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# Free New York

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## Put Up or Shut Up

This is it, folks. The petitioning to get Harry Browne on the ballot in New York is going on right now. A minimum of 15,000 signatures is needed, but many more than that will be needed to survive a challenge.

Two copies of the petition are included with this newsletter. Keep one as a blank to make photocopies in case you need more. Petitions are due at the Board of Elections on August 20. Please turn your sheets in as early as possible. Turn them in as you collect them. Do not wait until the last minute and turn them all in at once. Before the petitions

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## Browne Nominated

### ■ 15,000 signatures required to be on ballot in New York

Harry Browne gained a first ballot victory at the Libertarian National Convention in Washington, DC on July 6. Browne received 416 out of 605 votes easily beating all the other candidates. Rick Tompkins finished second with 74 votes.

The petition drive to qualify Browne for ballot status in New York is currently underway. LPNY must deliver a minimum of 15,000 signatures to the Board of Elections by August 20 in order for Browne to qualify.

A thousand Libertarians from across the country met in Washington, DC, from July 4 to July 7 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel less than half a mile from the Capitol Building.

NOTA finished 3rd with 60 votes, Irwin Schiff was 4th with 32 votes and Douglas Ohmen finished 5th with 20 votes. Jo Jorgensen and Jeffrey Diket received one vote each, and one non-vote was cast.

#### Jorgensen Chosen as VP

Jo Jorgensen was chosen as

the party's vice-presidential candidate. She ran uncontested and received 459 of 495 votes cast.

Steve Dasbach was re-elected as chair of the national LP, defeating Gene Cisewski by a vote of 296 to 177. Karen Allard was re-elected as vice-chair, Gary Johnson was elected secretary and Hugh Butler was re-elected as treasurer. All three ran unopposed. Bill Hall, Ron Crickenberger, Steve Winter, Steve Givot and Sharon Ayres were elected as at-large members of the national committee.

At the presidential banquet on Saturday night, over \$150,000 was raised to support the Browne campaign. The money will be used to buy time for radio commercials. Browne had taped four 1 minute commercials which he played for the audience. They began airing on talk radio stations in the Washington, DC area on Monday July 8.

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## Help From National by Blay Tarnoff

A cooperative agreement was signed between LPNY and the Libertarian National Committee at the first post-Convention LNC meeting in Washington, DC Sunday night (July 7). The agreement enabled LPNY to cooperate with National during the 1996 New York State presidential petition drive, in return for National's help with the 1998 Gubernatorial petition drive and campaign.

The agreement was necessary because of LPNY's directive in the '98 Counts Motion, which was passed at the 1995 NY State Convention and re-affirmed at the Convention again this past April. The '98 Counts Motion directs the State Committee of LPNY to focus its efforts exclusively on attaining permanent ballot status by winning 50,000 votes in the November 1998 Gubernatorial election. By securing National's agreement to help LPNY get on the ballot in 1998 in return for LPNY's help in the current election, the State Committee now believes it is authorized to mount a volunteer effort and expend resources toward the 1996 Presidential petition drive.

The agreement calls for LPNY to mount its "best voluntary effort" to collect petition signatures for Harry Browne, in return for which National promises to collect an equal number of signatures for LPNY's Gubernatorial candidate,

assuming a "serious" candidate capable of obtaining 50,000 votes is chosen in 1998. The agreement also calls for LPNY to produce the Presidential petition sheet itself, which it has already done, and for National to help LPNY with fund raising and other tasks for the 1998 drive and campaign.

Officials from both groups met prior to the LNC Meeting to finalize the agreement, which was the culmination of several weeks of negotiations. Talks had been delayed in the final days, possibly due to the impending elections to party office which took place at the National Convention's Sunday morning session.

Representing LPNY at the final negotiations were Chair Lloyd Wright, Vice Chair Dottie-Lou Brokaw, and Immediate Past Chair Blay Tarnoff. Representing the LNC were Chair Steve Dasbach, Ballot Access Chair William Redpath, National Director Perry Willis, Member-At-Large Kris Williams and Member-At-Large/General Counsel to the LNC Bill Hunt. Also present were long-time New York Libertarian activist Vicki Kirkland and National's choice of petition drive sub-contractor in New York, John Slevin. The final agreement was signed by William Redpath during the LNC after consideration of the agreement by the LNC itself, and by Lloyd Wright some time later.

Although the agreement does involve some risk on the part of LPNY in that only its "best voluntary effort" will suffice to earn it guaranteed cooperation by

National in 1998, party officials are confident that the membership will rise to the occasion. A proposal to set a minimum requirement for LPNY to gather 7,500 valid (i.e. not raw) petition signatures had been agreed to originally but was later abandoned.

The actual text of the agreement follows:

In return for the Libertarian Party of New York's (LPNY's) best voluntary effort to deliver valid ballot access petition signatures on the 1996 New York State Presidential and Vice Presidential Independent Nominating Petition, plus LPNY's timely delivery of a valid petition form for that election, the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) agrees to deliver a minimum of valid ballot access petition signatures on the 1998 New York State Gubernatorial and other statewide candidate Independent Nomination Petition, equal in number to those delivered by the LPNY on the aforementioned 1996 petition, plus provide, in good faith, various and sundry services, including, but not limited to, fund raising help and expertise, for the purpose of helping the LPNY to attain permanent ballot status in 1998, which requires that the LPNY field a serious Gubernatorial candidate who can receive fifty thousand (50,000) votes in the November 1998 election.

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A major point of contention arose early in the convention over a proposal to require all candidates for president to submit a petition with 35 signatures of delegates who would promise to support the candidate on the first ballot.

But the most contentious debate of the convention took place over the children's rights plank. The plank was eventually deleted from the platform.

**Tuniewicz NatCom Rep**

Mark Tuniewicz was elected as the representative to NatCom from region 6. Region 6 includes New York and New England. Joseph Brennan was elected as alternate.

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can be turned in, we must identify what election district each of the voters resides in. This is a tedious, time-consuming process. It can take as much effort as the actual collecting of signatures. It is important that you turn your signatures in early to allow time for processing. The names of local LPNY contacts can be found on page 3.

The letter from LPNY Chair Lloyd Wright explains the importance of this petition drive to our goal of achieving permanent ballot status. If you've never been active in politics before, now is the time to start. If you don't give it your best effort right now don't complain about things later on.

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<u>Chapter Name</u>	<u>Local Contact</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Meetings</u>
Suffolk	Harry McArdle	(516) 744-5332	4th Monday at 7:00 PM Selden Library Annex, Selden
Nassau	Vincent O'Neill	(516) 676-8029	3rd Tuesday at 8:00 PM 230 Hilton Ave., Hempstead
New York	Vicki Kirkland	(212) 219-2702	2nd Tuesday at ??? PM Ukrainian East Village Restaurant
Queens	John Clifton	(718) 670-3270	2nd Saturday at 11:00 AM Shaheen Restaurant, 72-09 Broadway
Westchester/Rockland	Blay Tarnoff	(914) 949-1945	
Hudson Valley	Dottie-Lou Brokaw	(914) 679-8340	1st Tuesday at 7:00 PM College Diner, Route 299, New Paltz
Capital District	Jeff Russell	(518) 371-3641	2nd Wednesday at 6:30 PM Branch Restaurant, Maiden Lane, Albany
Southern Tier	Will Kone	(607) 687 7597	
Genesee	Bob Walton	(716) 377-1686	
Niagara Frontier	?????	?????	
those with ????? couldn't be verified as of press time			

## How NY Voted

Here is how your New York State delegates cast their presidential votes:

### for Harry Browne (16)

Mark Axinn, Kathy Betz, Gail Bova, Jack Bova, Audrey Capozzi-Pappaeliou, Kevin Delaney, Robert Flanzer, Douglas Greene, James Harris, Gary Johnson, Timothy Marleau, Vincent O'Neill, Eleanor Rosenblatt, Jeffrey Russell, Elliott Werner and Lloyd Wright

### for Rick Tompkins (5)

Joseph Brennan, Dottie-Lou Brokaw, Peter Carl, Donald Silberberger and Anna Zhadanov

### for Irwin Schiff (4)

Bradford Arter, Arthur Beiley, Sanford Feld and Norma Segal

### for NOTA (4)

Steven Becker, Vicki Kirkland, Ene Susi and Blay Tarnoff

### not voting (1)

William McMillen

## State Committee to Meet

The State Committee of LPNY will hold its next quarterly meeting on Sunday, September 29 at 10:00 AM at the Sloatsburg service area on the NYS Thruway. The meeting room is on the second floor. All LPNY members are invited to attend. Call Lloyd Wright at (914) 339-2613 for more information.

## How to Join the Libertarian Party of New York

I am in substantial agreement with the following principles:

- Each individual possesses the inalienable right to life, liberty and justly acquired property.
- No person or institution, public or private, has the right to initiate the use of force against another.
- All individuals are entitled to choose their own lifestyles, as long as they do not forcibly impose their values on others.
- The only moral basis of politics is the preservation and protection of individual rights.
- The voluntary and unrestricted exchange of goods and services is fundamental to a peaceful and harmonious society

Signature:

Date:

Name:

Address:

City/Town:

State:

Zip:

County:

Phone:

Occupation:

Annual dues are \$15. Lifetime memberships are \$200. Lifetime sustaining memberships are \$500. Combined state and national memberships are \$30. Student memberships are \$5. Make checks payable to: LPNY, and mail to LPNY, PO Box 1664, New York, NY 10013