

# Region 4 / California Report

by LNC Regional Representative Daniel Wiener (2/14/2016)

The 2016 Libertarian Party of California state convention will be held April 1-3 at the LAX Hilton Hotel near Los Angeles International Airport, with a room rate of \$119/night. In addition to all the usual business sessions, there will be a Presidential candidates forum with Gary Johnson and John McAfee among others. Angela Keaton of antiwar.com will be the keynote speaker. A panel of elected Libertarians, including Susan Marie Weber (Palm Desert councilmember) and Kate O'Brien (Rancho-Simi Parks & Recreation Board) will give presentations. Other speakers will include David Nott, President of the Reason Foundation; Tim Moen from the Libertarian Party of Canada, Richard Rider of San Diego Tax Fighters, & Alexander McCobin of Students for Liberty. Early bird prices for convention packages are in effect until February 21<sup>st</sup> ([ca.lp.org/2016-convention](http://ca.lp.org/2016-convention)).

*The California Libertarian Activist* newsletter was inserted into the December issue of the national LP News, under the direction of Editor Elizabeth Briery. It went to state and national California LP members. A Libertarian Party Activist Training workshop was held in the San Francisco Bay area on the weekend of February 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> ([tinyurl.com/zpprd9w](http://tinyurl.com/zpprd9w)).

The California Executive Committee met on January 24<sup>th</sup> in Monrovia. A contract with the hotel for the state convention was signed. A membership recruitment letter went out to current and former national members, which generated a net profit and fifty new members. ExCom members from northern California attended by videoconference. Emily Tilford resigned as Treasurer, and Gale Morgan was elected to replace her until the upcoming convention.

Lots of other Libertarian activities are going on around the state, such as:

- The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern California LP Conference was held in Santa Fe Springs on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, featuring an assortment of excellent speakers.
- The Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County ([lplac.org](http://lplac.org)) will hold its annual convention in Culver City on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Within L.A. County, the South Bay Libertarians will meet on February 18<sup>th</sup> ([tinyurl.com/jzuda3o](http://tinyurl.com/jzuda3o)); there will be a Southeast Libertarian Mixer/Supper Club on March 3<sup>rd</sup>; and there will be a Foothills Libertarian Supper Club/Mixer on March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Alex Appleby, a candidate for Congress from Stockton, organized an area meeting which garnered fifteen attendees.
- Kern County had an organizing meeting.
- Alameda County LP holds its monthly meeting/elections March 10<sup>th</sup> ([tinyurl.com/pvwwnwa](http://tinyurl.com/pvwwnwa)).
- Monterey County LP held its annual meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to elect officers.
- San Mateo County LP will hold a supper club/business meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> ([lpsm.org](http://lpsm.org)).
- Santa Cruz holds meetings on the last Wednesday of every month ([tinyurl.com/p8u9l6m](http://tinyurl.com/p8u9l6m)).
- Ventura County LP ([lpvc.org](http://lpvc.org)) held its annual election of officers on February 5<sup>th</sup>.