

Libertarian Party of California Executive Committee Minutes



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Call to Order

Chair Mimi Robson, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. on April 7, 2019 in the Walnut-Cedar-Maple room of the Crowne Plaza Concord-Walnut Creek Hotel, Concord, CA.

Roll Call

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

Officers:

Mimi Robson, Chair
Kenneth Brent Olsen, Vice-Chair
Paul Vallandigham, Secretary
Steven Haug, Treasurer

At-Large Members:

Rick Dawson
Chuck Hamm (left meeting at 6:08 pm)
Rebecca Lau
Kalish Morrow
Jason Quintero
Boomer Shannon
Kevin Shaw
Joshua Smith

Area Coordinators:

Brandon Nelson,
Northern Area Coordinator
Justin Quigley, Central Area Coordinator

At-Large Alternates

Jillian Olsen (seated at 6:08 pm)
Devin Harris

Members Not Present

Wendy Hewitt, Southern Area Coordinator

The following guests were in attendance:

Starchild, San Francisco County
Tim Ferreira, Los Angeles County
David Naranjo, Orange County
Susan Aquino, Ventura County

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was not printed, so Chair Robson read it aloud as follows:

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Conflict of Interest
- Officers Report
- Operating Procedures Manual
- Operations Committee Elections
- Financial Standards Committee Elections
- 2019 Convention Committee Report
- Set Next Meeting
- Adjourn

Motion to Approve Agenda as read was made by Member Hamm with no objections.

Tim Ferreira requested to speak, no members objected. Mr. Ferrero asked that someone on the Committee take delivery of the Party audio-visual equipment (used for the immediately-preceding convention) into their possession. Treasurer Haug agreed to do so if Mr. Ferreira would deliver it to his home. Mr. Ferreira agreed to do so.

Conflicts of Interest

Vice Chair Olsen suggested all members provide a list of Conflicts of Interest to the Secretary prior to departing this meeting and provided his own list. Discussion ensued. Chair Robson noted that submission of Conflict of Interest information is already required of Executive Committee members per the Operating Procedures Manual as adopted by the previous Executive Committee during a previous meeting. Chair Robson suggested submission via email would be adequate. Secretary Vallandigham provided his email address to facilitate conveyance of Conflict of Interest information.

Officer Reports

Chair Robson had no report at this time.

Vice-Chair Olsen (newly elected) reported he was exhausted.

Secretary Paul Vallandigham (newly elected) had no report at this time.

Treasurer Steven Haug reported that “this convention has knocked it out of the park”, stating there was approximately \$65,000.00 in LPC bank accounts on the Thursday prior to the convention. Based on donations and other payments received during the convention, he estimated the total in LPC bank accounts after paying for all convention-related expenses will be over \$70,000.00. Chair Robson stated that based on historical records for LPC Conventions, the bank balance typically fell by approximately \$20,000 after the convention expenses were paid, so a net increase in the bank balance was not something that had happened in the records we have.

Starchild suggested setting aside funds earned via the immediately preceding convention for use to fund initial costs of the next convention. Chair Robson explained that money has already been allocated in the budget for exactly that purpose, so no further set aside is necessary.

Operating Procedures Manual (OPM)

Motion: Vice Chair Olsen moved to amend the OPM to include a new Standing Committee, with second, as follows:

County Organization Support Committee

This committee shall be made up of seven members: the Vice Chair, the three Area Coordinators, and three members to be selected by the chair, including one who is affiliated with a county in the Southern Area, one who is affiliated with a county in the Central Area, and one who is affiliated with a county in the Northern Area. This committee shall be responsible for providing the county affiliates support in growing and developing a sustainable process and also in providing the appointed Chair Pro Tems support in organizing their affiliates, and the Area Coordinators support in finding suitable candidate to be appointed Chair Pro Tem.

Member Shannon called the question with no objections.

Vote: The motion passed by voice vote.

Member Hamm reported he needed to leave the meeting. Alternate At Large Ms. Olsen was seated in his place at 6:08pm.

Motion: Vice Chair Olsen moved to amend the OPM to include a new Standing Committee, with second, as follows:

Social Media Committee

This committee shall be made up of seven members. The Committee Chair shall be appointed by the Chair. The other six members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. This Committee shall be responsible for managing the creation of original content and maintaining and improving social media reach of the Libertarian Party of California social media assets.

Vote: The motion passed by voice vote.

Motion: Vice Chair Olsen moved to amend the OPM to include a new Standing Committee, with second, as follows:

Communications and Marketing Committee

This committee shall be made up of five members. The Committee Chair shall be appointed by the Chair. One member shall be selected by the Website Committee and one member shall be selected by the Social Media Committee. The other two members shall be selected by the Executive Committee. This committee shall be responsible for developing and promoting official communications from the Party and original content from the Party for use on the website, press releases, and other forms of mass communications.

Discussion ensued.

Vote: The motion passed by voice vote.

Chair Robson noted that there is no specific provision regarding when the two members of the committee to be selected by the Executive Committee are to be selected. She suggested it might be in order to elect those members either at this meeting (via agenda amendment) or at the next Ex Comm meeting or via email ballot.

Motion: Vice Chair Olsen moved to amend the first paragraph of the OPM Standing Rule for the Membership Committee, with second, as follows:

“A Membership Committee, made up of five central committee members, shall be appointed by the Chair to manage the LPC’s programs to promote membership.”

Motion: A motion to suspend the rules was made by member Shannon to accept the report as amended. Chair Robson noted that the current discussion does not involve reports and suggested that a substitute motion to adopt the remainder of the recommended amendments to the OPM on the list provided by Vice Chair

Olsen as a group, rather than individually, would be appropriate. Member Shannon stated that was his intent and the motion was seconded.

Starchild requested to speak, no objections were heard. Starchild suggested having appointments made to the committees currently under consideration for addition to the OPM by the entire Executive Committee, rather than by the Chair. Chair Robson noted that the committees being considered for addition to the OPM as Standing Rules were ad hoc committees appointed by the Chair, but a motion to change that procedure could be made.

Member Shannon called for orders of the day.

Vote: The substitute motion passed by voice vote.

Motion: Member Shannon moved to amend the OPM as follows: strike the words “appointed by the Chair” and substitute the words “appointed by committee” for each of the committees under consideration for inclusion in the OPM as Standing Rules on the list provided by Vice Chair Olsen. Discussion ensued. Motion seconded. Discussion further ensued. Motion failed by unanimous voice vote.

Vote: Amended motion failed by voice vote.

The main motion was now the substitute motion to vote collectively on the following amendments to the OPM:

1. The first sentence of the Standing Rule for the Membership Committee shall be amended as follows:

A Membership Committee, made up of five Central Committee Members, shall be appointed by the Chair to manage the LPC’s programs to promote membership.

2. The third paragraph of the Standing Rule for the Candidate Support Committee shall be amended as follows:

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

3. The Standing Rule for the Website Committee shall be amended as follows:

The Chair shall create a Website Committee with all members of the committee having full access to edit the ca.lp.org website. (06/11/2017) This committee shall be appointed by the Chair and shall consist of five Central Committee Members.

4. The Standing Rule for the IT Committee shall be amended as follows:

The Chair shall create an IT Committee which shall consist of three members appointed by the Chair. ~~which will be separate from the Database Committee as it required a different skill set.~~ The IT Committee will be in charge of all Internet Technology and manage the parties Party's Internet Technology assets. (06/11/2017)

5. Amend the OPM to add a new Standing Committee as follows:

Awards Committee

The Awards Committee shall consist of five Central Committee Members appointed by the Executive Committee whose task shall be to establish awards to be given at the convention, set and manage the nomination process, select the award winners by committee vote, secure the awards, and present the awards at the convention.

6. Amend the OPM to add a new Standing Committee as follows:

Convention Oversight Committee

On matters concerning the Party's conventions, the committee shall plan and manage the Party's upcoming convention, included the following tasks:

- Conveying requirements to the convention planners.
- Ensuring the convention meets the Party's needs.
- Reviewing and approving in a timely manner, major elements such as the convention program.

The committee shall periodically report its decisions and actions to the Executive Committee. The committee shall consist of five members appointed by the Chair, including a Committee Chair to be selected by the Party Chair. The committee may begin its work as soon as its members are appointed.

Motion: Member Shannon moved to call the question with no objections.

Vote: The main motion as substituted passed unanimously by voice vote.

Election of Operations Committee

Nominations opened for the Operations Committee

- Boomer Shannon was nominated by Joshua Smith
- Joshua Smith was nominated by Boomer Shannon

- Brandon Nelson was nominated by Kenneth Brent Olsen
- Kenneth Brent Olsen was nominated by Brandon Nelson

An acclimation vote was proposed without objection.

Vote: Motion to appoint all four nominees passed unanimously by voice vote; Treasurer Haug expressly abstained.

Election of Financial Standards Committee

Nominations opened for the Financial Standards Committee

- Tim Ferreira was nominated by Brandon Nelson
- Susan Aquino was nominated by Kenneth Brent Olsen
- Terry Floyd was nominated by Boomer Shannon

An acclimation vote was proposed without objection.

Vote: Motion to appoint all four nominees passed by voice vote; Treasurer Haug expressly abstained.

2019 Convention Committee Report

Vice Chair Olsen reported that he was exhausted but happy with the results and received many positive comments.

Chair Robson congratulated the Convention Committee (Nick Smith, Rebecca Lau, Kevin Moore, Brent Olsen, Eduardo, Tyler Kuskie) for doing an outstanding job and thanked them all for putting on a well-attended and highly-profitable convention.

Starchild asked to comment, no members objected. Starchild requested that records for all future conventions be kept for historical preservation. Chair Robson stated this has already been done for the last two conventions (2017 & 2018) and will continue.

Adjournment

Motion: Member Shannon moved to adjourn. Motion seconded.

Chair Robson pointed out that the date for the next Executive Committee meeting had not yet been set. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Member Shannon moved to amend the motion to hold the next executive Committee meeting on the date of 18 May 2019 with Member Shannon accepting responsibility to find a suitable location in Riverside County. Motion seconded.

Vote: Motion passed by a show of hands with a vote 12-2.

Motion: Vice Chair Olsen moved to adjourn with second.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul K. Vallandigham
Secretary, Liberty Party of California

Minutes were approved by the Executive Committee via email motion ending May 2, 2019.