Libertarian Party of California
Executive Committee Minutes

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Call to Order

Chair, Mimi Robson, called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m.

Roll Call

A quorum of the Executive Committee was present with the following voting members:

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<th>Officers</th>
<th>At-Large Members</th>
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<td>Mimi Robson, Chair</td>
<td>Alex Appleby, At-Large (arrived at 10:47 a.m.)</td>
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<td>Kenneth Brent Olsen, Northern Vice Chair</td>
<td>Chuck Hamm, At-Large</td>
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<td>Jonathan Jaech Southern Vice Chair</td>
<td>Wendy Hewitt, At-Large</td>
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<td>Steven Haug, Treasurer</td>
<td>Rebecca Lau, At-Large</td>
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<td>Boomer Shannon, At-Large</td>
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<td>Mark Hinkle, At-Large</td>
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At-Large Alternates

Gail Lightfoot (left at 3:13 p.m.)
Mark Herd (arrived at 10:26 a.m.)

Members Not Present

Angela McArdle, Secretary
Eduardo Flores, At-Large
Tyler Kuskie, At-Large
Justin Quigley, At-Large

The following guests were in attendance:

Joshua Smith, Brandon Nelson, Mark Romain, David Naranjo, Mark Reynolds, Paul Valandingham, Justin Emshoff, Tim Ferreira, Jose Castaneda
Adoption of Agenda

**Motion:** Kenneth Brent Olsen moved with second to amend the agenda by adding the Affiliate Support Committee Report to the agenda before the Operating Procedures Manual.

**Motion:** Boomer Shannon moved with second to adopt the agenda as amended.

**Vote:** Hearing no objections, the agenda was adopted as amended.

Public Comment

Joshua Smith and Marc Romain gave public comment.

The public comment is available at https://www.facebook.com/LPCalifornia/videos/2185500805005663/

**Motion:** Wendy Hewitt moved with second to approve the minutes from the last executive committee meeting via email motion.

**Vote:** Hearing no objection, the motion passed.

Officer’s Report

Chair’s Report:

Chair Mimi Robson submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix A) presented an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

Northern Vice-Chair’s Report:

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

Southern Vice-Chair’s Report:

Jonathan Jaech, Southern Vice-Chair, submitted a written report after the conclusion of the meeting (see Appendix C), presented an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

**Motion:** Brent moved with second to extend time on the Southern Vice Chair’s Report by 5 minutes.

**Vote:** With one objection, the motion passed.

**Motion:** Jonathan Jaech moved to turn off the live stream. The motion failed for a lack of second.
Secretary’s Report:

Angela McArdle, Secretary, submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix D), but was not present at the meeting. Chair Mimi Robson read the report and fielded questions at the meeting.

Affiliate Support Committee Meeting:

David Naranjo, Chair of the Affiliate Support Committee, submitted a written report (see Appendix E), presented an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

Operating Procedures Manual

**Motion:** Kenneth Brent Olsen moved with second to adopt the following addition to the Operating Procedures Manual under Standing Committees:

Volunteer Coordination

This Committee shall be made up of five members who shall be appointed by the Chair. This Committee shall be responsible for coordinating volunteers, assisting the Chair and the Executive Committee in finding candidates to be appointed to Committees described in the Libertarian Party of California Operating Procedures Manual and Bylaws, and assist the various Committees and the Chair in finding volunteers for activities and working groups designed by the various Committees or the Chair. This Committee shall be appointed by the Chair within fourteen days of the last day of business of the Libertarian Party of California’s annual convention.

Kenneth Brent Olsen called the question and Jonathan Jaech objected to calling the question.

**Vote:** With 7 in favor, the question was called.

**Point of Information:** Boomer Shannon asked for the motion to be stated aloud. The Chair read the motion aloud.

**Vote:** By a show of hands, the motion passed, 6 – 4.

**Motion:** Kenneth Brent Olsen moved with second to strike the second paragraph under Office on page 7 as follows:

Office Main Office: The Sacramento Office, located at 770 L Street #950, Sacramento, CA 95814 shall be retained as the LPC main mailing address. (07/12/2017)

Regional Offices: The Southern Vice-Chair and the Northern Vice-Chair be given a budgetary line item for the purpose of securing and maintaining offices for hosting and supporting the activities of the party, affiliates and its endorsed candidates in the amount of $400 per month each. (05/14/2016)

**Motion:** Boomer Shannon moved with second to extend time by 3 minutes.

**Vote:** Hearing no objection, the motion passed.
Vote on Original Motion: By a show of hands, the motion passes 6-4.

Treasurer’s Report:

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

Motion: Boomer moved with second to table the Financial Standards Committee Report to after lunch.

Rebecca Lau objected.

Vote: By a show of hands, the motion passed 10 – 2.

Recessed and Reconvened for Lunch 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 1:44 p.m.

Financial Standards Committee Report

Tim Ferreira, Chair of the Affiliate Support Committee, provided an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

Membership Committee Report

Mark Hinkle, Chair of the Membership Committee, provided an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

Bylaws Committee Report

Kenneth Brent Olsen, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, submitted a written report in advance (See Appendix G), presented an oral report, and fielded questions at the meeting.

Platform Committee Report:

John Ward, Chair of the Platform Committee, submitted a written report in advance (See Appendix H). Chuck Hamm provided an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

Boomer Shannon called for orders of the day.

Candidate Support Committee Report

Mimi Robson, Chair of the Candidate Support Committee, submitted a written report in advance (See Appendix I), provided an oral report, and fielded questions at the meeting.
Motion: Chair Mimi Robson moved with second to change the Operating Procedures Manual as follows:

Candidate Support Committee
Per Bylaw 16 the LPC shall establish at least one campaign fund which funds shall be allocated to candidates of the Libertarian Party, therefore The Libertarian Party of California Candidate Support Committee (LPC CSC) shall be formed to raise money to support qualified Libertarian candidates in California and/or support campaign publicity not specifically promoting an individual candidacy. (07/20/2006)

The Treasurer of this Committee shall not be an officer of the LPC, shall serve a term contemporaneous with the term of the Treasurer of the LPC, and shall be the Assistant Treasurer of the LPC FPPC Committee. (02/09/2019)

The members of the LPC CSC and the Treasurer shall be appointed by the Chair, who will also determine the number of members the Committee will consist of. (06/11/2017)

The Candidate Support Committee shall be charged with:

1) Determining which non-federal candidates to support

2) Review the unrestricted account records for accuracy and assist the LPC’s treasurer with timely filing of Fair Political Practice Commission (FPPC) reports (02/09/2019)

Brent called the question.

Vote: The motion passed 10 – 0, by roll call vote.

Voting Yes:
Boomer Shannon
Jonathan Jaech
Mark Hinkle
Wendy Hewitt
Alex Appleby
Chuck Hamm
Gail Lightfoot
Kenneth Brent Olsen
Steven Haug
Rebecca Lau
Volunteer Committee

Paul Valandigham, Chair of the Volunteer Committee, submitted a written report in advance (See Appendix ), presented an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

2019 Convention Committee Report

Kenneth Brent Olsen, Chair of the Convention Committee, submitted a written report in advance (See Appendix ), presented an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

Boomer Shannon called for orders of the day.

Social Media Report

Kenneth Brent Olsen, Chair of the Social Media Committee, submitted a report in advance (see Appendix I) and fielded questions at the meeting.

Historical Preservation Committee Report

Joe Dehn, Chair of the Historical Preservation Committee, submitted a written report in advance. Brent provided an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

Motion: Jonathan Jaech moved with second to add all historical bylaws to the LPC website with no objections.

Website Committee Report

Justin Emshoff, Chair of the Website Committee, submitted a written report in advance, provided an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

IT Committee Report

Justin Emshoff, Chair of the IT Committee, submitted a written report in advance, provided an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

LNC Report

Jeff Hewitt, LNC Region 4 Representative, submitted a report in advance, provided an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

Newsletter Report

There was no report submitted for the newsletter.
Northern and Southern Office Reports

Kenneth Brent Olsen, Northern Vice Chair, submitted a written report in advance, provided an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

Jonathan Jaech, Southern Vice Chair, provided an oral report and fielded questions at the meeting.

2020 Convention Proposal

Thom Taylor submitted a written proposal for the 2020 LPC Convention in advance. Chair Mimi Robson presented the proposal and fielded questions at the meeting.

Motion: Kenneth Brent Olsen moved with second to accept Thom Taylor’s 2020 convention proposal.

Vote: The motion passed 8-0-1 by a show of hands.

Resolutions

Mark Herd presented the following resolution:

Whereas on August 27, 2017, the Judicial Committee of the Libertarian Party of California ruled on the matter of Dovner v. Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County;

Whereas, the complaint of Dovner was regarding the election held at the annual meeting of the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County on June 17, 2017;

Whereas, the complaint was made against the Los Angeles Affiliate;

Whereas, the Judicial Committee only allowed input from the Chair of the Los Angeles Affiliate;

Whereas, three individuals, Frank Chau, Bill Lopes, and Merritt Obdycke, were named in the complaint and were not allowed to participate in the Judicial Committee proceedings;

Whereas, the Libertarian Party of California believes that only individuals have rights and that there are no group rights or community rights;

Whereas, the Libertarian Party of California believes that all persons should be equal under the law and entitled to due process of law;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California believes justice was not served in not allowing the three above-named individuals to participate in the Judicial Committee’s process.
Be it further resolved that the Libertarian Party of California should applaud activists, not put them under scrutiny.

Be it further resolved that the three above-named individuals be applauded for their volunteerism and activism.

Be it further resolved that the above-named individuals were unjustly targeted and that the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California repudiate the decision made by the Judicial Committee in regards to this matter.

**Motion:** Mark Herd moved with second to adopt the Resolution.

**Motion:** Jonathan Jaech moved with second to amend the motion to amend the last paragraph of the resolution as follows: Be it further resolved that the executive committee of the Libertarian Party of California repudiate the decision of the Judicial Committee in regards to this matter.

Jonathan called the question on the amendment

**Vote on amendment:** By a show of hands, the amendment passed 7-0-2.

Boomer Shannon called the question on the main motion.

**Vote:** By a show of hands, the motion passed 6-2-2.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Mark Hinkle recommended writing the state party write ballot arguments

Tyler Braaten, Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party of Kings County, submitted a request for monetary assistance to reach out to registered Libertarians in his county via a mailer.

Boomer Shannon called for orders of the day.

**Motion:** Boomer Shannon moved with second to approve up to $300 in matching funds for a mailing to be sent out to registered voters in Kings County, provided the Libertarian Party of California’s Executive Committee could see statistics on the results of the mailing.

**Motion:** Mark Herd moved with second to amend the motion to include that the mailer can’t have any specific information about any specific candidate
Vote on amendment: Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Vote: The main motion passed 8-1-1, via roll call vote.

Voting Yes:  
Boomer Shannon  
Jonathan Jaech  
Mark Herd  
Wendy Hewitt  
Alex Appleby  
Chuck Hamm  
Steven Haug  
Mark Hinkle

Voting No:  
Rebecca Lau

Abstention:  
Kenneth Brent Olsen

Action Items

The budget has not been revised.  
Equipment has not been inventoried yet.  
Tim Ferreira will take over audio video requirements for the 2019 state convention.  
Kenneth Brent Olsen reminded the executive committee members to send in conflict of interest statements.

Set Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in Concord, California, on April 7, 2019, at Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Adjournment

Alex Appleby moved with second to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.  
The Executive Committee was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela McArdle  
Secretary, Libertarian Party of California