sharing

Section 4: Duration of Membership

Annual membership dues are good from the date the collecting organization receives the dues payment donation, or from the date of payment to an online payment service, until the end last day of that month one year later at the end of the membership term. Annual membership can be renewed for no more than one year from the end of the month in which the dues are collected.

Discussion: Joe Dehn spoke in opposition to the amendment stating that there are very good reasons to have membership limited to one year. Each year you pay your dues you are signifying your support of the organization however if you collect dues in advance you're not getting ongoing support. It also may increase our immediate income but doesn't insure income in the future.
Mark Hinkle, Membership Chair, spoke in favor of the amendment stating that this insures that we have more memberships as well as members that join or renew at higher membership levels which insures more income. In addition the normal process of getting people to renew can be a time consuming and costly thing to do which we are eliminating. Historically about a third of our members are lifetime members and they typically are more invested and therefore more likely to become monthly pledgers.

**Motion:** Robert Imhoff called the question with second. The motion passed by a count of hands.

**Vote:** The main motion failed by standing vote.

**Proposal VII: Election of Party Officers**

As the convention delegates are no longer separated by county delegations this amendment would remove the legacy requirement of the secretary receiving county tabulations. It would also add allowing an election between only one candidate and NOTA to be conducted by voice vote.

**Rule 12: Election of Party Officers**

**Section 2**

Delegates shall make nominations from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech and one seconding speech, made by delegates. The total time for both speeches shall not exceed five minutes. After delegates give the nominating and seconding speeches, the candidate may then speak for a maximum of ten minutes.

Elections will be conducted using Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). For each office, to be elected to the office, a candidate shall receive a majority vote of all of the ballots cast. Delegates may rank their candidate choices on their ballots in order of preference, such as First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice, and so on. Delegates shall turn in all individual ballots to the Secretary, along with county tabulations of First Choice votes. In cases in which no candidate receives a majority of First Choice votes, the candidate with the least number of votes shall be eliminated and his or her ballots redistributed to the remaining candidates according to the next choice indicated on those ballots and the ballots are recounted. If no candidate yet has a majority of votes, the process of eliminating the candidate with the least number of votes, redistributing according to the next choice on those ballots and then recounting, shall be repeated until one candidate has a majority. Lack of a majority vote for one candidate or a majority vote for “None of the Above” shall cause nominations for that office to be reopened.
If there is only one candidate for an office, the election will be conducted by voice vote, with the choice between the candidate and None of the Above.

**Discussion:** Starchild spoke in opposition of the motion as he has a problem with the sentence which includes stating it shall be conducted by voice vote.

**Motion:** Starchild moved with standing second to strike the word “voice” in the final sentence as follows:

If there is only one candidate for an office, the election will be conducted by voice vote, with the choice between the candidate and None of the Above.

**Discussion:** Mark Hinkle spoke in opposition to the amendment stating that by continually using standing votes it seems that it’s saying we don’t want to conduct business or change bylaws and we are shooting ourselves in the foot.

Starchild clarified his amendment stating it would just be to eliminate the words “by voice vote,” meaning that it could be conducted with any other voting procedure that was deemed appropriate.

**Motion:** Robert Imhoff moved to call the question on all pending motions with standing second and no objections.

**Vote:** The amendment to the main motion failed by voice vote.

**Vote:** The main motion passed by standing vote.

**Proposal VIII: Bylaws**

This would amend the bylaws to allow for motions to amend the bylaws from the floor to be passed by a supermajority of delegates on the floor rather than a super majority of all registered delegates.

**Bylaw 26: Amendment of Bylaws**

Except as indicated in a particular Bylaw, these Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of all the registered delegates at a convention with previous notice. Bylaws changes proposed from the convention floor without prior notice, or substantive, non-technical amendments made to the Bylaws Committee Report by the Bylaws Committee subsequent to the report adoption deadline, shall require a two-thirds vote of those voting, but no less than a majority of registered delegates to pass.

**Motion:** Robert Imhoff moved to call the question with second. The motion failed by voice vote.
Point of Order: José Castañeda questioned if Robert’s Rules of Order allow for the question to be called before anyone has spoken in favor or opposed to the motion. The Parliamentarian confirmed that the first person to speak can call the question without allowing for debate.

Discussion: José Castañeda spoke in favor of the motion stating this would be a good idea.

Mark Herd spoke in opposition to the motion stating that the founding members of the party wrote the bylaws for a reason and made them difficult to change for a reason. This would allow a large number of people sleeping in the hallways to let a small number of early birds make decisions for them and that’s not what we want.

Starchild spoke in favor of the motion stating this would only make it easier for people to make motions from the floor and would not affect proposals made by the bylaws committee. He feels this would empower the membership.

Ken Gillespie spoke in opposition to the motion stating this could cause an issue where people might work to keep people off the floor in an effort to pass bylaw amendments.

Barbara Engelhardt spoke in favor of the motion stating that the Libertarian Party is a party of accountability. It seems that being on the floor and being present to vote is part of that.

Bill Lopez spoke in opposition to the motion stating that this would make it easier on the bylaws committee to not do their job.

Robert Imhoff stated this would eliminate the issue that has come up in the past where members purposely keep people in the halls to insure that the two-thirds requirement cannot be met.

Motion: Robert Imhoff moved to call the question with second.

Point of Information: Kim Goldsworthy questioned if this would then make it easier to pass bylaw amendments from the floor than those presented by the bylaws committee. Joe Dehn clarified it would make it no easier because a majority of registered delegates would still be required to pass an amendment but would only require a two-thirds majority of those delegates that are on the floor.
Proposal IX: Registration of Convention Delegates

This would amend Rule 3 of the convention rules to require delegates to register each day therefore making credentialing more accurate and efficient.

Rule 3: Registration of Delegates

Section 3

Delegates shall signify the effective days of their registrations register each day of the convention. Each day’s quorum shall be a simple majority of those delegates registered for that day.

Point of Information: The Chair asked the Secretary if this would cause additional administrative work and it was answered it would not.

Discussion: José Castañeda spoke in favor of the motion as we’ve tried over the years since 1982 to fix this problem and according to the secretary this would not cause any additional work.

Mark Herd spoke in opposition stating that he does feel this is well intentioned and he’s not fully opposed to it, but doesn’t support additional rules.

Robert Imhoff spoke in favor of the motion stating that this would alleviate the problem of people saying they will show up both days and then not coming on Sunday. He further stated that this issue came up at the 2017 convention and caused a delay in starting business.

Motion: Robert Imhoff moved to call the question with second. The motion to close debate passed by a show of hands.

Vote: The motion passed by standing vote.

Proposal X: Election of At-Large Members

This amendment would add additional time for the candidates for the At-Large Representative positions to speak to their nomination.

Rule 13: Election of At-Large Executive Committee Members

Delegates shall make nominations for the at-large Executive Committee members from the floor. All State Central Committee members shall be eligible for
nomination. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech no longer than three two minutes, made by a delegate, and each candidate may also speak for no longer than two minutes. The election shall be conducted in the following manner:

Discussion: Robert Imhoff spoke in favor of the motion stating this would help run the elections more efficiently.

Motion: Robert Imhoff moved to call the question with second. The motion to close debate passed by a show of hands.

Vote: The motion passed by standing vote.

Proposal XI: Write-In Votes for Partisan Office

This amendment would eliminate a provision in the bylaws for Write-In Candidates. Bylaw 18 would be deleted and the remainder of the bylaws renumbered.

Bylaw 18: Write-In Votes for Partisan Office

A person seeking the Party nomination for a partisan office by write-in votes in the direct primary election shall be deemed nominated and shall have his or her name printed on the general election ballot as Libertarian Party nominee if both of the following conditions are met:

A. He or she receives more votes than anyone else for the Libertarian Party's nomination for that office, and

B. He or she receives a total number of votes in the Libertarian Party direct primary election for that office equal to the number of signatures that he or she would have needed in order to have qualified to appear on the Party's primary ballot per the California Elections Code, Sec. 8062.

This Bylaw shall supersede the California Elections Code, Sec. 8605, for Libertarian Party direct primary nominations by write-in votes.

Discussion: Gail Lightfoot spoke in opposition to the deletion of the bylaw stating that we are trying to overturn the top-two primaries and there’s no reason to remove this only to have to reinstate it later.

Point of Information: The Chair noted the reason for this Bylaw initially was that running a write-in candidate prior to Proposition 14 (Top-Two) required 1% of the voters that voted in the previous general election to write in the candidate, which often times was more than the registered Libertarians in the district. This made it impossible for a write-in candidate to get on the ballot. This bylaw was an attempt to circumvent that provision however the Secretary of State would not recognize it.
Motion: Starchild moved to introduce a substitute motion with standing second to keep the existing bylaw but add a sentence to the end of the bylaws stating that this will only go in effect if allowed by the California law and the Secretary of State as follows:

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C. He or she receives more votes than anyone else for the Libertarian Party's nomination for that office, and

D. He or she receives a total number of votes in the Libertarian Party direct primary election for that office equal to the number of signatures that he or she would have needed in order to have qualified to appear on the Party's primary ballot per the California Elections Code, Sec. 8062.

This Bylaw shall supersede the California Elections Code, Sec. 8605, for Libertarian Party direct primary nominations by write-in votes. This section shall be in effect at such time that it is not countermanded by the Top-Two system or other state laws.

Motion: Robert Imhoff moved to call the question on all pending issues with second. The motion to end debate passed with no objections.

Vote: The substitute motion passed by a show of hands.

Vote: The main motion as revised by the substitute motion failed by a standing vote.

Proposal XII: Nomination for Partisan Public Office

The amendment would eliminate a provision in the bylaws for nominating partisan public office candidate. Bylaw 22 would be deleted and the remainder of the bylaws renumbered.

Bylaw 22: Nomination for Partisan Public Office

Section 1

Unless otherwise necessitated by the laws of the state of California, or by decision of the Executive Committee, nominations for partisan office shall be made by statewide nominating convention and by district caucus.

A. Nomination for statewide office shall be made by a statewide nominating convention.
B. Nomination for U.S. House of Representatives, California State Legislature, and California State Board of Equalization shall be made by district caucus.

Section 2
The Executive Committee shall set the date of the statewide nominating convention. The convention shall be governed by Bylaw 19, Sections 2 and 4, and by Bylaw 28. Unless a statewide nominating convention is held at the regular state convention, no other business shall be conducted at the statewide nominating convention.

Section 3
The Executive Committee shall be responsible for determining which county Party organizations shall be responsible for organizing the caucus nominations for particular House of Representatives, State Legislature, and Board of Equalization seats.

Section 4
The Executive Committee shall set the dates of the district caucuses. County organizations shall be responsible for preparing their own rules governing nominations for House of Representatives, State Legislature, and Board of Equalization seats, but such rules shall provide for advance notice of at least thirty days to all County Central Committee members in the districts of the time and place of their nominating caucuses.

Section 5
The Chair shall forward a list of all candidates nominated in convention and caucuses to the Secretary of State no later than thirty days after the convention or caucuses.

Section 6
In the event the Party is legally required to participate in primary elections, only Party members shall be eligible to vote in the primary.

Point of Information: For reference, the Chair stated that the party wanted to elect our candidates by convention instead of participating in the primary elections. This procedure was tried at one time and had all the candidates sign statements that were sent to the Secretary of State’s office but were told that we were not allowed to do this. In theory if the Top-Two primaries were eliminated we could try this again but it’s highly doubtful we would have success.

Point of Information: Sandra Kallander asked if this Bylaw has a statement that it will only be used if allowed by law. The Chair answered by reading the first sentence of the Bylaw, “Unless otherwise
necessitated by the laws of the state of California, or by decision of the Executive Committee, nominations for partisan office shall be made by statewide nominating convention and by district caucus.”

**Discussion:** Gail Lightfoot spoke in opposition to the deletion of the bylaw asking the delegation if we were here to challenge the power of the state, or not?

**Motion:** Robert Imhoff moved to call the question with second. The motion to end debate passed by voice vote.

**Vote:** The motion to delete Bylaw 22 failed by voice vote.

**Proposal XIII: National Committee Regional Representation**

Currently Bylaw 17 states we will elect two National Regional Representatives, however we are only able to elect one Regional Representative at this time. However, being that our representation depends on the number of California members in the national party this number could change in the future. This amendment would correct this by simply stating that we shall elect “representatives” with no qualification as to the number.

**Bylaw 17: National Committee Regional Representation**

**Section 2**

Delegates to each Party convention that immediately precedes a national convention shall elect two representatives to the LNC. Those elected representatives shall replace previous representatives and take office as soon as consistent with the LP Bylaws and the provisions of the current LNC Representation Agreement. The Party Secretary shall report the election results to the Chair and Secretary of the LNC without delay.

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** The motion to amend Bylaw 17 passed with no objections.

**Proposal XV: Executive Committee**

This proposed amendment would allow the Executive Committee to conduct business via electronic methods such as teleconference or on-line meeting software and would also revise the method for email ballots.

**Bylaw 12: Executive Committee**

**Section 4**
The Executive Committee may, without meeting together, transact business by mail by voting on questions submitted by the Secretary at the request of at least two members of the Executive Committee. Unless a secret ballot is requested when the question is moved, which will require either postal mail ballots or technical capabilities beyond standard e-mail, all such votes shall be counted and recorded by the Secretary as Roll Call votes.

The Executive Committee will complete voting any time after forty-eight hours from the transmission time of the mail ballot; transact business by email balloting when a motion is moved and seconded via email. All votes shall be counted and recorded by the secretary as roll call votes. E-mail motions will require the same number of votes as motions made at regular meetings. Alternates may vote, but their vote won’t be counted unless a corresponding at-large member fails to cast a ballot. Voting will end when the required number of votes is received in favor of or opposed to the motion, or in 120 hours, whichever occurs first. Up until the vote is finalized, a member or alternate may change their vote.

The Executive Committee may also transact business by telephone conference or other electronic communications where the members can meet in real time. In such meetings, the normal rules of the committee apply as to quorums and voting. At least 7 days’ notice is required if business is to be transacted in such a fashion.

A. If the motion has received Yea votes from two-thirds of the Executive Committee members, or

B. If the motion has received Nay votes from two-thirds of the Executive Committee members, or

C. After one hundred twenty hours in all other cases.

An alternate’s vote will not be counted towards the two-thirds requirement unless it is definitely known that a corresponding voting member will not be participating. Members may change their vote up to the close of the voting period. If, at the expiration of the applicable period, a quorum of the Executive Committee has not voted, the measure being voted upon shall be deemed to have failed.

The Secretary shall preserve all such votes until the next meeting of the Executive Committee at which meeting the Executive Committee shall order the disposition of such votes. keep a record of the motions and votes from email and telephone balloting, and make them available in the same fashion as minutes from Executive Committee meetings.

Motion: Joe Dehn moved with standing second to amend the main motion (annotated in blue and red) as follows:
Bylaw 12: Executive Committee

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Motion: Adam Kokesh moved with second to adjourn the meeting for the day.

Point of Information: There is a motion on the floor that hasn’t been disposed of. Per the Parliamentarian if the meeting is adjourned for the day this motion could be continued on the following day and would resume at the same point it ended.

Vote: The motion to adjourn passed by voice vote.

Adjournment for Day

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Call to Order–Day 2

Chair, Ted Brown, called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

Credentials Report

The Secretary presented the initial Credentials Committee Report with the following delegate count: 89 delegates; accordingly, a simple majority was determined to be 45 delegates, a super majority (two-thirds) was determined to be 60 delegates and a standing second would require 9 delegates.

Motion: Mark Hinkle moved with standing second to suspend the rules and consider an amendment to Bylaw 7: Dues Sharing. The motion will strike the last sentence, “Annual membership can be renewed for no more than one year from the end of the month in which the dues are collected.”

Vote: Motion to suspend the rules passed by voice vote.

Credentials Report

The Secretary presented the updated Credentials Committee Report with the following delegate count: 94 delegates; accordingly, a simple majority was determined to be 48 delegates, a super majority (two-thirds) was determined to be 63 delegates and a standing second would require 10 delegates.

Motion: Mark Hinkle moved with second to amend Bylaw 7: Dues Sharing as follows:

Bylaw 7: Dues Sharing

Section 4: Duration of Membership
Annual membership dues are good from the date the collecting organization receives the donation, or from the date of payment to an online payment service, until the end of that month one year later. **Annual membership can be renewed for no more than one year from the end of the month in which the dues are collected.**

**Discussion:** Starchild spoke in opposition to the motion stating that we don't know if the multi-year memberships are really increasing our income.

**Motion:** Robert Imhoff moved with standing second to amend the motion to leave the final sentence and change “one year” to “two years” (annotated in blue and red) as follows:

**Bylaw 7: Dues Sharing**

**Section 4: Duration of Membership**

Annual membership dues are good from the date the collecting organization receives the donation, or from the date of payment to an online payment service, until the end of that month one year later. Annual membership can be renewed for no more than one year two years from the end of the month in which the dues are collected.

**Vote:** The amendment to the motion passed by voice vote.

**Vote:** The main motion as amended passed by voice vote.

**Credentials Report**

The final Credentials Committee Report for the morning was given to the Secretary (not presented to the delegation) with the following delegate count: 113 delegates; accordingly, a simple majority was determined to be 57 delegates, a super majority (two-thirds) was determined to be 76 delegates and a standing second would require 12 delegates.

**Election of Announced Vacated Officer Seats**

Previous notice was given that Elections may be held to fill anticipated vacancies for one or more officer positions. The Chair, Ted Brown, announced at the start of the convention that he would be resigning his position at the end of the convention. Therefore an election was held to fill the vacated position of Chair for the remainder of the current term.

**Motion:** Barbara Engelhardt moved with second to suspend the rules and in a vote between no more than two candidates that instead of ranked choice voting we either vote for one candidate or none of the above.
Vote: The motion passed by voice vote.

Election of Chair

Nominations: Kenneth Brent Olsen nominated Mimi Robson and Steve Haug seconded the nomination. Zachary Moore nominated Robert Imhoff and Mark Hinkle seconded the nomination.

Teller Committee

Because the Secretary, Mimi Robson, was one of the nominees the Chair appointed Alicia Mattson, Angela McArdle, Bill Hajdu and David Bowers to the Teller Committee to tally the votes for the election of Chair.

Motion: The Chair announced that continuing with Officer Elections couldn't be done as the election of Chair would determine if there were any other Officer positions that may become vacant. He further stated that being one of the candidates for Chair was a current At-Large Member those elections could also be affected. Therefore, the Chair moved to begin Candidate Endorsements with no objections.

Endorsement of Candidates

Motion: Robert Imhoff moved with second to endorse Joshua Hancock, Libertarian Candidate for the 49th Congressional District in Orange and San Diego Counties.

Vote: Joshua Hancock was endorsed with no objections.

Motion: Tim Ferreira moved with second to endorse both candidates for California Governor; Nickolas Wildstar and Zoltan Istvan.

Vote: Both candidates, Nickolas Wildstar and Zoltan Istvan were endorsed by voice vote.

Motion: Gail Lightfoot moved with second to endorse Derrick Michael Reid, Libertarian Candidate for US Senate.

Vote: Derrick Michael Reid was endorsed by voice vote.

Election of Chair (continued)

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Honor “Mimi: Robson was elected Chair of the Libertarian Party of California for the remainder of Ted Brown’s term as Chair which will end at the end of the 2019 Convention.

The current Secretary, Honor “Mimi” Robson was elected to fill the vacated Chair position therefore vacating her seat as Secretary at the end of the convention.

Recess for Lunch

Meeting Recessed at 12:04 p.m.

Reconvene

Chair, Ted Brown, called the meeting back to order at 1:36 p.m.

Election of Secretary

Nominations: Mimi Robson nominated Angela McArdle and Kenneth Brent Olsen seconded the nomination.

Nicholas Smith nominated Rebecca Lau and Jennifer Imhoff seconded the nomination.

Credentials Report

The Secretary presented the Credentials Committee Report with the following delegate count: 112 delegates; accordingly, a simple majority was determined to be 57 delegates, a super majority (two-thirds) was determined to be 75 delegates and a standing second would require 12 delegates.

Motion: Chuck Hamm moved with second to suspend the rules to rescind the endorsement of both Governor Candidates.

Vote: The motion to suspend the rules failed by voice vote.

Teller Committee

The Chair appointed Alicia Mattson, Bill Hajdu, David Bowers and Ben Gibbins to the Teller Committee to tally the votes for the election of Secretary.

Motion: While the Teller Committee continued with the vote count for Secretary, the Chair moved to go to Announcements with no objections.
Announcements

**David Bowers**, Secretary for the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles, announced that the county's annual convention will be held on June 2, 2018 at Taix French Restaurant located at 1911 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles at noon.

**Jonathan Jaech**, Southern Vice-Chair, announced that the 9th Annual Southern California Libertarian Conference will be held on June 23, 2018 at Geezers Restaurant located at 12120 Telegraph Rd, Santa Fe Springs at 11:30 a.m.

**Starchild**, LNC At-Large Representative, announced that the Unconvention will be held on May 24-27, 2018 at 12520 Westport Parkway, La Vista, Nebraska.

**Motion:** Robert Imhoff moved with second to reconsider the endorsement of both Governor Candidates (as a member that voted in favor of the motion).

**Vote:** The motion to reconsider passed by hand count.

**Motion:** Robert Imhoff moved with second to divide the question and consider each Governor Candidate separately with no objection.

**Motion:** Robert Imhoff moved with second to endorse Nickolas Wildstar, Libertarian Candidate for Governor.

**Vote:** Nickolas Wildstar was endorsed as the Libertarian Candidate for Governor by unanimous consent.

Election of Secretary (continued)

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Angela McArdle was elected Secretary of the Libertarian Party of California for the remainder of Honor “Mimi” Robson’s term which will end at the end of the 2019 Convention.

**Motion:** Tim Ferreira moved with second to endorse Zoltan Istvan, Libertarian Candidate for Governor.

**Vote:** Zoltan Istvan was endorsed as the Libertarian Candidate for Governor with a vote of 45-35 by show of hands.
Election of At-Large Members of the Executive Committee

Motion: Mark Hinkle moved with second to suspend the rules to allow the person elected to make a speech to their nomination. The motion passed without objection.

Nomination: Kenneth Brent Olsen nominated Justin Quigley
Nomination: Angela McArdle nominated Kevin Shaw
Nomination: Robert Imhoff nominated Jennifer Imhoff
Nomination: Robert Imhoff nominated Mark Hinkle
Nomination: Justin Quigley nominated Eduardo Flores
Nomination: Alicia Mattson nominated Bill Hajdu
Nomination: Jonathan Jaech nominated Rebecca Lau
Nomination: Gail Lightfoot nominated Mark Herd
Nomination: Mark Herd nominated Gail Lightfoot

Teller Committee

The Chair appointed Alicia Mattson, Angela McArdle, David Bowers and Ben Gibbins to the Teller Committee to tally the votes for the election of At-Large Members.

Motion: While the Teller Committee continued with the vote count for At-Large Members, the Chair moved to go to Election of National Convention Delegates with no objections.

Election of National Convention Delegates

Nominees: The following 84 nominees were submitted to the Secretary on Saturday, April 28, 2018:

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Nominees: The following 12 nominations were made from the floor:

Nicholas Wildstar
Crystal Wildstar
Jeff Hewitt
Natalie Foley
Howard Kearney
Brady Fuchs
Doug Morrow
Rick Dawson
Zach Foster
Tyler Kuskie
Kristine Niemczuk
Mark Herd

Motion: Jonathan Jaech moved with second to suspend the rules to consider a motion to elect the entire list of nominees for delegates at the national convention.

Vote: The motion passed with a vote of 49-30 by a standing vote.

Motion: Jonathan Jaech moved with standing second to elect the full list of nominees for delegates to the national convention.

Discussion: Mark Hinkle spoke in opposition to the motion stating that one out-of-state nominee on the list had caused an issue at the 2016 convention and shouldn’t be a member of our delegation.
Motion: Scott Lieberman moved to amend the motion with second to elect the full list of nominees for delegates to the national convention with the exception of James Weeks II.

Point of Information: Nicholas Smith asked for clarification on what the motion being voted on included. The Chair stated that the amended motion was to approve the list of nominees with the exception of James Weeks II and if passed the main motion would be to approve the remainder of the nominees on the list.

Motion: Bill Lopez moved to call the question with second. The motion to close debate passed by voice vote.

Vote: The motion to amend passed with a vote of 44-33 by show of hands.

Vote: The main motion as amended passed by voice vote.

All nominees listed above, with the exception of James Weeks II, were elected as Delegates to the National Libertarian Party Convention.

Election of At-Large Members of the Executive Committee (continued)

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92 ballots were cast and a majority of votes was 47 therefore Rebecca Lau, Kevin Shaw, Justin Quigley and Jennifer Imhoff received a majority of votes and were each elected for 2-years.

Motion: Being that Mark Hinkle received the fifth highest number of votes but failed to receive a majority of the delegates it was moved and seconded to elect him as the fifth At Large Member for 1-year. The motion passed by voice vote.

Election of Alternate At-Large Members of the Executive Committee

Nomination: Robert Imhoff nominated Gail Lightfoot

Nomination: Angela McArdle nominated Mark Herd
Nomination: Rebecca Lau nominated Nicholas Smith

Teller Committee

The Chair appointed Alicia Mattson, Angela McArdle, David Bowers and Ben Gibbins to the Teller Committee to tally the votes for the election of Alternate At-Large Members.

Vote:  
- Gail Lightfoot  56 votes  Elected for 1-Year
- Mark Herd  39 votes  Elected for 1-Year
- Nicholas Smith  27 votes
- NOTA  4 votes

70 ballots were cast and a majority of votes was 36 therefore Gail Lightfoot and Mark Herd received a majority of votes and were elected for 1-year.

Election of LNC Regional Representative

Nomination: Jennifer Imhoff nominated Robert Imhoff
Nomination: Alex DiBenedetto spoke in favor of Jeff Hewitt and Boomer Shannon nominated Jeff Hewitt

Motion: Robert Imhoff moved to suspend the rules with second to elect Jeff Hewitt as the Regional Representative and Robert Imhoff as the Alternate Representative.

Vote: Motion to suspend the rules failed by voice vote.

Teller Committee

The Chair appointed Bill Hajdu, Ben Gibbons and Jill Pyeatt to the Teller Committee to tally the votes for the election of LNC Regional Representative.

Robert Imhoff announced he was withdrawing his acceptance of the nomination for LNC Region 4 Representative.

Vote: Jeff Hewitt was elected as LNC Regional Representative by voice vote for a 2-year term.

Election of LNC Regional Alternate Representative

Nomination: Jeff Hewitt nominated Kenneth Brent Olsen
Nomination: Alicia Mattson nominated Aaron Starr

Teller Committee

The Chair appointed Bill Hajdu, Ben Gibbons, David Bowers and Angela McArdle the Teller Committee to tally the votes for the election of LNC Regional Alternate Representative.
Point of Personal Privilege: The Chair, Ted Brown, announced that he would be leaving the convention for a personal obligation therefore he passed the gavel to Kenneth Brent Olsen to Chair the remainder of the convention.

## Election of LPC Judicial Committee

**Nomination:** Mark Hinkle nominated Joe Dehn  
**Nomination:** Bob Weber nominated Susan Marie Weber  
**Nomination:** Ben Gibbins nominated Matthew Pautz  
**Nomination:** Susan Marie Weber nominated Bob Weber  
**Nomination:** José Castañeda nominated Jill Pyeatt

**Motion:** Adam Kokesh moved with second to suspend the rules to elect the five candidates for Judicial Committee as a slate.

**Vote:** The motion to suspend the rules passed with a vote of 42-15 by show of hands.

**Motion:** Adam Kokesh moved with second to elect the five candidates for Judicial Committee as a slate.

**Vote:** Motion passed with a vote of 45-13 by show of hands.

Joe Dehn, Susan Marie Weber, Matthew Pautz, Bob Weber and Jill Pyeatt were elected to the Judicial Committee for 2-years.

## Election of LNC Regional Alternate Representative (continued)

**Vote:** Kenneth Brent Olsen 32 Votes  
- Aaron Starr 15 Votes  
- NOTA 7 votes  

**Motion:** Adam Kokesh moved with second to adjourn the meeting with objections.

**Vote:** The motion to adjourn failed by a show of hands.

**Motion:** Starchild moved to suspend the rules to consider a Bylaws amendment to change the composition of the Bylaws Committee.

**Vote:** Motion failed by a voice vote.

**Motion:** Robert Imhoff moved with second for a quorum call which passed by voice vote.
The Chair asked that all delegates in the room stand and declared that a quorum was present.

Motion: Jonathan Jaech moved with second to suspend the rules to consider a platform amendment to Plank IV. 2 Freedom of Expression with no objection.

Motion: Jonathan Jaech moved with second to add the following to Plank IV, Section 2-Freedom of Expression, as follows:

IV. Individual Rights and Civil Order

2. Freedom of Expression

We support the complete deregulation of television, radio, cable, the Internet and all other forms of communication. Because freedom of speech, association and thought are essential, the right of the people to use communications networks, such as blockchain, shall not be infringed.

Vote: The motion to amend Plank 2 of the Platform was adopted with no objections.

Adjournment

Motion: It was moved with second to adjourn the meeting with objection.

Vote: The motion to adjourn passed by voice vote.

The 2018 Convention was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Approved by the Executive Committee at the June 9, 2018 meeting in Stockton CA.

Respectfully Submitted

Honor M. Robson
Libertarian Party of California
The past year has been a good one for the Libertarian Party of California. We have had a great set of officers and Executive Committee members who have been working together for the cause of liberty, with virtually no notable conflicts. The LPC is particularly lucky to have had Mimi Robson as secretary and Steve Haug as treasurer for the last year. The prior secretary and treasurer didn’t do their jobs properly, but I didn’t realize just how much wasn’t getting done until Mimi and Steve started doing what needed to be done.

On the secretarial side, memberships have been entered properly, lists have been generated, and county affiliates finally can depend on the data they have been receiving from the state party. Not only that, Mimi has produced excellent minutes of the last convention and the Executive Committee meetings, so that members can actually know what has been going on. Steve has reviewed our finances and produced a workable budget that has been very helpful in planning our projects and expenditures. He has also been filing all the paperwork required by the FPPC. The prior treasurer failed to file the forms, resulting in a $4,250 fine to the party. Now we have a treasurer who knows what he’s doing. He has also made sure to get disbursements out to the county parties, something that was lagging for quite some time.

We also didn’t have an IT director before. Robert Imhoff has done a great job identifying accounts that we no longer need and saving the party a lot of money each month. Jennifer Imhoff has done a great job as Communications Director, sending out press releases and keeping up with our social media outreach.

Our membership is up, and the numbers will hopefully continue to grow. Our membership chairman, Mark Hinkle, called over 1,000 people to make sure they would renew their memberships. We also sent out a mailing to national LP members in California who were not LPC members. We got quite a few new members from that. Our current figure is 1,012 members.

We have 20 candidates on the June primary ballot as Libertarians. This includes 5 statewide candidates: Zoltan Istvan and Nickolas Wildstar for Governor, Derrick
Michael Reid for U. S. Senator, Tim Ferreira for Lt. Governor, and Gail Lightfoot for Secretary of State. All of them have statements in the ballot pamphlet, so all the voters can read about what we believe. (There is also a party statement in the ballot pamphlet.) The State Executive Committee has endorsed quite a few of the candidates, for the partisan offices and also for a few non-partisan offices, and the few who have not yet been endorsed will be asking the delegates here for support.

As you know, the Top Two election system is likely to eliminate most of our candidates after the June primary. However, there are two and maybe three districts where our candidates may go on to November. This would be an excellent result. Beyond that, there are 17 districts where only the incumbent filed. I have been busily recruiting Libertarians to run as write-in candidates and have found 10 volunteers so far. If any of them are the only write-in candidate in the district, or get more write-in votes than any other write-in candidate, they would be in the Top Two and be on the ballot in November. We had five candidates get on the November ballot this way in 2016, and hopefully this will happen again.

We have a Candidate Support Committee, a PAC for state and local campaigns. Before the last convention, this committee was very unwieldy with all the ExCom members serving on it. One year ago the ExCom voted to make it a 5 member committee appointed by the Chair, and this method has worked wonders in the committee's ability to actually provide needed funds to candidates. The CSC also did a fundraiser during the year that was very profitable, and the CSC will also be the focus of the fundraising at the convention banquet. We need funds for candidate statements for our November general election candidates.

On a personal note: As you probably have heard by now, I am resigning as chair effective at the end of the convention. My wife Laura and I have already moved to Austin, Texas, and are enjoying it there very much. It has been a great honor to serve as chair for the last 3 years, and I think we accomplished a lot during that time. I was a reluctant chair to begin with, but I ran for chair in 2015 because the party was in very poor condition and I thought I could do something to bring it back. It was a bit rocky for the first year or two, but now things are going very well. I attribute this to the great new activists who have done so much to professionalize some of our most important functions. And of course the long-time activists who stuck with us because of their dedication to the cause of liberty.

I have spent my entire adult life as a Libertarian activist, and it's very important to me for the party to do well. I am confident that I will be leaving the LPC in very good hands, and that the party will continue to grow and prosper in the upcoming years.
2018 Convention
Northern Vice-Chair’s Report

Report Date: 4/28/2018
Northern Vice Chair: Kenneth Brent Olsen, Psy.D.

Northern Vice-Chair Purpose, per Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of California

- Bylaw 10, Section 4: The Vice-Chairs shall act as assistants to the Chair. The Northern Vice-Chair shall reside in the northern half of the state, and the Southern Vice-Chair shall reside in the southern half of the state (with the state divided at the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino counties). Each Vice-Chair shall be responsible for coordinating activities in their respective halves of the state.
- Bylaw 9, Section 4: The appropriate Vice-Chair may appoint a county Chair Pro Tem for any county in which there is no active county organization. It shall be the responsibility of said Chair Pro Tem to promote the development of a county organization within that county.

Mission Statement

My mission as the Northern Vice-Chair is to locate individuals able and willing to serve as Chair Pro Tem for their respective counties and to assist them in organizing sustainable local party affiliates in those counties who are active and engaged in promoting and building the Libertarian Party locally, as well as promoting and recruiting Libertarian candidates in those areas.

Executive Overview

- When I began my term as Northern Vice-Chair, we started with 12 of the 48 Northern Counties having fully organized affiliates. We now have 16 fully affiliated and active party organizations in the northern 48 counties. These are: Alameda, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Kings, Monterey, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, and Yolo.
- In addition I have personally appointed 8 of the 10 current Chair Pro Tems that have not yet met the qualifications for affiliation. These are: Butte, Del Norte, Humboldt, Marin, Mendocino, Merced, Plumas, Solano, Sonoma, and Tulare.
- Of the Northern 48 counties, 22 have no appointed Chair Pro Tem and are not organized. These are: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, Glenn, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Modoc, Mono, Napa, San Benito, Shasta,
Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, and Yuba. I have made inroads with an individual who may soon be appointed Chair Pro Tem in Yuba County.

- I have appointed three Deputies to assist me in finding Chair Pro Tems in specified areas. These Deputies include:
  - Justin Quigley - Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Amador (shared with Tyler Kuskie)
  - Tyler Kuskie - Sierra, Yuba, Sutter, Amador (shared with Justin Quigley)
  - John Ward - San Benito, Napa, Marin
- We have supplies in storage at Robert and Jinni Imhoff’s home. These are available for use by all Northern County Chairs.
- We have a number of candidates running in Northern California, including:
  - Congress: Bill Merryman (22nd District), Kennita Watson (17th District).
  - State Senate: Janine DeRose (6th District), Ali Sarsak (10 District).
• Assembly: Bob Goodwyn (24th District), Robert Imhoff (25th District), Janice Bonser (8th District).
• Local: Mimi Garner (Plumas County Board of Supervisors), Jennifer Imhoff (San Jose City Council), Chris Le (San Jose City Council), David Joyce (Yuba County Board of Supervisors).
• We also have one candidate from Northern California on the statewide ticket as a Libertarian:
  • Zoltan Istvan (for Governor)
• The county affiliates have been busy in Northern California, including Alameda County hosting their annual Wine and Liberty event, El Dorado hosting a number of socials, Fresno County hosting a social, Kings County successfully recalling a City Councilman and hosting a booth at the weekly Thursday Night Market in Hanford, Sacramento County hosting a number of socials, San Francisco County hosting socials, a table at a gun show, a debate, and other activities and events, San Joaquin County hosting a number of socials, Santa Clara County hosting numerous socials, hosting booths at public events, and participating in parades, Stanislaus County hosted a fundraiser for Tim Ferreira, and Plumas County hosting a social. There are numerous other activities which the northern affiliates and county organizations have been involved in as well.
• This has been a successful year for the Northern region. However, I have still not met numerous goals, including, creating a manual for forming and operating a successful and sustainable county organization, organizing all 48 counties (we have over half organized or affiliated now, however), and hosting a county leadership summit in the north. I will continue to work on these goals in the coming year: the leadership summit and further assisting counties in organizing will be my top priorities. The manual would come out of the best practices discussed at the leadership summit.
CHAIR'S REPORT
by Jonathan Jaech
Libertarian Party of California State Convention
Long Beach, CA – April 27-29, 2018

My purpose in writing this report is to provide a handy fact sheet for some of the goings-on in Southern California that you might find useful during the convention or afterwards.

I invite the members in Southern California to use me to promote their event, candidacy or libertarian project. I can put a mention in reports like this, bring it up at Executive Committee meetings and help in other ways. As Southern Vice-Chair I have access to a fund for the Southern Office which can come in handy for tabling and other office supplies. Reach out to me at jonathan@jaech.net and let's see what we can do together.

Southern California remains one of the world's most diverse metropolitan areas, with a rich history of libertarian activism that we remain a part of. Let's work together to make the LPC and its affiliate organizations places where every champion of Liberty can come to find support and inspiration! A lot is going on already in the Southland, here's a sample:

Events:

San Diego Libertarian Party Annual Convention held Saturday January 27th, 2018 at the Green Dragon Tavern in Carlsbad. A new slate of officers was elected listed at www.sdlp.org. Executive Chair, Brad Richardson, chair(at)sdlp.org

Vice-Chair, Carlos Morales, vicechair(at)sdlp.org
Treasurer, Unfilled, treasurer(at)sdlp.org
Secretary, John Brandmair, secretary(at)sdlp.org
Membership Chair, Alan Ritter, members(at)sdlp.org
Publicity Chair, Joseph DePaul, pr(at)sdlp.org
Campaigns Chair, Paul King, campaigns(at)sdlp.org
Spokesperson, Don Deangelo, spokesperson(at)sdlp.org
San Bernardino County Libertarian Party Annual Convention held Saturday February 10th, 2018 in Upland. [https://sbclp.org/](https://sbclp.org/).

Chair: Tony Tyler  
Vice Chair: Brian Ryman  
Treasurer: Alice Pautz  
Secretary: Ben Gibbins  
At-Large: Dr. Matthew Pautz

Los Angeles County Libertarian Party Annual Convention scheduled for June 2, 2018, at Taix Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90026, time TBA.

Southern California Libertarian Conference, Saturday June 23, 2018, 12pm–4pm program, 4pm–?? after party. Geezers in Santa Fe Springs.

Candidates Running in So. Cal. or Statewide from So. Cal.:

Oxnard Recall Election May 1, 2018
Starr, Aaron, City of Oxnard Mayor [https://www.starrforoxnard.com/](https://www.starrforoxnard.com/)  
Sign up, support and follow this city-shaking campaign!

California Primary June 5th 2018
Gibbins, Ben, 52nd Assembly, [http://www.bengibbins.com/](http://www.bengibbins.com/)  
Hancock, Joshua, CA 49th Assembly, [www.votejoshuahancock49th.us](http://www.votejoshuahancock49th.us)  
Herd, Mark Matthew, CA 2th Senate [https://sites.google.com/site/herdforcd5/](https://sites.google.com/site/herdforcd5/)  
Hewitt, Jeff, Riverside County Supervisor [http://www.votehewitt.com/](http://www.votehewitt.com/)  
Lewis, Michael, 53rd CA Assembly [https://www.facebook.com/lewisforassembly/](https://www.facebook.com/lewisforassembly/)  
Lightfoot, Gail, CA Secretary of State  
Mahoney, Michael, Orange County Supervisor [https://www.ElectMahony.com/](https://www.ElectMahony.com/)  
McArdle, Angela 34th Congressional (U.S.) [http://angelamcardleforcongress.com/](http://angelamcardleforcongress.com/)  
Reiser, Brandon, 48th Congressional (U.S.) [https://www.brandonreiser.com/](https://www.brandonreiser.com/)  
Robson, Honor, 70th CA Assembly [https://www.honorrobson.com/](http://www.honorrobson.com/)  
Tomolak, Josh, San Diego City Council [www.tomolak4sd.com/](http://www.tomolak4sd.com/)  
Wildstar, Nikolas, CA Governor [http://governorwildstar.com/](http://governorwildstar.com/)
Write-In Candidates: (Per Ted Brown 4/20/2018)

Frank Siciliano of Los Angeles - SD30
Kristopher Swensen of Burbank - AD43
Levi Bailey of West Hollywood - AD50
Christopher Stare of Los Angeles - AD51
Tiffany Keene of Riverside - AD61
Autumn Browne of Santa Ana - AD69 (recruited by George Reis)

This may be the most Libertarian candidates running in a primary in or from Southern California since Top Two. If I have missed anyone or anything let me know and I'll update the list. For updates or information about candidates in or from Southern California, check out https://ca.lp.org/2018-whos-running/.

Issues:

Outstanding issues are settled or have reached a point where further commentary here would be unhelpful. Please speak up if I'm missing something.
2018 Convention Secretary’s Report

Report Date: 04/28/2018
Secretary: Mimi Robson

Secretary’s Purpose, per the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of California

Bylaws

Bylaw 10: Officers

Section 5

The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the Party membership list, for receiving or sending formal notifications as specified in these Bylaws and Convention Rules, and shall be responsible for recording and promptly distributing minutes of Party proceedings. The Secretary shall be responsible for the maintenance of all Party records. The Secretary shall cause the minutes of each Executive Committee meeting and of each state convention to appear on the Party website not more than thirty days after adoption. The Secretary shall email a summary of the results of the Executive Committee meetings, votes, and mail ballots to all county officers within ten days. The Secretary shall cause the most recently adopted Platform, Program, and Bylaws and Convention Rules, as well as the Bylaws of all county organizations to appear on the Party website not more than thirty days after adoption.

Bylaw 29: Operating Procedures Manual

The Secretary shall maintain an addendum to the bylaws that contains operating procedures that are created by a vote of the Executive Committee or the Operations Committee. The addendum shall be published and made available in the same way as the bylaws so that anyone who can access the bylaws can also access the addendum, including, publication of the page on the Party’s website that is readily available to any member, to be updated in the manual within 30 days.

Convention Rules

Rule 5: Agenda

The Secretary shall cause the minutes of the previous day’s session to be distributed or to be plainly posted each morning. The minutes of the convention shall be approved by the Executive Committee within ninety days of the convention’s close.
**Mission Statement**

At the 2017 Convention when I was elected state Secretary I said that my vision for the Libertarian Party of California was to grow the membership and get Libertarians elected. To do that we first need to get our party in order which is what I’ve been working on in the past year! I think if we all work together, both top down and bottom up as well as everywhere in between, we can more effectively get our message out to more and more Californians and will begin to see more members in the party, registered to vote as Libertarians AND see our candidates elected to state and local offices throughout the state.

My mission going forward it to continue this work; I’m not content being the “third largest party” or the “largest third party,” as both of those mean that we are losing. My mission is for us to start to WIN!!

And we are already beginning to win! We have well over 20 candidates that will be on the ballot in June and we will have our candidates on the ballot in November. Aaron Starr is running an amazing campaign for Mayor of Oxnard, after successfully gathered enough signatures to recall the entire city council. The special election is this coming Tuesday! And campaigns like Jeff Hewitt’s run for Riverside County Supervisor; Jeff along with Boomer Shannon, Jason, Henry, Frank, Tony, Eric and Vincent Li of Alive Free Happy have raised $250,000 for that campaign and Jeff is going to WIN!

**Executive Overview**

After the previous Secretary resigned I was appointed Secretary on February 1, 2017 by the State’s Operations Committee. At the First Executive Committee meeting after my appointment the full Executive Committee ratified my appointment as Secretary on February 26, 2017. I then was elected State Secretary at the 2017 Convention in Santa Clara for a two-year term. My first full year as secretary has been a lot of work due to the lack of work that had been done by previous secretaries; however I now have procedures in place that will reduce the amount of work required to keep things running smoothly. I have begun compiling these procedures into a manual that can be passed down to the next secretary which will make future transitions much better. My goal is to have the first draft of this manual completed shortly after the close of this convention.

Beyond just cleaning up messes, I have set out to do what is most important to me; growing the party and getting Libertarians elected! Growing the Party requires teamwork, not division, and I believe in this past year we’ve all been working together in a more effective way than in the past. I have only been involved in the party’s leadership for a bit over a year, but looking back through all the records I’ve been given, which includes Convention and Executive Committee Minutes going back to 1980 and the most current Operating Procedures Manual which was from the year 2000 (thanks to members like Gail Lightfoot and Mark Hinkle) it seems
clear that we have lacked institutional memory and have had continual division within the party.

I've worked closely with our Chair, Ted Brown, and our Treasurer, Steve Haug, (who also inherited a HUGE mess), to get our house in order. At the 2017 Convention there was a theme among the county affiliates that they felt they were getting no help from the state's leadership and hadn't received dues sharing in well over a year. Although not really the job of the secretary, since Steve was trying to figure out where to start, I calculated the dues sharing and checks were sent out in July.

I've also worked closely with our Northern Vice-Chair, Kenneth Brent Olsen, to help get information and resources to the many new affiliates in that region.

In the past year I've reached out to every county affiliate in the state to insure our membership database is up to date. I've worked with Robert Imhoff on database committee to insure that the program we're using is the best solution for the party. I've worked with other committees, like the Membership Committee, with Mark Hinkle, the Website Committee with Robert Imhoff and Justin Emsoff, and of course the Convention Committee with Robert and Jennifer Imhoff, Thom Taylor, Chuck Hamm, José Castañeda and Gail Lightfoot to reach out to new members and keep our current ones; this convention is shaping up to be the best in years and I couldn't have done it without the committee.

All in all I think the teamwork is paying off!

**LPC Minutes**

After taking office as Secretary I was told that minutes hadn't been approved and/or prepared since the previous state convention in April of 2016. Being the Bylaws and Convention Rules require that Convention Minutes be approved within 90 days of the close of the convention that was the first order of business. For the minutes that were prepared I updated them with corrections to format, spelling, etc. and for the ones that hadn't been prepared I created them from notes that were taken by other Executive Committee members. On February 26, 2017 the Executive Committee approved the minutes from the April 3, 2016 Convention and the Executive Committee meeting minutes from April 3, May 14, August 5 and November 19, 2016. All minutes were promptly given to the website Chair for posting, as required in the Bylaws.

Since that time all meeting minutes have been completely in a timely manner and sent out to the committee via email for review. Once reviewed email motions are made to approve the minutes which insures they are posted to the website in a timely manner. In addition I believe that meeting minutes shouldn't only be action items, but should be reflective of what actually happens during the course of the meeting so the members will actually know what the Executive Committee is doing. This creates more work but full transparency is important to me so it's worth the extra effort.
LPC Platform

After assuming the office of Secretary it came to my attention that the party’s Platform had been amended at the 2016 Convention however those amendments hadn’t been updated and the Platform on the state’s website were not current. I went through the Convention minutes to update the Platform and posted the current Platform to the website.

LPC Membership Database

When I started updating NEON, the database we use for our party membership, the first thing I did was try to reach out to each county to begin determining where there may be discrepancies. Unfortunately the membership was so out of date that each county had multiple officers for each position in the database, and nine times out of ten, none of them were actually the current officers. So with a lot of research on the internet, Facebook, etc., I was finally able to compile a list of officers and update our records, but what I found is that the county affiliates were sending the State Secretary their election results and either the emails were ignored or the new officers were added without changing the status of the previous officers.

In addition, many of the counties has been sending in new member information but that was ignored as well so there was no communication happening and most things were falling through the cracks. I’ve since worked to develop relationships with the county officers so that we have ongoing dialog. Due to this communication the membership is very well monitored and update.

In addition, last year Ted Brown created a new Membership Committee and that committee elected Mark Hinkle as the Chair of the committee. Mark has been working on going through all the records to insure that information such as emails, phone numbers and addresses are correct and current, so the database is in the best shape it’s been in years!

LPC Operating Procedures Manual

Per the Bylaws, the Secretary is responsible for maintaining the Operating Procedures Manual which supplements the Bylaws with Special and Standing Rules of Order. When I took the office of Secretary I attempted to find this manual and it was nowhere to be found. Gail Lightfoot was able to provide me with the manual from 2000, which appeared to be the most current, so I went through all of the Convention and Executive Committee Meeting minutes from 2000 through 2017 and updated it to be current. Since I have maintained it with each new resolution passed as well as deleted rules that had been rescinded so it’s now up date and posted on the website as required. I am including this in the manual I’m creating so that this lack of institutional memory won’t happen again.

Monthly Membership Report

At the 2017 Convention in Santa Clara Joe Dehn proposed a Bylaws amendment which he presented from the floor to require the Secretary provide a list of all county affiliates’
membership monthly. Although this amendment failed, I've been providing that since. In this report I am including the total membership as well as the number of Life Members and Central Committee Members. I have been sending this to all county officers each month so that we can insure the state and county membership numbers are in sync. In addition I have insured each county affiliate has access to their membership in the state’s membership database so any discrepancies can be corrected.
Treasurer’s Report

This is a summary of my first year as treasurer of the Libertarian Party of California.

After taking office I picked up, from the prior treasurer, some papers, about a dozen blank checks, two external disk drives and was given access to the QuickBooks online account. I went to the storage locker in Sacramento looking for more blank checks and didn’t find any. I loaded the car with about half the contents of the locker to take to Robert and Jennifer Imhoff’s home as they had offered to relocate the contents of the locker to their garage, saving us about $1,300 a year in rent. Mark Hinkle moved the remaining items from the locker to the Imhoff’s garage and the account with the storage facility was closed. Having only a small number of checks I placed an order for additional checks.

I got access to the books in May 2017 and found the following issues:

1. The treasurer was the only member of the executive committee who had access to the books. The previous treasurer was not the master administrator.
2. The books did not balance to the bank.
3. Liability accounts did not reflect real liabilities.
5. There was no detail on the books to indicate the source of the income. Most of the income was put into categories but about 30% was uncategorized. This made it impossible to run meaningful financial reports.
6. There was nothing on the books to indicate that expenses being paid were authorized.
7. There was no budget for 2017.
8. The process for dues sharing was not working.
Changes made to address issues:

1. I contacted the master administrator of QuickBooks and had that account access transferred to the current treasurer. The secretary was given full read/write access and the chair was given administrative access. We have a three user license.

2. Corrected previous transactions to get the books and bank in balance.

3. Made changes to the liability accounts to reflect current liabilities.

4. FPPC Reports:

   Contacted the Secretary of State office to determine if filing the January 2017 460 would eliminate the need to file the September 2016 460 and stop the $10 per day late penalty on the forms. I was told once the January 460 was filed that would stop the late fees on both. I filed the January 410 form with the $50 filing fee and the $150 late fee. Direct File had been used for FPPC reporting however that service cost $2,100 per year and was too difficult to use so it was canceled. I decided a better approach would be to add the detail to the books for FPPC reporting.

   Authorize.net is used to process our credit card and E-check transactions and the bank maintains a record of check images; by accessing these two sources I created the detail on the books for all income transactions starting July 1, 2016. All the income transactions from that date forward now have the source identified along with the account, source type, amount, class with a link back to the detail transaction on authorize.net or check number from the bank. A custom report was created to show the income from all sources that are exported to an Excel spread sheet. The spreadsheet is then copied into another spreadsheet that has a macro for FPPC reporting; the January 460 required income amounts for the first six months of 2016. Those amounts were added manually from the previously filed 460 for that period. The macro produces a report showing the sources that require detail reporting and the balance for small transactions that don't need detail reporting. The 460 that was due in January 2017 was filed in July 2017 along with the other 460 that was due not later than July 31. A copy of both forms were printed, signed and mailed to the Secretary of State office.

   During this time period we were made aware that mail was still being delivered to Sacramento but wasn't being forwarded. The office in Sacramento was contacted and asked to begin forwarding mail to Ted. When Ted received the first batch of mail he sent 2 letters to me from the Secretary of State office. The first one indicated we were being fined $8,500 for filing the 460 forms late and had 30 days to appeal and the second letter gave us 30 days to respond or our account would be forwarded to the enforcement division. I immediately called and was on
hold with the Secretary of State office waiting to be transferred to the person who wrote the letter when both Ted and Mimi sent me emails indicating that someone should call the Secretary of State office; Great minds think alike! I talked to the person who wrote the letter and was told we could still send in an appeal and was given the form number for that so Ted wrote the appeal letter and the fine was reduced to $4,250. I was able to get approval from the fine desk to make payments, with no interest, on the unpaid balance in lieu of paying the full amount immediately. These payments have been made monthly and the final payment will be paid in July.

All FPPC forms are now being filed on time. The macro I had written for processing form 460 information has been modified to support current and prior period income. The detail information needed for the report in now being exported from Neon and processed by this macro. The report page now has all the detail information required to be reported on the 460, which will make it possible to complete a 30 plus page report in a couple of hours. The workbook contains instructions on how to load the workbook and run the macro and I've placed a copy of the workbook on the LPCA cloud storage.

5. Now that there is detail on the books and the financial reports are accurate with links back to the source on all transactions which makes it easy to get additional detail on any transaction when necessary. Each batch from authorize.net is now identified along with all the detail from the batch. Some detail transactions are entered as multiple transactions like when a new member joins for two years at the Supporter level ($50 per year), what goes on the books are a $25 join, a $25 renewal and a $50 premium membership. It is now possible to report where income is coming from and profit & loss reports by month now can be used to show trends.

6. All approved recurring expense now have rules on the books on what accounts and class to assign. One time expenditures such as the purchase of toner for a printer are added to the books as a bill when the purchase has been approved. When an expense comes in from the bank all approved expenditures now either have a rule applied or they match to a bill which makes it easy to spot any unauthorized spending. Recurring expenses are checked for reasonable amounts.

7. There is now a budget for 2018 however the budget process needs to be improved and is a work in progress.

8. Dues sharing were restarted, with the first payments made in July 2017 which covered the period from April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016. Starting in July 2017 transactions were added to the books to track dues sharing transactions as they occurred. These transactions were used for
dues sharing payments which were made in January 2018. Mimi pointed out that there are renewals by donation which increase the dues sharing to the counties and renewals at the county level that reduce the amount which is owed by the state to the county. Because of those payments the original process was scrapped and all dues sharing transactions for 2018 were deleted. Now there are two Neon reports that are created for dues sharing; one report is an extract of the transactions for the dues sharing period and the other is an extract of member data. These reports are exported to Excel files and then copied into an Excel workbook with a macro to create a dues sharing report based upon the current dues sharing rules. A sheet in the workbook contains a list of counties participating in dues sharing. Counties not listed on this sheet are excluded from the report however adding a new county to the report only requires the addition of the county name to this sheet. The macro will only need to be changed when dues sharing rules change. Instructions for loading the workbook and running the macro are included in the workbook and a copy of the workbook is on LPCA cloud storage.

To do list:

1. Form a budget committee to improve the budget process.
2. Create a treasurers hand book to explain how to keep the current processes working.
3. Work with the financial standards committee to establish oversite of the treasurer position.
4. Increase spending to grow the member and donor base to advertise our brand and support candidates.
Dovner vs. Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County
Libertarian Party of California Judicial Committee

Petition filed: July 27, 2017
Ruling issued: August 26, 2017
Detailed analysis published: August 28, 2017

RULING

On August 26, 2017, the LPC Judicial Committee ruled that at the annual convention of the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County held on June 17, 2017, a motion to suspend the Bylaws was out of order. The resultant suspension of the Bylaws was a violation of the Bylaws; the subsequent participation by nonmembers in any voting was a violation of the Bylaws; and the elections of each of three individuals to Regional Representative offices were out of order, those being Frank Chau (Region 67), Bill Lopez (Region 63), and Merritt Obdycke (Region 64), on the grounds of these individuals' ineligibility to hold the offices they sought.

Thus this LPC Judicial Committee finds in favor of petitioner Dovner and rules that these three elections are null and void.

BACKGROUND

On July 27, 2017, Bruce Dovner, a member in good standing of the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County (“LPLAC”), petitioned the Libertarian Party of California Judicial Committee over several alleged Bylaws violations during LPLAC’s annual convention, held June 17, 2017 (“the convention”).

Dovner’s requested remedy was for the election of three allegedly ineligible individuals as Regional Representatives to be ruled invalid, and for the Regions in question to proceed to hold valid elections at their next meeting(s) to replace the three individuals, or to elect them anew, if the individuals had by then rectified their eligibility status.

LPLAC being the respondent, Chair José Castañosedaserved as representative of LPLAC.

Dovner and Castañeda both agreed to conduct the case via written correspondence; thus, the Judicial Committee did not hold a hearing.

ANALYSIS

The parties’ written submissions tended to agree on the facts of the proceedings at the convention. Thus we relied on LPC Bylaws, LPLAC Bylaws, and Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised (10th and 11th editions for LPC and LPLAC, respectively) to determine the validity of the actions taken during the proceedings. Here we detail the facts and our rulings chronologically.
I. The making of a motion to suspend the rules

Facts:

A. On June 17, 2017, LPLAC, having reached a quorum (defined as no fewer than 15 LPLAC members in good standing),\textsuperscript{1} held its annual convention.

B. A motion was made by Matthew Barnes, as follows:

\emph{To suspend the rules to include any central committee member who reside in Los Angeles County to vote although they did not list their affiliation as being with Los Angeles County.}\textsuperscript{2}

C. Said motion was seconded by Boomer Shannon.

Rulings:

The making of this motion was out of order because:

A. The person making a motion must be\textsuperscript{3} but was not a member of LPLAC\textsuperscript{4}; Matthew Barnes was a member of SBCLP, as confirmed by the LPC Secretary.

B. The person seconding a motion must be\textsuperscript{5} but was not a member of LPLAC\textsuperscript{6}; Boomer Shannon was a member of SBCLP, as confirmed by the LPC Secretary.

II. Content of the motion to suspend the rules

Facts:

A. The motion involved suspending the rules,\textsuperscript{7} that is, the Bylaws of LPLAC.

B. The rule being suspended was that only members are conferred voting privileges.

Rulings:

A. The very content of the motion was out of order, because according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised ("RONR"), the Bylaws cannot be suspended.\textsuperscript{8}

B. Especially because the right to vote is a "fundamental principle of parliamentary law," and because it is limited to members of the organization, the motion to suspend the rules to grant voting privileges to nonmembers was out of order.\textsuperscript{9}

III. Voting participation

Facts:

The motion to suspend the rules was voted on and passed by a two-thirds' voice vote of those present, which included both members and nonmembers.\textsuperscript{10}

Ruling:

Subsequent participation by nonmembers in any voting was a violation of the Bylaws.\textsuperscript{11}
Further analysis or information:

An additional reason that the resultant passage of the motion made by nonmembers would have been out of order is that the voice vote may have included votes of the nonmembers who were present, these individuals being ineligible to vote. Neither a hand-count nor a roll-call of this vote having been recorded, we are unable to rule on this particular aspect of the situation.

None of our rulings about the validity of officer elections relies solely on the basis of nonmembers' participation in the voting. Any officer elections besides the three questioned by the petitioner are outside the scope of the petition.

**IV. Election of Regional Representatives**

**Facts:**

LPLAC is subdivided into eight affiliates (“Regions”), whose caucuses of members are entitled, at the convention, to elect one representative each to LPLAC.12 Among the elections held at the convention were those for Region 63 Rep, Region 64 Rep, and Region 67 Rep:

A. William “Bill” Lopez, a member not of LPLAC but of SBCLP, was elected as Region 63 Rep by a voice vote;13

B. Merritt Obdycke, a resident of Washington state, was elected as Region 64 Rep by a voice vote;14 and

C. Frank Chau, a member not of LPLAC but of SBCLP, ran in a contested election for Region 67 Rep, and was elected by a voice vote.15

**Rulings:**

A. The election of Bill Lopez was out of order, because although he was a resident of Temple City (a city whose LPLAC members would default to Region 63 affiliation unless they informed the LPLAC Secretary otherwise), he was affiliated with no Region of LPLAC but instead with SBCLP.16

(Incidentally, as of Aug. 17, the LPC Secretary’s records showed that Lopez has now changed his county affiliation from SBCLP to LPLAC.)

B. The election of Merritt Obdycke (a resident of Washington state), is null and void, because:

1. When he was an LPC member, he never chose to affiliate with LPLAC (or any other LPC county affiliate), and

2. Since his LPC membership had expired on April 30, 2017, he was not and could not have been a member in good standing with LPLAC or any of its Regional affiliates.

C. The election of Frank Chau is null and void, because:
1. Although he was a resident of Pomona (a city whose LPLAC members would default to Region 67 affiliation unless they informed the LPLAC Secretary otherwise), Chau was affiliated not with a Region of the LPLAC but instead with SBCLP, and

2. There is no method to exclude ballots from nonmembers who voted in what was a contested race.

**Analysis specific to this ruling:**

In the Lopez and Obdycke elections, which were uncontested, the fact that there were illegal votes would have no impact on the outcome of those races, so there would be no basis to overturn those elections based on the existence of illegal votes.

Those holding Regional Representative positions are considered officers in LPLAC, and they are to be drawn from the Region with which they affiliate, and only those affiliating with that Region may participate in these elections, respectively.

According to LPLAC Secretary Bowers, a LPLAC member’s affiliation with a Region will be based on the location of their residence unless the member expressly affiliates with another Region, in which case the member would be expected to inform the LPLAC Secretary.

This modus operandi echoes that of members of LPC affiliating by default with their county of residence unless they choose to affiliate with another LPC county affiliate, in which case they must inform the LPC Secretary of their new affiliation.

**Further analysis or information:**

While LPLAC Bylaws are clear that a nonmember is prohibited from voting in a LPLAC election, they are not explicit in prohibiting a nonmember from running for or being elected to a LPLAC office. This would seem a mere semantic oversight, except that Robert’s Rules of Order—in effect a component of the LPLAC Bylaws—does allow for nonmembers to be elected or appointed to an organization’s offices,

*e.g.*, for treasurer when no member is both technically qualified and willing to serve. However, in our case, this consideration doesn’t come into play, because each of the three individuals elected as Regional Reps was disqualified for other reasons. None was affiliated with the respective Regions of LPLAC that they sought to represent.

We consider that the initial error of allowing nonmembers to make motions, to second motions, and to vote in elections, was the root cause of several of the violations that followed. Had the first mistake (allowing nonmembers to make a motion) been prevented, the convention delegates would have been exposed to the impropriety thereof, and thus likely would have recognized the further impropriety of successive actions which also involved nonmembers’ presumption of standing, henceforth

*e.g.*, nonmembers’ voting and nonmembers being elected to positions of power). Even if avoidance of the initial error would have had no bearing on the resultant elections, we find that other factors render the elections invalid.
RECOMMENDATIONS

The petitioner requested that the vacancies for the three ineligible officeholders be filled by elections held in the respective Regions. While it may be wise to consider input from the Regions affected, only the LPLAC Executive Board is authorized to fill those vacancies with persons meeting the eligibility requirements.21

Thus, we recommend that, to restore its Regions’ representation as so intended in its Bylaws, the LPLAC Executive Committee at its next opportunity and as it is so authorized, appoint to the three offices in question three eligible and willing members in good standing.

While the rights of membership as laid out in the Bylaws and RONR prohibit nonmembers from voting in a County Convention, nothing in those governing documents prevents voluntarism across county (or state) affiliate boundaries.

As LP members with certain rights under the Bylaws and RONR, and as Libertarian Party volunteers, this Judicial Committee heartily encourages and endorses activists, volunteers, contributors affiliated with one county party, when they are so moved, to extend themselves in support of the members of other county party affiliates.

It is our hope and recommendation that all LPC County Central Committee leaders ensure that interested volunteers are either directed toward appropriate support activities as nonmembers or invited to join as members.

We recommend that LPLAC consider adding to its Bylaws a provision that only LPLAC members are eligible to serve as officers. We believe this provision would not preclude officers from enlisting nonmembers as assistants in effecting their duties, e.g., the duly elected Treasurer could engage a volunteer or paid bookkeeper from either within or outside the membership.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING ANALYSIS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Accepting the petition

As a preliminary matter, we considered whether this matter was within our purview.

We considered whether LPLAC’s Executive Committee could resolve the question, but determined it could not, because:

1. The individuals serving would be deciding on the fate of their own elections, and even in the absence of this conundrum,

2. RONR does not allow for a board to decide election disputes.22

We considered whether this matter could be resolved internally by LPLAC’s own Judicial Committee, but rejected that possibility, for three reasons:

1. At the convention, LPLAC did not elect a judicial committee, and unlike Bylaws provisions for other offices,23 there is no provision in LPLAC to allow the previous judicial committee to serve until their replacements have been chosen.
2. Had LPLAC elected a judicial committee, its members would have been subject to the same underlying complaint of their own election having been out of order.

3. Even if the Bylaws had allowed for the previously elected judicial committee to serve until their replacements had been elected, LPLAC’s Bylaws limit its powers to reviewing actions of the Executive Board and officers, not decisions of the convention.

The only recourse left is found in the LPC Bylaws provision that “[a]ny member of that County Central Committee may challenge the legality of an election by bringing the issue before the Judicial Committee.”

Membership and member rights

Libertarians advocate for the right of individuals to freedom of association. The LPC stands against government infringement of that right, as evidenced, for example, by our role as co-plaintiff in two cases involving open or blanket primary elections in California state partisan politics: Field v. Bowen (challenging Proposition 14, the Top Two Primaries Act, 2010), whose plaintiffs included LPC member Richard Winger, and California Democratic Party v. Jones (challenging Proposition 198, the Open Primary Act, 1996), whose plaintiffs included former LPC Chair Gail Lightfoot.

While the matter before this Judicial Committee involves not competing party organizations but affiliated organizations, nonetheless one of the most basic questions in any organization is: Who is a member and what rights belong to him or her based on that status? For LP County affiliates, that question is answered by RONR: “A member of an assembly...is a person entitled to full participation in its proceedings, that is,...the right to attend meetings, to make motions, to speak in debate, and to vote.”

LPLAC’s Bylaws recognize that all members of LPC who reside in Los Angeles County, or who choose to affiliate with the LP of Los Angeles County, are members of LPLAC.

In the case at hand, members of LPC who have affiliated with the SBCLP (and in some cases who also resided in Los Angeles County) wanted to vote during the LPLAC Convention.

The right to vote is reserved for members of the organization. In the absence of any other rule, it would appear that state party members who live in Los Angeles County would already be members and state party members residing outside the county ought to also be able to choose to affiliate with LPLAC.

County Central Committees have latitude in the conduct of their affairs, but LPC Bylaws afford absolutely no leeway concerning who shall be a member of the organization:

State Central Committee membership shall be the only requirement for County Central Committee membership. A Party member may be a member of only one County Central Committee, which does not have to be the Committee of the county of the member’s residence. A County Central Committee membership confers voting privileges for that member in that county.

The first sentence prohibits the LPLAC from imposing any requirement for membership
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beyond being a member of LPC. The third sentence makes clear that the LPLAC cannot
prohibit a member from voting, and nowhere else do we see that voting privileges are or
can be conferred in another way.

What some have questioned is the meaning of that section’s second sentence: “A Party
member may be a member of only one County Central Committee, which does not have to
be the Committee of the county of the member’s residence.” Some have asserted this
means that the county party “may” limit a member from affiliating with more than one
county, should it choose to do so. We find that assertion to be without merit. This is a
choice made by and reserved for the member, not the county party. In other words, a
member may choose to affiliate with one county or none—the latter of which most often
occurs with Party members who reside outside of California.

How does a County Central Committee become aware of which LPC members are affiliated
with that County?

Because one must first become a State Central Committee member in order to become a
County Central Committee member, it is the Secretary of the State Central Committee
who is normally the keeper of those records. “The duties of the secretary are...3) To keep
the organization’s official membership roll (unless another officer or staff member has this
duty)....”

It is not sufficient for a State Central Committee member to declare one day to X County
Central Committee that he is changing his affiliation and would like to vote, and then
declare the following day to Y County Central Committee that he is once again changing
his affiliation to vote in another county.

Instead, that member must notify the Secretary of the State Central Committee in a form
acceptable to the Secretary (or her designee) to update her records concerning county
party affiliation, and that change becomes binding on the County Central Committee the
next time it is provided the membership lists.

The members eligible to vote during the LPLAC Convention were those on the county
membership roll most recently provided by Party Secretary Robson to County Secretary
Bowers, in accordance with LPC Bylaws.

**Balloting requirement and voice voting**

LPLAC Bylaws require that officers be elected by ballot.

The vote to suspend the rules to dispense with ballots on officer elections where there was
only one nominee, was out of order.

It would be too late now to raise a point of order on the suspension of the rules concerning
the requirement for a ballot, but there are certain consequences that flow from this
decision. Had there been ballots, it might have been possible to exclude the invalid votes of
nonmembers who cast votes. In cases where that might affect the outcome, the entire
ballot vote would have been rendered invalid.

According to RONR, “If one or more ballots are identifiable as cast by persons not entitled
to vote, these ballots are excluded in determining the number of votes cast for purposes of
computing the majority. If there is evidence that any unidentifiable ballots were cast by persons not entitled to vote, and if there is any possibility that such ballots might affect the result, the entire ballot vote is null and void, and a new ballot vote must be taken.\(^{33}\)

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirming the ruling and joining in the opinion of this Libertarian Party of California Judicial Committee in the matter of *Dovner v. the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County*:

*Barbara Engelhardt, Chair*

*Elizabeth C. Brierly, Judicial Committee Member*

*John Inks, Judicial Committee Member*

*Lawrence Samuels, Judicial Committee Member*

Abstaining:

*Aaron Starr, Judicial Committee Member*

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1. LPLAC By-laws (as amended in 2013): ARTICLE VI: Meetings; Section 3: Quorum: “Fifteen members of the Party shall constitute a quorum.”
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8. *Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised,* 11th edition, p. 263, lines 1–7: “Rules contained in the bylaws...cannot be suspended—no matter how large the vote in favor of doing so or how inconvenient the rule in question may be—unless the particular rule specifically provides for its own suspension, or unless the rule properly is in the nature of a rule of order....”
9. Ibid; p. 263, lines 15–24: “Rules which embody *fundamental principles of parliamentary law...*cannot be suspended, even by a unanimous vote. Thus, since it is a fundamental principle of parliamentary law that the right to vote is limited to the members of an organization..., the rules cannot be suspended so as to give the right to vote to a nonmember...."
10. Minutes of LPLAC 2017 Convention, Draft 4; furnished by Secretary David Bowers: “...The motion passed by two- thirds voice vote....”
11. LPC Bylaw 9: County Organizations; Section 2. “...A County Central Committee membership confers voting privileges for that member in that county.”
12 LPLAC By-laws (as amended in 2013); Article IV, Regions, Section 2: “The Membership of a Region shall be all Members of the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County who reside in, or who choose to affiliate with the Region.”

13 Minutes of LPLAC 2017 Convention, Draft 4; furnished by Secretary David Bowers: “All elections for Officers were held as voice votes.”

14 Ibid.

15 Ibid.

16 LPLAC By-laws (as amended in 2013), Article IV: Regions, Section 2: “The Membership of a Region shall be all Members of the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County who reside in, or who choose to affiliate with the Region.”

17 Ibid., Article V: Officers; Section 1, Officers and Duties. “The officers of the Party shall be...Regional Representatives from each Region.”

18 Ibid., Article VI: Meetings; Section 1: Annual Meetings. “The annual meeting shall be held in June for the purpose of electing...one Regional Representative for each Region by caucus....”

19 E-mail correspondence from David Bowers, LPLAC Secretary, dated Aug. 24, 2017.

20 Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th edition: p. 447, line 16+: “In most societies it is usual to elect the officers from among the members; but...unless the bylaws provide otherwise, it is possible for an organization to choose its officers from outside its membership. In many legislative bodies the presiding officer is not a member of the body. A large society with complex financial affairs may wish to employ a professional as treasurer.

   “An office carries with it only the rights necessary for executing the duties of the office, and it does not deprive a member of the society of his rights as a member. If a person holds an office in a society of which he is not a member and the bylaws make that officer an ex-officio member of the board, the nonmember is thereby a full-fledged board member with all the accompanying rights; but this does not make him a member of the society.”

21 LPLAC By-laws (as amended in 2013); Article 5, Officers; Section 3, Interim Removal and Appointment of Officers: "...In the case of an interim vacancy of county office, the Executive Board shall have the power to appoint a member to that office upon a majority vote at a regular Executive Board meeting."

22 Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th edition; p. 446, lines 4–17: "Because the voting body itself is the ultimate judge of election disputes, only that body has the authority to resolve them in the absence of a bylaw... or special rule of order that specifically grants another body that authority. Thus, for example, when an election has been conducted at a membership meeting or in a convention of delegates, an executive board, even one that is given full power and authority over the society’s affairs between meetings of the body that conducted the election, may not entertain a point of order challenging, or direct a recount concerning, the announced election result. While an election dispute is immediately pending before the voting body, however, it may vote to refer the dispute to a committee or board to which it delegates power to resolve the dispute.”

23 LPLAC By-laws; Article V, Officers; Section 2: Elections, Term of Office. “The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for one year or until their successors are elected....”

24 LPC Bylaws: Bylaw 9, Section 6.

25 Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, Chapter 1, Section 1, p. 3, lines 1–5.

26 LPLAC By-laws, Article III: Members: “The membership of the Party shall be all members of the Libertarian Party of California who reside in Los Angeles County, or who choose to affiliate with Los Angeles County.”

27 LPC Bylaw 9: County Organizations; Section 3: “County Central Committees shall conduct their business in any manner they choose consistent with these Bylaws and the national Bylaws.”

28 LPC Bylaw 9: County Organizations; Section 2.


30 LPC Bylaw 6: Membership Lists; Section 1: “The Executive Committee shall provide one copy of a County Central Committee’s membership list monthly to that county organization's Secretary or designated officer ... within ten days of a request....”

31 LPLAC By-laws; Article V, Officers; Section 2: Elections, Term of Office. “The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the
annual meeting at which they are elected...."

32 Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th ed., p. 263, lines 7–11: “A rule in the bylaws requiring that a vote—such as, for example, on the election of officers—be taken by (secret) ballot cannot be suspended, however, unless the bylaws so provide (see also Voting by Ballot, pp 412-13).”

33 Ibid., p. 416, lines 27–33.
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Submitted February 17, 2018

Elected by the Executive Committee on June 11, 2017 per the LPC Bylaws
Committee Chair: Kenneth Olsen
Members:
  Mimi Robson, Secretary
  José Castañeda
  Robert Imhoff (resigned on February 10, 2018)
  Boomer Shannon (removed by Executive Committee on December 10, 2017)
  Jennifer Imhoff (elected by Executive Committee on December 10, 2017)

Bylaws Committee

Committee Purpose

Bylaw 15: Committees

Section 2: Bylaws Committee

Not later than sixty days following the close of each convention, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Bylaws Committee of five State Central Committee members to recommend changes in these Bylaws and Convention Rules. The Bylaws Committee shall adopt its report not less than seventy days prior to the convention and the Secretary shall cause it to be published on the Party’s website not less than sixty days prior to the convention.

Executive Overview

In the initial meeting of the Bylaws Committee it was discussed and decided that this committee would take recommendations from the State’s Central Committee Members in developing the recommendations to be presented at the 2018 State Convention.

Proposals submitted to the Secretary at the 2017 State Convention that were not presented from the floor due to time constraints were the first amendments considered for inclusion in the final report. In addition the Committee held two meetings which all Central Committee Members were invited to attend and created an email where proposed amendments could be sent to the committee for consideration.

From the above referenced input, the Bylaws Committee has voted to present 13 Bylaw revisions and the deletion of 2 Bylaws as they are no longer relevant.
Meeting History

- 08/12/2017  Online Meeting via Google Hangouts
- 09/15/2017  Online Meeting via Google Hangouts
- 11/11/2017  820 W Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA
- 12/09/2017  110 West Fremont Street, Stockton, CA
- 01/27/2018  Online Meeting via Zoom Meeting
- 02/10/2018  Online Meeting via Zoom Meeting

Style and Changes Guide

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I. Recommendation: Area Coordinators

Background
Currently the state is divided into two regions, the Northern Region and the Southern Region with two Vice-Chair positions (Northern Vice-Chair and Southern Vice-Chair) which are responsible for organizing the counties in their respective regions. At the 2017 Convention a motion was presented from the floor by Kenneth Brent Olsen to amend the Bylaws to create an additional Vice-Chair position (Central Vice-Chair) and divide the state into three regions. Debate ensued and a Substitute Motion was made to refer the proposal back to the Bylaws Committee for further consideration as this Bylaw Amendment would affect several portions of the Bylaws. The Substitute Motion passed therefore the current Bylaws Committee was tasked with preparing a proposal to be included in the Bylaws Report that will be presented to the Voting Delegates at the 2018 Convention.

Reason
California is comprised of 58 counties and in the current configuration each Vice-Chair position is responsible for organizing and developing county affiliates in their respective regions. The Southern Vice-Chair is responsible for 10 counties while the Northern Vice-Chair is responsible for 48 counties which cover several 100 miles. Because of the large number of counties and the amount of area that each region covers it makes it very difficult for each of the Vice-Chairs.

Several options were investigated with included a proposal splitting the state into three areas and a proposal for splitting the state into five different areas.

After looking carefully at several different options, as well as soliciting input by all Central Committee Members via email, the Bylaws Committee determined that adding an additional Officer position and the total number of the Executive Committee to 16 didn't make sense (as it presented the possibility for tied votes). Therefore it was determined that the best option would be to delete the Northern and Southern Vice-Chair positions and instead create a single Vice-Chair which would have the traditional role of acting as an assistant to the Chair and taking over the responsibilities of the Chair if for any reason the Chair cannot fulfill their role. Three new positions would be created and would be Area Coordinators for the three areas of California; the Northern, Central and Southern areas. It was also determined that the total number of the Executive Committee should remain as 15 members so this proposal will also eliminate two At-Large Representative Positions.

Impact
This proposal will insure that the state will be better able to help and serve each county affiliate in terms of organizing and becoming affiliated with the state party.
Proposed Amendment

The Bylaws Committee voted to recommend a yes vote on this proposal with the following motion:

Robert Imhoff moved with second to vote yes to either the 3 or 5 region proposal. The vote was 4 in favor of 3 regions (Olsen, Robson, J. Imhoff and R. Imhoff) 1 vote in favor of the 5 region proposal (Castañeda) 1/27/17

Bylaw 9: County Organizations

Section 4

The appropriate Vice-Chair Area Coordinator may appoint a county Chair Pro Tem for any county in which there is no active county organization. It shall be the responsibility of said Chair Pro Tem to promote the development of a county organization within that county.

Bylaw 10: Officers

Section 1

The Party officers shall consist of a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Northern Vice-Chair, a Southern Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. All of these officers shall be elected for two-year terms, beginning in odd-numbered years at an annual convention of the State Central Committee of the Party, by attending delegates, and shall take office immediately upon the close of such convention.

Only delegates from a specific region may vote for candidates for Vice-Chair of that region.

Section 4

The Vice-Chairs shall act as assistants to the Chair, performing such duties as the Chair shall prescribe, shall perform the duties of the Chair in the event that the Chair is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office. The Northern Vice-Chair shall reside in the northern half of the state, and the Southern Vice-Chair shall reside in the southern half of the state, (with the state divided at the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino counties). Each Vice-Chair shall be responsible for coordinating activities in their respective halves of the state.

Bylaw 12: Executive Committee

Section 1

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the control and management of all of the affairs, properties and funds of the Party consistent with these Bylaws, and any resolutions which may be adopted in convention. The Executive
Committee may endorse any registered Libertarian candidate for public office, or it may rescind its endorsement of any candidate for public office.

The Executive Committee of the Party shall be composed of the following members of the State Central Committee:

C. The five four elected officers of the Party;

D. Three Area Coordinators. The Northern Area Coordinator shall be affiliated in a county in the northern area of the state, the Southern Area Coordinator shall be affiliated in a county in the southern area of the state, and the Central Area Coordinator shall be affiliated in a county in the central area of the state (with the state divided as follows: The southern area shall be the 6 southern counties which end at Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties; the central area shall be the 21 counties which begin north of the southern boundary and extend to the northern boundaries of Santa Cruz, San Benito, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Amador and Alpine counties; and the northern area shall be the 31 counties that begin north of the central boundaries). Each Area Coordinator shall be responsible for coordinating activities in their respective area of the state elected for two-year terms.

E. Ten Eight at-large members, five four elected for two-year terms at each convention; and

F. Two alternates, each elected for one-year terms. There will be free substitution of alternates in ranked order at the Executive Committee Meetings.

CONVENTION RULES

Rule 5: Agenda

E. Elections, in the following order:

1. In odd-numbered years, Party officers and Area Coordinators, and in even-numbered years to fill the unexpired terms of vacated Party officers or Area Coordinators:

Rule 12: Election of Party Officers

Section 1

Delegates shall nominate and elect Party officers in the following order: Chair, Northern Vice-Chair, Southern Vice-Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 3
For the offices of Vice-Chair, delegates from each office’s respective regions shall give the nominating and seconding speeches.

Add Rule 13 and renumber:

**Rule 13: Election of Area Coordinators**

For the offices of Area Coordinators, delegates from each office’s respective area shall make nominations from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech and one seconding speech, made by delegates. The total time for both speeches shall not exceed five minutes. After delegates give the nominating and seconding speeches, the candidate may then speak for a maximum of five minutes.

Elections will be conducted using Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). For each office, to be elected to the office, a candidate shall receive a majority vote of all of the ballots cast. Delegates from each office’s respective areas may rank their candidate choices on their ballots in order of preference, such as First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice, and so on. Delegates shall turn in all individual ballots to the Secretary. In cases in which no candidate receives a majority of First Choice votes, the candidate with the least number of votes shall be eliminated and his or her ballots redistributed to the remaining candidates according to the next choice indicated on those ballots and the ballots are recounted. If no candidate yet has a majority of votes, the process of eliminating the candidate with the least number of votes, redistributing according to the next choice on those ballots and then recounting, shall be repeated until one candidate has a majority. Lack of a majority vote for one candidate or a majority vote for “None of the Above” shall cause nominations for that office to be reopened.

Bylaws as they will read after all amendments: (included for clarity)

**Bylaw 9: County Organizations**

*Section 4*

The appropriate Area Coordinator may appoint a county Chair Pro Tem for any county in which there is no active county organization. It shall be the responsibility of said Chair Pro Tem to promote the development of a county organization within that county.

**Bylaw 10: Officers**

*Section 1*

The Party officers shall consist of a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. All of these officers shall be elected for two-year terms, beginning in
odd-numbered years at an annual convention of the State Central Committee of the Party, by attending delegates, and shall take office immediately upon the close of such convention.

**Section 4**

The Vice-Chair shall act as an assistant to the Chair, performing such duties as the Chair shall prescribe, shall perform the duties of the Chair in the event that the Chair is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office.

**Bylaw 12: Executive Committee**

**Section 1**

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II. Recommendation: Parliamentary Authority

No-Debate Item

Reason
Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised (10th ed.) is no longer the most recent version. This amendment would automatically update to the most recent revision of Robert’s Rules of Order, to remain current with the latest revisions to the rules of parliamentary authority, without requiring additional bylaw amendments in the future.

Impact
Those not familiar with the current edition of RONR may have to purchase new materials and study changes from the previous edition.

Proposed Amendment
The Bylaws Committee voted to recommend a yes vote on this proposal with a vote of 4-0 (Olsen, Robson, R. Imhoff, Castañeda)

Bylaw 28: Parliamentary Authority

The current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised (10th ed.) shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by these Bylaws.

Convention Rule 1: (Delete and Renumber)

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III. Recommendation: Electronic Communications

No-Debate Item

Reason

This amendment would update the bylaws to allow for electronic communications and eliminate the outdated fax communications currently contained in the bylaws. This allows for inclusion of the use of current and future forms of electronic communications and would eliminate the need to further update the bylaws with the advancement of electronic communication technology in the future.

Impact

This definition change would allow for additional means of communication as the technology evolves.

Proposed Amendment

The Bylaws Committee voted to recommend a yes vote on this proposal with a vote of 3-0 (Olsen, Robson, R. Imhoff)

Bylaw 4: Definitions

E. All references in these Bylaws and Convention Rules to “mail,” “written notification,” or similar terms shall be considered to include email or fax electronic communications.
IV. Recommendation: Bylaws Committee

Reason

Currently there is no direction in the Bylaws or Operating Procedures Manual as to how the Bylaws Committee should conduct its business. Also, in the recent past no Bylaws Committee Report was presented at the Convention as the committee was unable to meet the stringent requirement of having its report finalized 70 days prior to the convention.

This amendment would allow for the Bylaws Committee to have a meeting closer to the time of the convention and would require the Bylaws Committee to have a minimum of one meeting in person, which would be open to all Central Committee members. This would allow more involvement and feedback from the Central Committee in the process, including suggestions of bylaw revisions and feedback on suggested amendments being considered by the Bylaws Committee.

Impact

With the revision changing the deadline to complete the report to 30 days it will make it more likely that a Bylaws Committee Report is presented at each convention. And requiring a minimum of one physical meeting open to all Central Committee Members will insure complete transparency in the process.

Proposed Amendment

The Bylaws Committee voted to recommend a yes vote on this proposal with a vote of 3-0 (Olsen, Robson, R. Imhoff)

Bylaw 15: Committees

Section 2: Bylaws Committee

Not later than sixty days following the close of each convention, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Bylaws Committee of five State Central Committee members to recommend changes in these Bylaws and Convention Rules. The Bylaws Committee shall adopt its report not less than seventy thirty days prior to the convention and the Secretary shall cause it to be published on the Party’s website not less than sixty fifteen days prior to the convention.

The Bylaws Committee shall hold a minimum of one in-person meeting that is open to all Central Committee Members. The Committee Chair shall notify the Secretary a minimum of 30 days prior to this meeting and the Secretary shall publish the meeting information on the Party’s Website.
V. Recommendation: Platform Committee

Reason
This clears up the bylaw for the establishment of the Platform Committee as it would eliminate the requirement that each County Central Committee must send one delegate but would allow them to send one. It would also provide more time for a coordinator to organize and coordinate discussions on amendments to the platform by the committee.

Impact
This will give the Platform Committee 60 additional days to form a committee and begin the work of evaluating and modifying the platform.

Proposed Amendment
The Bylaws Committee voted to recommend a yes vote on this proposal with a vote of 4-0 (Olsen, Robson, R. Imhoff, Castañeda)

Bylaw 15: Committees

Section 3 Platform Committee
The Platform Committee shall consist of a coordinator and up to one delegate from each County Central Committee. A coordinator shall be appointed by the Executive Committee at least thirty ninety days before each convention. The county delegates shall be selected at least thirty days prior to the convention in such a manner as each County Central Committee shall provide.
VI. Recommendation: Membership Term

No-Debate Item

Reason

Under the current bylaws only a one year or lifetime option is available however the party has been offering multiple year memberships for quite some time; therefore we have been in violation of our Bylaws and that needs to be corrected.

Impact

There would be no impact as we have already been offering multiple year members which have led to greater membership retention.

Proposed Amendment

The Bylaws Committee voted to recommend a yes vote on this proposal with a vote of 4-0 (Olsen, Robson, R. Imhoff, J. Imhoff)

Bylaw 7: Dues Sharing

Section 4: Duration of Membership

Annual membership dues are good from the date the collecting organization receives the dues payment donation, or from the date of payment to an online payment service, until the end last day of that month one year later at the end of the membership term. Annual membership can be renewed for no more than one year from the end of the month in which the dues are collected.
VII. Recommendation: Election of Party Officers Proposal

Reason
Currently the Bylaws require voting by county delegations; however this is no longer relevant as we now allow all Central Committee Members to be voting delegates at the convention.

In addition, it has been common practice that a motion to Suspend the Rules to allow a voice vote when there is only one candidate for a given position so there seems to be no reason to require suspension of a rule that is no longer followed.

Impact
There would be little to no impact as we no longer cast votes by county and typically votes are cast as voice votes when only one candidate is running.

Proposed Amendment
The Bylaws Committee voted to recommend a yes vote on this proposal with a vote of 3-0 (Olsen, Robson, R. Imhoff)

Rule 12: Election of Party Officers

Section 2
Delegates shall make nominations from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech and one seconding speech, made by delegates. The total time for both speeches shall not exceed five minutes. After delegates give the nominating and seconding speeches, the candidate may then speak for a maximum of ten minutes.

Elections will be conducted using Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). For each office, to be elected to the office, a candidate shall receive a majority vote of all of the ballots cast. Delegates may rank their candidate choices on their ballots in order of preference, such as First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice, and so on.

Delegates shall turn in all individual ballots to the Secretary, along with county tabulations of First Choice votes. In cases in which no candidate receives a majority of First Choice votes, the candidate with the least number of votes shall be eliminated and his or her ballots redistributed to the remaining candidates according to the next choice indicated on those ballots and the ballots are recounted. If no candidate yet has a majority of votes, the process of eliminating the candidate with the least number of votes, redistributing according to the next choice on those ballots and then recounting, shall be repeated until one candidate has a majority. Lack of a majority vote for one candidate or a majority vote for “None of the Above” shall cause nominations for that office to be reopened.

If there is only one candidate for an office, the election will be conducted by voice vote, with the choice between the candidate and None of the Above.
VIII. Recommendation: Bylaw Amendments

Reason
In the past, many Bylaws Amendments made from the floor were not considered or failed due to delegates leaving the floor, making it difficult to get a two-thirds vote of all registered delegates. This amendment doesn't change the two-thirds vote requirement but only requires two-thirds of the delegates on the floor.

Impact
This Amendment decreases the chance of losing quorum during the convention therefore making it more likely to complete party business as specified in the Bylaws.

Proposed Amendment
The Bylaws Committee voted to recommend a yes vote on this proposal with a vote of 3–0 (Olsen, Robson, R. Imhoff)

Bylaw 26: Amendment of Bylaws
Except as indicated in a particular Bylaw, these Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of all the registered delegates at a convention with previous notice. Bylaws changes proposed from the convention floor without prior notice, or substantive, non-technical amendments made to the Bylaws Committee Report by the Bylaws Committee subsequent to the report adoption deadline, shall require a two-thirds vote of those voting, but no less than a majority of registered delegates to pass.
IX. Recommendation: Registration of Convention Delegates

Reason
Currently delegates register at the start of the convention and specify which days they plan on attending, however often times thing come up such that delegates that stated they would be in attendance both days don't show up on the second day or they do show up but only checked the box for one day. Due to this issue additional time must be spent each morning determining the number of voting delegates for that day's credentials report.

Impact
This will make tallying the registered delegates more efficient and increase accuracy of quorum count to allow the transaction of business in a more efficient manner.

Proposed Amendment
The Bylaws Committee voted to recommend a yes vote on this proposal with a vote of 4-0 (Olsen, Robson, R. Imhoff, J. Imhoff)

Rule 3: Registration of Delegates

Section 3
Delegates shall signify the effective days of their registrations register each day of the convention. Each day's quorum shall be a simple majority of those delegates registered for that day.
Recommendation: Election of At-Large Members

Reason
In the past, a motion to Suspend the Rules has been made to allow nominees for At-Large positions to speak to their nomination. This amendment would reduce the amount of time each at-large executive committee member candidate’s nomination speech is by one minute, but would also give the candidate two minutes to speak on their own behalf.

Impact
It adds an additional minute of speaking time per nomination but allows the candidate to speak to their nomination.

Proposed Amendment
The Bylaws Committee voted to recommend a yes vote on this proposal with a vote of 3-0 (Olsen, Robson, R. Imhoff)

Rule 13: Election of At-Large Executive Committee Members
Delegates shall make nominations for the at-large Executive Committee members from the floor. All State Central Committee members shall be eligible for nomination. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech no longer than three two minutes, made by a delegate, and each candidate may also speak for no longer than two minutes. The election shall be conducted in the following manner:
XI. **Recommendation: Write-in Votes for Partisan Office**

**Reason**

Although this may have been an issue in the past it is no longer relevant as the State of California no longer has direct partisan primaries.

This amendment would streamline the bylaws and make them more practical by removing a bylaw that does not conform to California election laws and which is not allowable in practice.

**Impact**

None

**Proposed Deletion (Delete and Renumber)**

The Bylaws Committee voted to recommend a yes vote on this proposal with a vote of 3-0 (Olsen, Robson, R. Imhoff)

**Bylaw 18: Write-In Votes for Partisan Office**

A person seeking the Party nomination for a partisan office by write-in votes in the direct primary election shall be deemed nominated and shall have his or her name printed on the general election ballot as Libertarian Party nominee if both of the following conditions are met:

E. He or she receives more votes than anyone else for the Libertarian Party's nomination for that office, and

F. He or she receives a total number of votes in the Libertarian Party direct primary election for that office equal to the number of signatures that he or she would have needed in order to have qualified to appear on the Party’s primary ballot per the California Elections Code, Sec. 8062.

This Bylaw shall supersede the California Elections Code, Sec. 8605, for Libertarian Party direct primary nominations by write-in votes.
XII. Recommendation: Nomination for Partisan Public Office

Reason

Although this may have been an issue in the past it is no longer relevant as the State of California no longer has direct partisan primaries.

This amendment would streamline the bylaws and make them more practical by removing a bylaw that does not conform to California election laws and which is not allowable in practice.

Impact

None

Proposed Deletion (Delete and Renumber)

The Bylaws Committee voted to recommend a yes vote on this proposal with a vote of 3-0 (Olsen, Robson, R. Imhoff)

Bylaw 22: Nomination for Partisan Public Office

Section 1

Unless otherwise necessitated by the laws of the state of California, or by decision of the Executive Committee, nominations for partisan office shall be made by statewide nominating convention and by district caucus.

C. Nomination for statewide office shall be made by a statewide nominating convention.

D. Nomination for U.S. House of Representatives, California State Legislature, and California State Board of Equalization shall be made by district caucus.

Section 2

The Executive Committee shall set the date of the statewide nominating convention. The convention shall be governed by Bylaw 19, Sections 2 and 4, and by Bylaw 28. Unless a statewide nominating convention is held at the regular state convention, no other business shall be conducted at the statewide nominating convention.

Section 3

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for determining which county Party organizations shall be responsible for organizing the caucus nominations for particular House of Representatives, State Legislature, and Board of Equalization seats.
Section 4
The Executive Committee shall set the dates of the district caucuses. County organizations shall be responsible for preparing their own rules governing nominations for House of Representatives, State Legislature, and Board of Equalization seats, but such rules shall provide for advance notice of at least thirty days to all County Central Committee members in the districts of the time and place of their nominating caucuses.

Section 5
The Chair shall forward a list of all candidates nominated in convention and caucuses to the Secretary of State no later than thirty days after the convention or caucuses.

Section 6
In the event the Party is legally required to participate in primary elections, only Party members shall be eligible to vote in the primary.
XIII. Recommendation: National Committee Regional Representative

Reason

Although historically there has been greater representation of California to the LNC, currently California is allowed one representative. This amendment would allow for the delegates at the state convention to elect whatever number is allowable to represent California to the LNC, per the LNC rules.

Impact

None

Proposed Amendment

The Bylaws Committee voted to recommend a yes vote on this proposal with a vote of 3-0 (Olsen, Robson, R. Imhoff)

Bylaw 17: National Committee Regional Representation

Section 2

Delegates to each Party convention that immediately precedes a national convention shall elect **two** representatives to the LNC. Those elected representatives shall replace previous representatives and take office as soon as consistent with the LP Bylaws and the provisions of the current LNC Representation Agreement. The Party Secretary shall report the election results to the Chair and Secretary of the LNC without delay.
XIV. Recommendation: Executive Committee Electronic Meetings

Reason
Currently mail and email motions are the only means that the Executive Committee has to transact business in between meetings and doesn't allow utilizing newer technologies. This amendment would allow the Executive Committee to more easily and effectively use electronic communications options to conduct their business as well as complete email ballots in a more efficient manner.

Impact
This amendment would allow for a more productive means of doing business throughout the year rather than only conducting business during the four business meetings each year.

Proposed Amendment
The Bylaws Committee voted to recommend a yes vote on this proposal with a vote of 3-0 (Olsen, Robson, R. Imhoff)

Bylaw 12: Executive Committee

Section 4
The Executive Committee may, without meeting together, transact business by mail by voting on questions submitted by the Secretary at the request of at least two members of the Executive Committee. Unless a secret ballot is requested when the question is moved, which will require either postal mail ballots or technical capabilities beyond standard e-mail, all such votes shall be counted and recorded by the Secretary as Roll Call votes. The Executive Committee will complete voting any time after forty-eight hours from the transmission time of the mail ballot. transact business by email balloting when a motion is moved and seconded via email. All votes shall be counted and recorded by the secretary as roll call votes. E-mail motions will require the same number of votes as motions made at regular meetings. Alternates may vote, but their vote won't be counted unless a corresponding at-large member fails to cast a ballot. Voting will end when the required number of votes is received in favor of or opposed to the motion, or in 120 hours, whichever occurs first. Up until the vote is finalized, a member or alternate may change their vote.

The Executive Committee may also transact business by telephone conference or other electronic communications where the members can meet in real time. In such meetings, the normal rules of the committee apply as to quorums and voting. At least 7 days’ notice is required if business is to be transacted in such a fashion.
A. If the motion has received Yea votes from two-thirds of the Executive Committee members, or  
B. If the motion has received Nay votes from two-thirds of the Executive Committee members, or  
C. After one hundred twenty hours in all other cases.

An alternate's vote will not be counted towards the two-thirds requirement unless it is definitely known that a corresponding voting member will not be participating. Members may change their vote up to the close of the voting period. If, at the expiration of the applicable period, a quorum of the Executive Committee has not voted, the measure being voted upon shall be deemed to have failed.

The Secretary shall preserve all such votes until the next meeting of the Executive Committee at which meeting the Executive Committee shall order the disposition of such votes. keep a record of the motions and votes from email and telephone balloting, and make them available in the same fashion as minutes from Executive Committee meetings.
**XV. Recommendation: National Convention Alternate Delegates**

**Reason**

The LPC requires that a Central Committee Member be active for 90 days to be a voting delegate at our state convention but only 30 days to be a National Convention Alternate. Changing the requirement to 90 days to be a National Delegate puts the two portions of the Bylaws in agreement and will make it less likely for infiltration of the party at the last minute by out-of-state delegates.

**Impact**

Will increase the participation of in-state Delegates to the National Convention and alleviate issues that arise when out-of-state delegates join the state party at the last minute for voting rights with the California Delegation.

**Proposed Amendment**

The Bylaws Committee voted to recommend a yes vote on this proposal with a vote of 4-1; 4 in favor (Olsen, Robson, R. Imhoff, J. Imhoff), 1 opposed (Castañeda)

*note* Castañeda was in favor of increasing the number to 120 days prior to the National Convention.

**Bylaw 25: National Convention Alternates**

In the event that duly selected California delegates or alternates are unable to attend or be seated at the national convention for which they were selected, additional alternates may be selected by a two-thirds vote of the California delegates and alternates then registered at the national convention.

A. Those members seeking additional alternate status under this section shall have been a State Central Committee member at least thirty ninety days prior to the national convention.