



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2025

Zoom meeting

Call to Order

Chair Loren Dean called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Roll Call

A quorum of the Libertarian Party of California (“LPCA”) Executive Committee was present, with the following voting members in attendance:

Officers:

Loren Dean, Chair
Pat Wright, Vice Chair
Rebecca Lau, Secretary
Chris Minoletti, Treasurer

Area Coordinators:

Joe Dehn, Northern Area Coordinator
Marybeth Yuskavage, Central Area Coordinator
Brandon Jackson, Southern Area Coordinator

At Large Members:

Terry Floyd
June Genis
Mark Hinkle
Brian Holtz
Lawrence Samuels
Dave Schrader
Richard Stafford
Tara Young

The following guests were in attendance:

Richard Brown
Gary Bryant
John Due
Barbara Englehardt
Chris Ganiere
Janice Mackenzie
Wesley Martin
Brendan McMillion
Caitlin Peters
Mimi Robson
Anthony Strauss
Jessica Tewksbury
Jesse Thomas

Adoption of Agenda

Chair Loren Dean distributed the following agenda:

**LPCA Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, August 15, 2025, 6:30 PM**

Executive Committee (ExCom) Members

Mr. Loren Dean, Chair
Mr. Pat Wright, Vice Chair
Ms. Rebecca Lau, Secretary
Mr. Chris Minoletti, Treasurer
Mr. Joe Dehn, Northern Area Coordinator
Dr. Marybeth Yuskavage, Central Area Coordinator
Mr. Brandon Jackson, Southern Area Coordinator
Mr. Terry Floyd, At Large
Ms. June Genis, At Large
Mr. Mark Hinkle, At Large
Mr. Brian Holtz, At Large
Mr. Lawrence Samuels, At Large
Mr. Dave Schrader, At Large
Mr. Richard Stafford, At Large

Ms. Tara Young, At Large
Mr. Francisco Alanis, 1st At Large Alternate
Mr. Paul Vallandigham, 2nd At Large Alternate

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Call to Order—6:30 PM

Roll Call (2 Minutes)

Adoption of the Agenda (2 Minutes)

Public Comment (10 Minutes, 2 Minutes each)

Approve June Executive Committee Minutes (5 Minutes)

Approve Convention Minutes (5 Minutes)

Approve Post-Convention Minutes (5 Minutes)

Affirm OpsCom action: June Genis (5 Minutes)

Consider/Approve convention 2026 bids (30 Minutes)

Communications: ExCom public viewable list? (5 Minutes)

AB 699 Opposition Statement (10 minutes)

Potential legal action against proposed special election for redistricting (10 minutes)

Committee distribution (60 Minutes)

Setting up regular meeting time (10 Minutes)

Adjourn

Motion: Mark Hinkle moved, with second, to adopt the foregoing agenda. The motion passed without objection.

Public Comment

Richard Brown gave a public comment.

Approval of June 23, 2025 ExCom Meeting Minutes

Motion: Loren Dean moved, with second, to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2025 Executive Committee meeting. The motion passed without objection.

Approval of July 26-27, 2025 Convention Minutes

Motion: Joe Dehn moved, with second, to insert the words “The Credentials Committee confirmed that the conditions were met” after the wording of the motion and before “bringing the total credentialed delegates to 62” on page 1 of the minutes. The motion passed without objection.

Motion: Joe Dehn moved, with second, to change “NOTA” to “Richard Stafford” in the results of the North Area Coordinator on page 54. The motion passed without objection.

Motion: Joe Dehn moved, with second, to change the word “amend” to “adopt” in the sentence beginning with “Motion: Mimi Robson moved to suspend the rules to amend Proposal #11” on page 64 of the minutes. The motion passed without objection.

Approval of July 27, 2025 ExCom Meeting Minutes

Motion: Joe Dehn moved, with second, to amend the meeting minutes to include the following text that affirms June Genis’s election to the Operations Committee. The motion passed without objection.

Appointment of Operations Committee

There was discussion of the need to appoint a fifth member of the Operations Committee, four of the positions being defined in the Bylaws as being occupied by the officers. The Chair asked for volunteers and the only volunteer was June Genis. June Genis was appointed as the fifth member of the Operations Committee without objection.

2026 Convention Location

The Executive Committee heard two competing proposals for the 2026 convention location. Mimi Robson spoke about her proposal for a convention in San Diego (see Appendix A) and Barbara Englehardt spoke about her proposal for a convention in Santa Nella (see Appendix B).

Richard Stafford joined the meeting at 7:18 pm and was seated in place of Francisco Alanis.

By a vote of 12-1-1-1 (San Diego/Santa Nella/Express Abstention/Not Voting), San Diego was selected as the 2026 convention site. The members of the Executive Committee voted as follows:

Loren Dean	Express Abstention
Pat Wright	San Diego
Rebecca Lau	San Diego
Chris Minoletti	San Diego
Joe Dehn	San Diego
Marybeth Yuskavage	Santa Nella
Brandon Jackson	San Diego

Terry Floyd	San Diego
June Genis	San Diego
Mark Hinkle	San Diego
Brian Holtz	San Diego
Lawrence Samuels	San Diego
Dave Schrader	San Diego
Richard Stafford	Not Voting
Tara Young	San Diego

Opposition to California California AB 699

The Executive Committee discussed California AB 699. Currently, proposed tax increases are required to include information about proposed rate changes and costs to taxpayers on the ballot. The bill would drop the requirement and instead tell voters to consult their local voter guide.

Motion: Loren Dean moved, with second, to resolve that the LPCA opposes California AB 699. The motion passed without objection.

Governor Gavin Newsom's Redistricting Plan

The Executive Committee discussed Governor Gavin Newsom's redistricting plan. The plan would draw new congressional district maps and override the maps created by California's independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. The plan requires a special election for implementation.

Motion: Loren Dean moved, with second, to resolve that the LPCA opposes Governor Gavin Newsom's redistricting plan.

Vote: The motion passed by a vote of 11-0-3-1 (Yes/No/Express Abstention/Not Voting). The members of the Executive Committee voted as follows:

Loren Dean	Not Voting
Pat Wright	Yes
Rebecca Lau	Yes
Chris Minoletti	Yes
Joe Dehn	Yes
Marybeth Yuskavage	Express Abstention
Brandon Jackson	Yes
Terry Floyd	Yes
June Genis	Express Abstention
Mark Hinkle	Yes
Brian Holtz	Express Abstention

Lawrence Samuels	Yes
Dave Schrader	Yes
Richard Stafford	Yes
Tara Young	Yes

Committee Appointments

The Executive Committee discussed appointments to LPCA committees.

Motion: Loren Dean moved, with second, to appoint Tara Young to the Communications and Media Committee. The motion passed without objection.

Motion: Joe Dehn moved, with second, to appoint Mimi Robson as chair of the Convention Committee. The motion passed without objection.

Next Executive Committee Virtual Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held via Zoom on September 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment

Motion: Loren Dean moved, with second, to adjourn. The motion passed without objection.

The Executive Committee adjourned at 8:38 pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the September 9, 2025 meeting of the Executive Committee.

APPENDIX A

Dear Executive Committee Members,

I'm excited to present a proposal for our 2026 convention that offers an affordable, professional, and far more accessible venue — the Handlery Hotel San Diego.

As I mentioned at the Executive Committee meeting following the convention, I have been working on finding a venue in San Diego for our 2026 convention. Since then, I have been collaborating with Brandon to secure a location that would perfectly meet our needs — and I believe we have found just that!

Before I go further, I want to express my deep appreciation to Barbara Engelhardt and Chris Rufer for all they did to make our recent convention such a success. It was exactly what the Party needed to host a productive and unifying event. I'm also grateful that both Barbara and Chris are willing and ready to host us again under the same arrangement — meaning we would only pay for the meals we purchase, with no charge for the meeting rooms.

While I am grateful for Chris's generosity in offering his venue again and for Barbara's willingness to plan, we must consider statewide accessibility. Santa Nella, though beautiful and welcoming, is not easily reachable for many delegates and guests. This year, Southern California attendees faced six to nine hours of driving, and the nearest airports — Fresno and San Jose — still required a 1½–2-hour drive and a rental car. Even Northern California and Central California attendees had a considerable drive.

That's why I believe the hotel Brandon found in San Diego would be an ideal choice for our 2026 convention. I truly enjoyed Chris's hotel, and I appreciate that he was not going to charge for the meeting rooms, but our next convention is an even-number-year event — meaning we will be selecting our national delegates — and it's important that it be as accessible as possible to maximize attendance and participation.

The agreement we've worked out with the Handlery Hotel is exceptional. They are offering us a business room more than 500 square feet larger than what we had this year, for just \$750 per day (\$1,500 total for both days). The Handlery will also waive charges for the banquet rooms and has agreed to a very modest food and beverage minimum of \$2,000 — which is largely procedural; in reality, we will only pay for the meals we sell, as we did this year.

Additionally, I've confirmed that our A/V and livestream will be provided by Vertigo Event Productions, who has handled this for us in the past, ensuring a high-quality experience for both in-person and remote attendees — a significant upgrade from this year's modest \$200 camera and microphone setup for the livestream. Best of all, they are willing to provide these services at no cost (although I hope to fundraise to compensate them for travel and lodging).

In short, the only hard cost to the Party for the venue would be \$1,500 for the two days of business sessions, with food and beverage expenses remaining essentially the same as this year. I believe this proposal gives us the best of both worlds: an affordable, professional venue

that is far more accessible, helping us attract the large and engaged attendance we want for our 2026 delegate-selection convention.

The attached proposal includes:

- Guest room block details and discounted rates
- Function space schedule
- Meeting room capacities chart
- Venue map for easy reference
- Concessions and benefits provided by the hotel

In Liberty,
Mimi Robson

August 15, 2025



2026 LP California Annual Convention

February 13-15, 2026

*Thank you for considering the **Handlery Hotel San Diego** for your upcoming group. The Handlery has been creating great experiences since 1954.*

AMENITIES

- Complimentary Wireless Internet in Guest Rooms
- 37" Flat Screen TVs
- Ergonomic Desk Chair
- Iron and Ironing Board
- Refrigerators in every room
- Hair Dryers
- Heated Outdoor Swimming Pool
- Postcards Café & Cocktails
- 950 Lounge
- Reef Lounge Poolside Bar and Grill
- Business Center
- Poolside Fitness Center
- Guest Laundry/Valet Dry Cleaning
- AHN Spa & Beauty
- Glo Hair Salon
- Meeting and Event Planning Services



Front of Hotel



Hotel Lobby



Oversized Pool

LOCATION

Situated in the heart of San Diego we have convenient access to the best sights and attractions.

- 10-minute walk to San Diego Trolley and Fashion Valley Mall (20 restaurants and 200 stores)
- Adjacent to Riverwalk Golf Club (18-hole championship course with preferred tee times and rates)
- 6 miles to Downtown, San Diego Airport and miles of breathtaking San Diego beaches
- 4 miles to SeaWorld, Balboa Park and San Diego Zoo

TRADITIONAL ROOMS REQUESTED

<i>2026 LP California Annual Convention</i>				
	Fri 02/13/2026		Sat 02/14/2026	
	Rooms	Rate	Rooms	Rate
Run of House	77	\$169.00	77	\$169.00
Fairway Suite	1	\$169.00	1	\$169.00
Premier King	2	\$169.00	2	\$169.00

Guest room rates do not include local taxes and fees, currently 14.95%. This is subject to current rate. Group rates are available three (3) days prior to or three (3) days following your group dates, based upon hotel availability. Check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out time is 11:00 am.

PROPOSED MEETING SPACE

Date	Time	Event Name	Function Room	Setup	AGR	Rental
Fri, 02/13/26	6:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Reception	Garden Ballroom	Reception Style	200	Waived
Sat, 02/14/26	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	General Session	Crystal Ballroom	Classroom	200	\$750.00++
Sat, 02/14/26	12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Lunch	Garden Ballroom	Round table seating	150	Waived
Sat, 02/14/26	6:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Dinner	Garden Ballroom	Round table seating	150	Waived
Sun, 02/15/26	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	General Session	Crystal Ballroom	Classroom	200	\$750.00++
Sun, 02/15/26	12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Lunch	Garden Ballroom	Round table seating	150	Waived



Postcards American Bistro



Crystal Ballroom



Premier King



Premier Double

CONCESSIONS

- 1 per 45
- 80% Attrition
- Discounted room rate will be offered 3 days pre/post
- (1) Fairway suite upgrade at the group rate (located poolside)
- (2) Premier room upgrades at the group rate
- 20% off Postcards Café Food Vouchers
- Half off overnight self- parking at \$12 per night with in and out privileges
- (3) Complimentary overnight parking passes
- 10% off AV
- Guaranteed 2025 Catering Menu Pricing
- Complimentary Wi-Fi in guest rooms and meeting space
- Complimentary box handling for unlimited boxes (maximum of 20 pounds per box), palettes are \$100.00++ per palette
- (10) Complimentary 6' exhibit tables to include linen, two chairs. Additional exhibit tables will be discounted to \$15++ each

MEETING DATES

- Your banquet meal space will be complimentary as long as you reach **\$2,000.00++** in food and beverage sales this does not include current sales tax (7.75%) or gratuity (24%)
- Your meeting space will be **discounted to \$750.00++ per day** provided 128 room nights are picked up throughout your group's stay
- Your meeting space is currently available as requested and is on a courtesy hold till Friday, August 22, 2025

EVENT FACILITIES

- A selection of thirteen well-appointed event rooms totaling over 42,000 square feet with three of the meeting rooms being between 3,100-4,000 square feet. This will ensure you of just the right room to accommodate your event of groups from 10-400.
- Our banquet menus, professional staff and ability to fill specific needs will ensure a successful meeting for your group.

I will follow-up with you in about a week to ensure your receipt of this proposal and to answer any questions. Meanwhile, if I may be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at **619.398.8335** or email **edelgadillo@handlery.com**.

Sincerely,

Estela Delgadillo

Senior Sales Manager

APPENDIX B

Hello Loren et al.,

Below are the details of the bid from the Mission De Oro Hotel for the 2026 Libertarian Convention. Additionally, Chris and his staff have assured me that they can comfortably accommodate up to 250 for business and up to 150 for meals and events.

Friday Mixer with Open Cash Bar + Hors d'oeuvres = \$28.00 per person

Saturday Luncheon = \$26.00 per person

Sunday Dinner Event = \$46.00 per person (3 entree choices)

Sunday Luncheon = \$28.00 per person (2 entree choices)

Please note the following ancillary facts:

*Convention will be held February 13-15, 2026.

*Friday (2/13) evening reception for a minimum of 100 people.

*Lunch on both Saturday and Sunday (2/14-2/15) for up to 150 people.

*Saturday dinner (2/14) for up to 150 people.

*Business room separate from the banquet room for both Saturday and Sunday all day (2/14-2/15).

*Classroom seating for business with a raiser in the front that can accommodate a podium and a table with 4 chairs.

*A room (preferably close to the business room) for up to 20 vendor tables.

*Room block for 100 rooms per night for Friday & Saturday nights (2/13-2/14); shoulder dates included in the discounted price.

*The number of rooms guaranteed with an 80% attrition rate.

*Free wi-fi in the guest rooms and business rooms for our attendees.

*Free AV equipment/microphones/podium/stage available for all events.

Cost to the Libertarian Party of California for all business and event rooms = 0

Luxury room rate = \$160.00 per night.

Hosted Bar = 0

Occupancy Tax = 0

Parking cost = 0

Security cost = 0

Technical support = 0

Traffic in surrounding area = nil

Please also consider that we netted over \$13,000 at the 2025 Convention, even with a slightly smaller attendance.

As a personal note, I cannot count the number of people who approached me individually at the event in July of 2025 asking if we could do the Convention at Santa Nella every year. This did not surprise me. The hotel is gorgeous (contrast with the 'B' rating of the Handlery Hotel in San Diego, for instance), the overhead for the California LP is zero, the food is excellent, the venue includes every amenity, the setting is beautiful and peaceful, and the location is central to all and very accessible from any major city. Additionally, Chris is willing to donate some transportation and much of the costs for major speakers, at his discretion. I am willing to chair a Convention at Santa Nella, which would include the advantage that I know the staff and the system and can recreate a successful template as well as readily addressing any areas needing improvement. Now that I have completed my doctoral work, I would have more time to devote to this.

The major advantage to alternating North and South (as has been customary) is to bring in more attendees from either region at the respective Conventions. A suggestion was made to me by someone about a year ago (unfounded then I believe) that since there was no official ruling on location, the previous Chair might choose to keep the conventions down in the South simply to always have "home field advantage", especially in years when we select delegates for the National Convention. Having the Convention in a Central location each year eliminates any such concern, now or in the future.

In terms of accessibility, Gail Lightfoot made it to Santa Nella. If this courageous lady can do it, I think most of our activists can find a way as well.

Traveling distances to Santa Nella:

from Sacramento = 1 3/4 hours
from LA = 5 hours
from San Diego = 6 1/2 hours
from San Francisco = 2 hours
from San Jose - 1 1/4 hours
from Bakersfield = 2 1/2 hours
from Fresno = 1 1/2 hours
from Eureka = 6 1/2 hours
from Long Beach = 5 1/2 hours
from Oakland = 1 3/4 hours
from Yreka = 5 1/2 hours

It is my view, and that of the Libertarian Party's very generous and consistent major donor, that it would be a sensible and beneficial move to relocate California Libertarian

Conventions to the Santa Nella venue permanently. It would simplify things considerably, as well as leaving room for many libertarian activists to spend time and energy on other pursuits in the county and state (or nationally) that they presumably wish to devote themselves to. Additionally, Chris and I have a very long history, and work very well together, which would synergize the possibility of expanding and improving this event over time.

Warm Regards,
Dr. Barbara Engelhardt