



HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2022

FORMATTING: Use the LP Headings from Style Gallery.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Dehn called to order the regular meeting of the LPCA HPC at 3:02 PM on November 20, 2022 via video conference.

II. Roll Call

The following committee members were present:

- Joe Dehn (Chair)
- Kat McElroy (Secretary)
- Graham Brown
- Reinita Susman

Vacancies: None

Guests: None

III. Agenda

The following agenda was adopted:

- A. *approve minutes of previous meeting*
- B. *updates on projects*
 1. past candidates / office holders / election results
 2. finding and preserving more local newsletters
 - a) *print format (hardcopy to scan or existing PDFs)*
 - b) *e-mail newsletters*
 - (1) other online 'news' resources
 - (a) (announcement mailing lists, FB pages, blogs, etc.)
 3. systematic review of newsletters we already have
 4. interviews
 - a) *editing/posting material already collected*
 - b) *plans for upcoming interviewees*



5. surveys

C. *set date of our next meeting*

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Ms. McElroy previously emailed the minutes from the last two meetings (September 18, 2022 and October 23, 2022).

The minutes were approved.

V. Updates on Projects

A. *past candidates / office holders / election results*

1. Mr. Dehn: Discussion of preliminary results and who to include (see email Appendix I)
2. LPedia pages for only 2 candidates. Should get them up as we go (to be discussed later in the meeting).

B. *finding and preserving more local newsletters*

1. print format (hardcopy to scan or existing PDFs)
 - a) *No updates*
2. e-mail newsletters
 - a) *Mr. Brown: Discussion of status*
 - b) *other online 'news' resources (announcement mailing lists, FB pages, blogs, etc.)*

(1) Discussion by Mr. Brown and Mr. Dehn

- (a) Compile FB Pages and not Discussion groups?
- (b) Website announcements
- (c) Cataloguing process
- (d) Contacting Ms. Stump

c) *systematic review of newsletters we already have*

(1) Ms. McElroy: Libertarian Activist

- (a) Working on candidate list and getting bios up
 - (i) Mr. Dehn: Could be "candidates" in newsletter that didn't actually file. So cross-check with elections list

[https://lpedia.org/wiki/Libertarian Party of California Historical Election Results](https://lpedia.org/wiki/Libertarian_Party_of_California_Historical_Election_Results)



- (b) Question about conventions for names: Include full name in the beginning of the article parenthetically
- (2) Ms. Susman: San Mateo Newsletter
 - (a) Dec, 1995 – Feb, 1996
 - (b) Beginning with identifying candidates
 - (c) Mr. Dehn: List of other things to look for in newsletters
https://lpedia.org/wiki/Libertarian_Party_of_California_Historical_Preservation_Committee#Newsletters_as_an_Information_Source
- d) *interviews*
 - (1) Mr. Dehn: Jack Dean, past state chair and past candidate
 - (2) editing/posting material already collected
 - (a) see Mr. Nicholson email (Appendix II)
 - (b) Ms. McElroy: edited interview has been posted and linked to page for Stephenson and Berkman
 - (c) Mr. Dehn: extension of interview project would be to look through information from interviews
 - (d) Discussion of Peron: Should have an article using facts, even though Facebook posts are not to be quoted
 - (i) Mr. Dehn has printed out the posts
 - (ii) No longer an interview project
 - (iii) Ms. McElroy will create a stub and put links to FB posts in the talk
 - (3) plans for upcoming interviewees
 - (a) see Mr. Nicholson email (Appendix II)
 - (b) Any information from surveys (below)
- e) *Surveys*
 - (1) Ms. McElroy: Current ExCom – first survey sent, will get feedback
 - (2) Next: 2022 Candidates
 - (3) Continue with future at pace
 - (4) Work backward incrementally



VI. New Business

A. *Old copy of LPCA Bylaws*

1. Mr. Dehn found 2004 and 2003 from old copies of website and posted
 - a) *Older ones are going to take more work to retrieve and convert*
2. Ms. McElroy – is there an archive of Operating Procedures Manual?
3. Mr. Dehn – should also have archive (annually?) of other manuals such as ASC, Treasurer’s Manual

VII. Set date of our next meeting

December 18, 2022 at 3:00 PM

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Dehn adjourned the meeting at 3:44 PM

Minutes Submitted by: Kat McElroy

Minutes Approved on: December 18, 2022



I. Appendix I: Email from Mr. Dehn regarding election results

Sun, Nov 20, 2022 at 5:37 AM

From: Joe Dehn

To: LPC HPC

I have updated the "Libertarian Party of California Historical Election Results" article to include results for Libertarians who were on the ballot in the November election. These numbers are still preliminary, the latest available as of this morning -- which is why those entries are highlighted in yellow. I do plan to make updates (and remove the yellow highlighting) when the final official numbers are available.

There are two candidates about whom there is some question whether they should be listed at all -- one of whom I had been including in the reports I have been posting on Facebook, but who was not included in the post-election issue of the state newsletter, and one the other way around. I did some research on those two situations, and reported my findings and comments to the state Chair and the person in charge of the newsletter -- a copy of that is appended below.

Because these are situations where some people might consider it appropriate to list the candidate and others not, I've decided to just go ahead and include them but with notes about their cases. That way the information is there if anybody cares, but anyone using the article for further research will be warned that they might or might want to include them depending on their purpose. However, note that there may well have been cases like this in past elections where such notes were not kept. If you run across information like this, e.g., in going through old newsletters, please add notes to the table accordingly.

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Having gathered information from various sources, I believe I now understand the situation with all four of these candidates:

* James Berg for Suisun City Mayor

This candidate was just somehow missed in putting together the newsletter (despite having been endorsed and listed on the web site).

* Jesse Nestor for Santa Ana Mayor

According to references in the press this candidate is both a registered Libertarian and a national LP member. And he was endorsed by the LP of Orange County (it says so on their web site). He wasn't in my report simply because I had never seen him mentioned anywhere.



* Anthony Angelini for Conejo Recreation and Park District

It turns out this candidate is a registered Republican. He was endorsed by the Ventura County LP (which is permitted, since it's a non-partisan race, but that doesn't make him a "Libertarian candidate".) He reportedly is an "associate" member of the county party by virtue of paying dues. (I don't know if that was done in a way that also made him an associate member at the state level.)

* Jennifer Kavouniaris for Fremont Union School District

She is registered NPP but also is reportedly an "associate" member, by paying dues. It seems that what happened was that the people in the county LP were at one point considering her to be a Libertarian candidate and said they were endorsing her -- which is why I heard of her being a Libertarian candidate. But then they "were told" (by somebody, incorrectly) that LPC bylaws prohibited them from endorsing her since she's not registered Libertarian, so they rescinded that endorsement (but didn't announce they had done so) and then that's why she was left out of the newsletter report.

In the first two cases, there doesn't seem to be any conceptual issue -- they just weren't listed in one place or another because of poor internal communication -- and I don't see any reason anybody wouldn't want to list them going forward.

The second two cases illustrate two conceptual issues:

(1) Being "endorsed" is not the same thing as being "a Libertarian". Various county parties throughout our history have endorsed candidates who are not LP members by any objective rule (not registered Libertarian, not signing the certification, not paying dues) for various reasons. We have done this in my own county a number of times, including one candidate in this very election, Linda Chavez for Alum Rock Union School District, but we have never referred to such people as "Libertarian candidates", and I don't believe it has ever been the practice of the state newsletter to do so either.

(2) Because of the fact that we have both partisan registration and our own internal membership categories and qualifications (which have taken account of registration or not in various ways over time for various purposes), any of which might be considered to demonstrate association with the LP, it is possible for a given person's status to appear stronger or weaker and even apparently inconsistent. Even though our bylaws do make clear which qualifications count for various specific purposes, there isn't any formal _universal_ rule that tells us who we should refer to as a "Libertarian" in general. So different activists may have stricter or less strict rules for using that kind of terminology, e.g., in writing a



newsletter article or press release.

Personally, I have generally been willing to call somebody a "Libertarian" in this general sense (note capital L, meaning associated with the party rather than just a political philosophy, but non-specific -- terms like "central committee member" or "national dues-paying member" of course have their own, specific definitions) as long as they have taken any of the standard concrete actions to associate themselves with us -- signing the certification, paying dues, registering Libertarian) and they haven't also done something to associate with some other party.

By that standard, I would not have a problem calling somebody like Jennifer Kavouniaris a "Libertarian candidate", based on what I know of her particular situation (that she paid dues and was apparently supported, at least initially, by local LP activists). But I would be very uncomfortable referring to somebody like Anthony Angelini that way, because he has publicly declared himself a Republican (through registration).

So the fact that the newsletter ended up reporting on the latter but not the former strikes me as backwards. If I had had all the facts in front of me when I started doing my reports for this election, I probably would have included Kavouniaris, but I definitely would not have included Angelini. Again, I don't consider "endorsement" the defining factor. If we were going to list people as "Libertarian candidates" or "Libertarians running for office" or "Libertarians holding public office" on the basis of endorsement, there are quite a few other people we should have been listing throughout our history.

On the other hand, given that we have in fact been reporting on results for these two candidates in this particular election, because in somebody's view they were worth mentioning, I am reluctant to stop reporting on them now. The approach I intend to take now is to keep reporting on them, but to include notes about their special circumstances -- that way anybody who cares about these distinctions will have the information necessary to include them or not, in their own analysis of the overall results, as they see fit. Those in charge of newsletters, press releases, etc. will just have to make their own decisions on how to handle this, for their purposes.

II. Appendix II: Email from Mr. Nicholson regarding interviews

From: Patrick Nicholson
To: LPC HPC

Sun, Nov 20, 2022 at 9:05 AM

Hello,



I won't be able to make the conference call this afternoon. This is the update of my activity.

1. Last week I interviewed Pat Wright (former Chair of the California LP). I am currently editing his transcript.
2. I will interview Eric Garris with antiwar.com after Thanksgiving. He is currently recovering from surgery.
3. I've asked James Peron about the 'Golden Gate Libertarian' and any other San Francisco newsletters he may know about. He did not respond. This was my third request.
4. Since James Peron no longer considers himself a libertarian, and is unresponsive, I've decided to not prepare his bio.
5. I am still plugging away on reading old copies of the 'LP News' and documenting mentions of California in an Excel spreadsheet.

Pat