

# **Libertarian Party of California**

## **2016 Convention Minutes**

April 1–3, 2016  
Hilton Los Angeles Airport  
5711 W Century Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90045

### **Call to Order**

Ted Brown called the meeting to order at 10:50am.

### **Credential Committee Report**

Kevin Duewel presented the initial Credential Committee Report with the following delegate count: 64 delegates. Accordingly, a simple majority was determined to be 33 delegates and a two-thirds majority was determined to be 43 delegates.

### **Chair's Report**

Ted Brown presented the following:

My goal was to get the party back to a basic level of functioning after many years of decline. I wanted to work on several areas and there has been some success, but not as much as I would have liked. Membership is still hovering around 800 members. There was a membership mailing in November to 2500 national LP members in California. I predicted 100 new members but just got 50, but it still made a profit because most gave more than the minimum amount. While we got a number of new members, we also lost some others due to non-renewal. This will be an area for more creative methods for the next year, tying into the presidential campaign and approaching broader lists, like registered Libertarians.

I was dissatisfied with the old web site and the ExCom was committed to design a new one. Jarrett Tilford was in charge of this effort, and the new site is up and can be seen at [ca.lp.org](http://ca.lp.org). More data will be added to it. I still want to see the site made more user-friendly for memberships and donations. I was hoping to have a regular newsletter to keep members informed, but that turned out to be cost-prohibitive. We sent one copy in November 2015 inserted with national LP news. Elizabeth Brierly did a great job editing it, and hopefully we can do more in the future.

In regards to the convention, I saw a need for a full-blown convention at a location accessible to more members than the Las Vegas convention. And it looks like we are having a great convention this weekend. Mark Hinkle and Nancy Neale have done so much to make this happen, and they deserve a big round of applause.

In regards to candidates, this is an area where I hoped to have better success. As it is, we have 9 candidates on the June primary ballot: 2 for U. S. Senate, 2 for U. S. House, 1 for State Senate, and 4 for State Assembly. A few others tried but didn't get on the ballot. We have a chance to get a few more candidates on the ballot through write-in campaigns in the primary.

**Motion:** Mark Hinkle moved to suspend the rules to reimburse Ted Brown for expenses personally incurred in the membership mailer sent by Andy Burns.

**Vote:** Motion to suspend the rules passed by voice count.

**Motion:** Starchild moved to extend time for debate by five minutes.

**Vote:** Motion to extend time failed by voice count.

**Vote:** Motion to reimburse Ted Brown for expenses personally incurred in the membership mailer sent by Andy Burns passed by voice count.

## **Northern Vice Chair's Report**

Brian Thiemer presented the following:

Brian Thiemer is the Solano County Chair Pro Tem and a candidate for Fairfield City Council.

In Santa Clara County, John Inks, a current member of the Mountain View City Council, is running for State Assembly District 24 and Kennita Watson is running for Congressional District 17. In Sacramento County, Janice Bosner is a candidate for Assembly District 8. In San Joaquin County, Alex Appleby, the Chair Pro Tem, is also a candidate for Congressional District 9.

From February, 2015 to January, 2016, the state has lost 458,523 registered Libertarians. In that time, the 48 northern counties have gained 391 registered Libertarians. Placer County, San Francisco County, Contra Costa County, and Sacramento County are among the top ten counties.

County chairs and vice chairs are entitled, under California Election Code 2185, to copies of the county voter database at no charge.

## **Southern Vice Chair's Report**

Jonathan Jaech presented the following:

Kern County organized last Fall, with help from Ted Brown. Jonathan Hall was elected Chair and is leading an active group there.

The situation in Riverside was resolved by Gene Berkman calling an annual meeting at which a new Chair, Jeff Hewitt, was elected. Gene Berkman remains as a Vice-Chair.

Gail Lightfoot remains Chair pro tem in San Luis Obispo County and is looking for volunteers.

I am looking for a Chair pro tem for Santa Barbara County. There are some leads but no strong candidates as yet. Please contact me if you know anyone there who would like to help organize a local affiliate.

Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Ventura and Orange Counties remain active with several sub-regions or teams recruiting. In Los Angeles, a newly-formed Venice Beach group has formed, led by Mark Herd.

A successful Southern California Conference was held in January 2016. And the LPC Convention in Los Angeles was a smash; many members from Southern California volunteered to help make it so.

## **Secretary's Report**

Kevin Duewel presented the following:

There have been a couple of issues on this executive committee that are important to clarify, especially in light of the delegates having voted to reimburse Ted Brown for a newsletter mailed with LP News.

On January 14, 2016, the executive committee passed a resolution finding that Ted Brown had authorized thousands of dollars over the budget for a newsletter mailed with LP News and a fundraising campaign with Andy Burns. Bylaw 11, Section 3 limits any person from authorizing expenses greater than the amount budgeted by more than \$1,000 with a two-thirds vote of the executive committee. After the treasurer of the state party brought the issue to the attention of the executive committee, she resigned out of concern for the lack of financial discipline. The executive committee voted to further constrain the ability of members or officers of the executive committee to authorize expenditures.

On March 3, 2016, Ted Brown called a conference call of the candidate support committee to assist candidates with filing fees. Of the fifteen members of the candidate support committee, only five were present. Ted then directed Gale Morgan, the new treasurer, to issue blank checks with the notation "Not to Exceed 1,001.13." Gale refused, and attempting to authorize the expenditure pursuant to Bylaw 12, Section 4. After the chair ruled the motions out of order, Gale wrote the judicial committee, arguing that the teleconference was improperly noticed, that voting could not occur over a teleconference, and that he could not be both the treasurer of the executive committee and the candidate support committee. The judicial committee found that the motion had not passed, and that Ted Brown should not have ordered Gale to issue the checks.

**Motion:** Starchild moved to suspend the rules to reconsider motion to reimburse Ted Brown for expenses personally incurred in the membership mailer.

**Vote:** Motion to suspend the rules failed by voice count.

Convention recessed for lunch until 2:00pm.

Ted Brown called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

## Treasurer's Report

Gale Morgan presented the following:

Brian Darby served as treasurer from the 2009 Convention to the 2015 Convention. Emily Tilford served as treasurer from the 2015 Convention until January 2016

After further financial restraints were placed on the Executive Committee, I agreed to serve as treasurer on January 24. The Executive Committee made the appointment and I took on the job in February. Shortly thereafter the amendments to the year-end FPPC 460 were completed.

GAPP are Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. They are the rules used in the accounting and bookkeeping field to record the finances of businesses and organizations. When these principles are not followed, many times, there is a forensic audit conducted looking for embezzlement or graft. The principles are a foundation for trust and truth.

The California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) is a commission working with the California Secretary of State's office to bring clarity and fairness to political committees and appointed or elected officials in California.

The FPPC requires political committees and officials to file reports to demonstrate to the public that they are following the rules and being politically proper. They specify what is to be included and omitted from their forms. They use election cycle calendars for reporting dates rather than regular month end reports. Filing on time is more important than accuracy. A committee can always go back and amend their filing (without penalty) when they balance their books at the end of the month.

I file FPPC Form 410, Form 460, Form Form 497, and Form 700 with the FPPC. Depending on spending, we may also have to file FPPC Form 496 and/or Form 511. None of these forms are designed to show the financial health of the party. They only show that we are following certain governmental rules. The failure to properly file these forms may cause fines and imprisonment.

As treasurer I count things. In the past year, I have counted:

1. Membership is down since the last convention (833 on 5/31/2015 to 762 on 4/1/2016).
2. The party has \$1,471.67 in cash on 3/31/2016.
3. The party brought in \$34,092.16 from April 2015 to March 2016.
4. The party spent \$45,513.69 from April 2015 to March 2016.
5. Current liabilities exceed the current checking balance.
6. We have not collected all the revenue from the convention however.

Brian Darby transferred to the counties their "dues share" through 2014. Emily Tilford calculated "dues share" for 2015. I have the 2015 and first quarter 2016 'Dues Share' with me today so please have your county treasurer pick up your check today.

As treasurer I strive to be:

- Accurate
- Credible
- Dependable
- Effective
- And to have Integrity

## Platform Committee Report

**Proposal 1:** Amend Section 4, Subsection 18 as follows:

We oppose the regulation of alcoholic beverages by the State of California. Specifically, we oppose setting a drinking age or using zoning or land use laws to restrict the placement of bars or liquor stores. We also oppose road blocks that stop and detain sober motorists on public roads. Private road owners should be free to exclude alcohol abusers or others from their roads for safety or other reasons.

We oppose the efforts of the State of California trying to discourage tobacco use, that use being an individual right. And further we oppose any further state litigation against tobacco companies, support the repeal of all tobacco taxes and the end of all state-funded advertising to convince people to adopt non-smoking lifestyles. Instead, private groups and individuals are welcome to promote their viewpoints. We support the right of employers and business owners to decide rules for smoking at their businesses and properties, without government involvement.

***We oppose current attempts to ban e-cigarettes or vaping, as well as any attempts to raise the smoking age to 21.***

**Vote:** Amendment to Section 4, Subsection 18 approved without objection.

**Proposal 2:** Amend Section 19 as follows:

***We oppose the Top Two voting system in California, which disenfranchises voters who support alternative parties, and call for its repeal.***

The selection of a candidate by a political party is a matter in which the State has no legitimate interest.

We therefore oppose the system of tax-financed primary elections and call for the nomination of all candidates without governmental supervision or intervention, as a private matter involving only the members of the party concerned.

We also oppose laws which forbid partisan political designations in local elections and, at the state level, for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

We further oppose all proposals to regulate the broadcasting of election results, and all laws governing the broadcast coverage of campaigns, including the fairness doctrine, the equal time rule, and the reasonable access provision.

We oppose any limitation on the amount of money an individual, group, or corporation can spend supporting any candidate or ballot issue on the federal, state, or local level. We also oppose the public financing of election campaigns and the mandatory reporting of campaign donations and expenditures.

We support the right of any political party to nominate or endorse the candidates of its choosing for public office, even when those candidates are the nominees or endorsees of another political party or parties.

To avoid fraud and manipulation, we oppose direct record electronic voting systems that do not use a voter-verified paper ballot as the ballot of count, recount, audit and record.

We support a voting system that is open, transparent and auditable with which each individual can verify at the time of voting that his or her vote has been correctly recorded and with which the public can verify that the votes have been correctly counted.

The ballot choice in California elections does not always offer a true difference of philosophy between candidates. The electorate often has no positive feelings toward any candidate, but, on the contrary, often has distinctly negative feelings toward all candidates. Therefore, the Libertarian Party of California endorses:

- A. Placing on all election ballots, beneath each election office, the option "none of the above is acceptable."
- B. The provision that any elective office remain vacant if the category "none of the above is acceptable" receives a plurality of votes, until a subsequent election to fill the office is held.

We call for the abolition of the State Constitutional Office of Lieutenant Governor, which has no real purpose.

**Vote:** Motion passes by voice count.

**Proposal 3:** Amend Section 4, Subsection 15 as follows:

Because the right to life, liberty, and property implies a right of defense of self and property, and a right to acquire and maintain the tools to exercise such self defense, and because an armed citizenry is the final defense against government tyranny, we support:

- A. The repeal of laws regulating the ownership and bearing of arms, including automatic or so-called assault weapons.

- B. The elimination of registration and all other government records pertaining to ownership of arms.
- C. The repeal of laws requiring permission from any government agency for any purpose relating to arms and ammunition.
- D. The right of airlines and other common carriers to decide their own weapons policies.

***E. The end of “gun free zones” designations on any government-owned properties.***

Further, we oppose extension of liability to the manufacturers or vendors of arms for crimes committed by the users of such arms.

**Vote:** Motion failed by voice count.

**Proposal 4:** Amend Section 5, Subsection 10-A as follows:

The repeal of all laws restricting transit competition, such as the granting of taxicab and bus monopolies and the prohibition of ***ridesharing or*** private jitney services.

**Vote:** Motion passed by voice count.

**Proposal 5:** Amend Section 4, Subsection 8 as follows:

No person has any special right to make arrest greater than that of any other person. The government monopoly on police protection puts the power of violence in the hands of society's dominant groups, a practice which inevitably harms minority groups. We note with alarm the increasing numbers of individuals shot by police, as well as growing police harassment and brutality. We therefore call for decentralization of police protection to the neighborhood level whenever full privatization is not possible. We oppose the expansion of federal police forces anywhere, and particularly into California.

We oppose police officers using unnecessary force on the disorderly or the criminally accused or handing out what they may consider to be instant punishments on the streets. We further deny that police have such inherent authority. Instant-punishment policies deprive the accused of important checks on government power, juries and the judicial process.

***Laws must insure that peace officers are prosecuted if they violate peoples’ rights, and if local prosecutors fail to indict, then the office of state Attorney General must take over the prosecution.***

**Amend:** Laws must ~~insure~~ ***ensure*** that peace officers ... then the office of state Attorney General ~~must take over the prosecution~~ ***should investigate the incident.***

**Vote:** Motion to amend passed by voice count. Main motion passed by voice count.

**Proposal 6:** Amend Section 5, Subsection 3-H as follows:

Resisting the introduction of federally mandated or encouraged national education standards, ***such as common core.***

**Vote:** Motion passed by voice count.

**Proposal 7:** Amend Section 5, Subsection 3:

We support the rights of individuals to form private relationships as they see fit, either by contract or by mutual agreement. We regard marriage as one such private relationship.

The State of California should not dictate, prohibit, control, or encourage any such private relationship. To implement this principle, we advocate:

- A. The repeal of all marriage and marriage dissolution laws and their replacement by contracts where desired by the parties.
- B. ***The abolition of California as a community property state.*** Property not specified as "community property" not being presumed as such.
- C. The repeal of all alimony laws.
- D. The recognition in law of marriage contracts as an addition to, or replacement for, marriage and marriage dissolution laws.
- E. The right of all consenting adults to form marriage contracts without regard to gender, sexual preference, degree of consanguinity, or number of parties to said contracts.
- F. Until such time as the state of California ends its involvement in marriage, we call upon the state to issue marriage licenses to any adults without regard to gender.
- G. ***The right of those marrying to have a pre-nuptial agreement and to have the prenuptial agreement in the case of divorce considered valid and accepted by the court.***

**Amend:** Starchild moved to amend Subsection 3-G:

- G. ~~The right of those marrying to have a pre-nuptial agreement and to have the prenuptial agreement in the case of divorce considered valid and accepted by the court.~~ ***The right of those marrying to make pre-nuptial agreements and to have validity of such consensual contracts upheld by state courts in the event of divorce.***

**Vote:** Motion to amend passed by voice count.

**Amend:** M Carling moved to amend Subsection 3-G:

The right of those marrying to make pre-nuptial **and postnuptial** agreements and to have validity of such consensual contracts upheld by state courts in the event of divorce.

**Vote:** Motion to amend passed without objection.

**Amend:** Matt Barnes moved to amend Subsection B:

~~The abolition of California as a community property state.~~ **Abolition of community property in California.** Property not specified as "community property" not being presumed as such.

**Vote:** Motion to amend passed without objection.

**Vote:** Main motion failed by voice count.

**Proposal 8:** Add Subsection 22 to Section 4:

***We oppose the death penalty and call for its abolition in both state and federal law. While death may be the morally correct penalty for someone who commits premeditated murder of an innocent victim, we don't believe that the government should be allowed to impose that sentence, as many of its citizens are against all killing, even by the state. We also note that far too many defendants are falsely convicted and some innocent people have been executed. We don't trust the judicial system enough to give it sway over life and death. Instead, we call for life imprisonment without parole as the harshest sentence. As with other offenses, convicted murders must make restitution to their victim's family or assignee.***

**Amend:** Matt Barnes moved to amend as follows:

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**Vote:** Motion to amend passed by voice count.

**Vote:** Main motion failed for lack of a majority. After a call for division, 28 votes were in favor and 13 delegates were opposed.

Convention recessed at 4:21pm.

Ted Brown called the meeting to order at 10:15am.

## **Election of Treasurer**

**Nomination:** Brian Thiemer nominated Gale Morgan.

**Nomination:** Jose Castaneda nominated Gail Lightfoot.

**Vote:** Gale Morgan received 32 votes and Gail Lightfoot received 21 votes.  
Gale Morgan was elected treasurer.

## **Election of At-Large Members of the Executive Committee**

**Motion:** Boomer Shannon moved to suspend the rules to limit nomination and candidate speeches to one minute each.

**Amend:** Kevin Duewel moved to amend to limit nomination speeches to one minute and candidate speeches to two minutes each.

**Vote:** Motion amended without objection.

**Vote:** Motion passed without objection.

**Nomination:** Gale Morgan nominated Susan Marie Weber.

**Nomination:** Ted Brown nominated Barbara Englehardt.

**Nomination:** Jonathan Jaech nominated Starchild.

**Nomination:** Brian Thiemer nominated Bill Hajdu.

**Nomination:** Jarrett Tilford nominated Alex Appleby.

**Nomination:** Eric Vaughnes nominated David Bowers.

**Nomination:** David Bowers nominated Eric Vaughnes.

**Nomination:** Eric Bowers nominated Gail Lightfoot.

**Nomination:** Gale Morgan nominated Wendy Hewitt.

**Nomination:** Dan Weiner nominated M Carling.

**Nomination:** Boomer Shannon nominated Jason Wu.

- Motion:** Aaron Starr moved to elected by approval voting.
- Amend:** Starchild moved to substitute to vote by single candidate.
- Vote:** Motion to amend failed by voice count.
- Vote:** Motion to elect by approval voting passed by voice count.
- Vote:** Eric Vaughnes received 35 votes. Jason Wu received 31 votes. Bill Hajdu received 29 votes. Susan Marie Weber received 28 votes. David Bowers received 28 votes. Alex Appleby received 27 votes. Wendy Hewitt received 25 votes. Starchild received 25 votes. Gail Lightfoot received 24 votes. Barbara Englehardt received 23 votes. M Carling received 14 votes. 58 ballots were cast.
- Eric Vaughnes, Jason Wu, Bill Hajdu, Susan Marie Weber, and David Bowers were elected as at-large members with two-year terms.
- Alex Appleby was elected as an at-large member with a one-year term.

## Election of Alternates to the Executive Committee

- Motion:** Sam Sloan moved to suspend the rules to close nominations for alternates to the executive committee to Starchild and Wendy Hewitt.
- Vote:** Motion to suspend the rules passed without objection.
- Vote:** Motion to close nominations passed without objection.
- Vote:** Wendy Hewitt received 27 votes. Starchild received 16 votes.

## Bylaws

- Motion:** Ted moved to amend Bylaw 12, 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:~~

- ~~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.~~

*The Executive Committee may also transact business by e-mail balloting when a motion is moved and seconded via e-mail. 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 an 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 is less. Up until the vote is finalized, a member or alternate may change his or her vote.*

*The Executive Committee may also transact business by telephone conference call or other technical means where the members can meet in real time. In such calls, 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.*

*The secretary shall keep a record of the motions and votes from e-mail and telephone balloting, and make them available in the same fashion as minutes from Executive Committee meetings.*

**Vote:** Motion failed by voice count.

## **Election of Judicial Committee**

**Nomination:** Gale Morgan nominated Brianna Wright.

**Nomination:** Kevin Duewel nominated M Carling.

**Nomination:** Brianna Wright nominated Aaron Starr.

**Nomination:** Aaron Starr nominated Edward Teyssier and Diane Hawkins.

**Nomination:** Jill Pyeatt nominated Allan Pyeatt and Jose Castaneda.

**Nomination:** Brian Thiemer nominated Stephen Blakeman.

**Nomination:** Mark Hinkle nominated Lawrence Samuels.

**Nomination:** Boomer Shannon nominated David Peters.

**Nomination:** Elizabeth Brierley nominated Barbara Englehardt.

**Vote:** Barbara Englehardt received 33 votes. Alan Pyeatt received 31 votes. Aaron Starr received 29 votes. Brianna Wright received 28 votes. Lawrence Samuels received 24 votes. Jose Castaneda received 24 votes. Stephen Blakeman received 16 votes. David Peters received 15 votes. M Carling received 14 votes. Edward Tyessier received 11 votes. Diane Hawkins received 10 votes. 56 ballots were cast.

Barbara Englehardt, Alan Pyeatt, Aaron Starr and Brianna Wright were elected to the Judicial Committee.

**Vote:** In a runoff election, Lawrence Samuels received 25 votes and Jose Castaneda received 23 votes. Lawrence Samuels was elected to the Judicial Committee.

## **Election of LNC Representative**

**Nomination:** Boomer Shannon nominated Jeff Hewitt.

**Nomination:** Geoffrey Neale nominated Mark Hinkle.

**Nomination:** Jonathan Jaech nominated Starchild.

**Nomination:** Daniel Wiener nominated Aaron Starr.

**Vote:** Jeff Hewitt received 46 votes. Mark Hinkle received 21 votes. Starchild received 19 votes. Aaron Starr received 19 votes. 62 ballots were cast.

Jeff Hewitt was elected LNC representative.

## **Election of LNC Alternate**

**Nomination:** Daniel Weiner nominated Aaron Starr.

**Nomination:** Geoffrey Neale nominated Mark Hinkle.

**Nomination:** Jonathan Jaech nominated Starchild.

**Vote:** None received a majority vote. No alternate selected.

## **Delegates to National Convention**

**Motion:** Daniel Weiner moved to suspend the rules and elect the following 63 members as delegates to the national convention:

Jay Jones (nom. by J. Jaech)	Brian Holtz (nom. by self)
Jonathan Jaech (nom. by self)	Tom Lippman (nom. by self)
David Schrader (nom. by self)	Kevin Takenaga (nom. by self)
Linda Hinkle (nom. by self)	A. Voitsekhovskaia (nom. by M Carling)
Jim Gray (nom. by self)	William Hajdu (nom. by self)
Randall Weissbuch (nom. by T. Brown)	Jose Castañeda (nom. by self)
Richard Fields (nom. by T. Brown)	Gail Lightfoot (nom. by J. Castañeda)
Ed Wimmers (nom. by E. Brierly)	Starchild (nom. by self)
John Low (nom. by E. Brierly)	Daniel Wiener (nom. by self)
Sam Sloan (nom. by self)	Richard Winger (nom. by T. Brown)
Elizabeth Brierly (nom. by self)	Mark Herd (nom. by M Barnes)
Scott Lieberman (nom. by self)	Matt Barnes (nom. by M. Hinkle)
Lindsey Houde (nom. by T. Kuskie)	Bruce Dovner (nom. by self)
Susan Aquino (nom. by self)	Alan Pyeatt (nom. by B. Dovner)
Nancy Neale (nom. by self)	Jill Pyeatt (nom. by B. Dovner)
Alicia Mattson (nom. by K. Duewel)	Susan Bigknife (nom. by self)
Mark Hinkle (nom. by self)	Joy Waymire (nom. by D. Bowers)
Avens O'Brien (nom. by self)	Chris Thrasher (nom. by self)
Richard Winger (nom. by self)	Logan Hinkle (nom. by self)
Jacque Donahue (nom. by R. Winger)	Lucky Bovo (nom. by self)
Sandra Kallander (nom. by self)	Bill Lopez (nom. by self)
Kayle Higinbotham (nom. by S. Lieberman)	Eric Bowers (nom. by self)
Aaron Starr (nom. by S. Lieberman)	Judd Wiess (nom. by self)
Geoffrey Neale (nom. by self)	Zach Foster (nom. by self)
Jeff Hewitt (nom. by self)	EJ Badillo (nom. by self)
Wendy Hewitt (nom. by J. Hewitt)	Kenneth Gillespie (nom. by self)
Boomer Shannon (nom. by self)	James Bateman (nom. by E. Vaughn)
Grace Walker (nom. by J. Gray)	Zachary May (nom. by E. Vaughn)
Aubrey Freedman (nom. by self)	Elisse Wright (nom. by K Gillespie)
Phil Berg (nom. by A. Freedman)	Ed Clark (nom. by J. Castaneda)
Zoe Holtz (nom. by B. Holtz)	Alicia Clark (nom. by J. Castaneda)
Melisse Lusin (nom. by B. Holtz)	

**Vote:** Motion to suspend the rules passed without objection.

**Vote:** Motion to elect the delegates to national convention passed without objection.

**Motion:** Gale Morgan moved to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, we invite libertarians from around the country to join our party so that that the executive committee may add them to our list of certified delegates.

**Vote:** Motion adopted without objection.

## Resolutions

**Motion:** M Carling moved to endorse SB 443.

**Vote:** Motion adopted without objection.

**Motion:** Starchild moved to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the growth of centralized, top-down power in society, as manifested in governments that act without transparency or accountability to those they claim to represent, poses a serious threat to the peace, liberty, and prosperity of those constituents and ultimately to all human beings;

Whereas, the libertarian ideal, by contrast, is self-government, a decentralized bottom-up arrangement in which the ultimate power in society is held not by government institutions but by individuals;

Whereas, libertarians have rightfully spoken out and continue to speak out against centralized government power and in favor of individual empowerment;

Whereas libertarians need to “be the change we wish to see in the world” and build our institutions in which individuals are empowered and leaders are required to act transparently and held strictly accountable for their actions, both in order to create viable alternatives to the status quo, and to have credibility with members of the public who rightfully expect us to practice what we preach;

Therefore, be it resolved that we as activists, members, and supporters of the Libertarian Party of California assert that our party is a grassroots organization and demand that it be organized and run in a bottom-up, not top-down manner and in accordance with good governance principles of sunshine and democracy;

Be it further resolved, that we expect party leaders to operate with the highest levels of respect for and commitment to the principles of transparency, accountability, and humility in leadership, and to treat ordinary Libertarian Party members, activists, and volunteers as valued and trusted members of the team, in our shared struggle for freedom.

**Vote:** Motion adopted by voice count.

## Endorsements

**Motion:** Gale Morgan moved to endorse Gail Lightfoot for U.S. Senate.

**Vote:** Gail Lightfoot endorsed without objection.

**Motion:** Gale Morgan moved to endorse Aaron Starr for Oxnard City Council.

**Vote:** Aaron Starr endorsed without objection.

**Motion:** Gale Morgan moved to endorse Brian Thiemer for Fairfield City Council.

**Vote:** Brian Thiemer endorsed without objection.

**Motion:** Jose Castaneda moved to endorse Mark Herd for U.S. Senate.

**Vote:** Mark Herd endorsed without objection.

**Motion:** Susan Aquino moved to endorse Susan Marie Weber for Palm Desert City Council.

**Vote:** Susan Marie Weber endorsed without objection.

Convention adjourned at 4:59pm.