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MINUTES OF THE STATE CONVENTION  
BUSINESS SESSION / *page 6*

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The meeting was called to order at 9:50 AM by Chairman Bill McMillen, at the White Plains Hotel, White Plains, NY.

Minutes for the 1988 Business Session were unavailable. Bill McMillen indicated the by-laws changes that had been made, and that copies of the revised by-laws were available. Bob Gustafson moved that the "minutes" as given by Bill McMillen be accepted; John Karr seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Wheatley Bergen, secretary, reported that at its business session, the 1988 Convention had deferred action on the selection of presidential electors and members of the committee of vacancy. Subsequently, Bill McMillen (as Chair) and Fran Porretto (as coordinator of the 1988 presidential campaign) compiled a list of 36 presidential and Vice-presidential Electors, and 5 members for the Committee of Vacancy. The State Committee accepted this list at its May 28, 1988, meeting.

Also deferred was the choice, if any, of a 1988 NY Senate candidate. At the May 28, 1988, meeting of the State Committee, Bill McMillen accepted the party's nomination.

It was moved by Bob Gustafson that the report of deferred items be accepted; John Karr seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vicki Kirkland, NatCom rep, reported on the latest antics of the National Committee. She stated that at the April meeting in Washington, D.C., at-large committee members had been chosen for the upcoming Philadelphia convention. Vicki was chosen as an at-large member of the platform committee. New York also can name one member to the platform committee and to the credentials committee.

Bill McMillen noted that he had been present at the Washington meeting, at that much dissension still existed between factions of the National Committee.

Fran Porretto reported on the 1988 elections, stating that we lost. He also commented on the problems he encountered with the Ron Paul people. A list of 30-40 names acquired by Paul have been integrated with our NY list. Bob Gustafson moved to accept Fran's report; John Munteer seconded. The motion passed.



Bill McMillen gave his chair's report, saying that in general he had been disappointed with the previous year, with its low membership numbers, no regular publishing schedule for FREE NEW YORK, and his inability to bring the Rochester-area libertarians back into the state party.

Fran Porretto moved that the chair's report be accepted. A standing membership seconded and passed the motion.

The following changes in the By-Laws were accepted:

Article II B 1 b - Add "A one-year membership in the LP-NY shall be for the remaining part of the calendar year in which dues are paid; except that dues collected subsequent to September 1 will be in effect for the remainder of that year through December 31 of the following year."

Article IV Section A - Delete "provided such member has registered in writing with the Secretary of the LP-NY or the Secretary's designee at least five days prior to such convention"

Article VI Section A - Add "and the immediate Past Chair"

Article X Section B - Add ", exclusive of the immediate past chair"

Article XIII Section B - Delete current wording; add "In the event of a vacancy in the office of State Chairperson, the State Vice-Chairperson selected by the State Committee shall serve as State Chairperson until the next convention. All other vacancies on the State Committee shall be filled by the State Committee in a manner determined solely by that State Committee."

Tabled was a change that would have provided a window of dates for scheduling the convention. Defeated was a change that would have defined the functions of the state Vice-Chairs. Also defeated was a change that would have kept a person from holding the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

There was no action or discussion regarding the Platform.

Bill Stocker gave the Treasurer's Report (copies of financial statements are appended). He stated that with the funding of the NYC office cut to \$100/month the party may be able to cover its expenses with its dues next year. Bob Gustafson moved to accept the Treasurer's report; Fran Porretto seconded. The motion carried. Fran Porretto suggested a show of our appreciation for Bill Stocker's 6 years in office. Applause.

Norma Segal reported that \$4755 was made at the convention, with 96 people attending, 82 at the banquet.



Elections - Chair: Norma Segal was nominated by Vicki Kirkland (seconded by Reed Halsted). Bruce Martin moved to close nominations (seconded by John Karr). Motion passed. Norma Segal was elected Chair by a unanimous vote.

Vice Chair: Fran Porretto was nominated by Vicki Kirkland (seconded by Bob Flanzer); John Munteer was nominated by Reed Halstead (seconded by Jeff Russell); Vicki Kirkland was nominated by Norma Segal (seconded by Allen Rickman). John Munteer withdrew. John Karr moved to close nominations (seconded by Joe Kleinman). Motion passed. Fran Porretto and Vicki Kirkland were elected Vice Chairs.

Secretary: John Karr was nominated by Vicki Kirkland (seconded by Ludwig Vogel). Bob Gustafson was nominated by Norma Segal (seconded by John Karr). Bob Gustafson withdrew. Fran Porretto moved to close nominations (seconded by Bob Flanzer). Motion passed. John Karr was elected Secretary.

Treasurer: Bill Stocker was nominated by Reed Halstead (seconded by Gwyneth Bear). Reed Halstead moved to close nominations (seconded by John Munteer). Motion passed. Allen Rickman moved that Bill Stocker be elected by acclamation (seconded by Fran Porretto). Motion passed.

At-large members of the State Committee (in order of votes received): Gwyneth Bear was nominated by Margaret Fries (seconded by Fran Porretto), 21 votes; Kevin Delaney was nominated by Vicki Kirkland (seconded by Dave Hopwood), 17 votes; Bob Gustafson was nominated by John Karr (seconded by Vicki Kirkland), 15 votes; Allen Rickman was nominated by Norma Segal (seconded by Margaret Fries), 15 votes; Bruce Martin was nominated by Fran Porretto (seconded by Reed Halstead), 14 votes; Wheatley Bergen was nominated by Bruce Martin (seconded by Margaret Fries), 11 votes; Don Davis was nominated by Reed Halstead (seconded by Allen Rickman), 9 votes; Dave Hopwood was nominated by Don Davis (seconded by Dawn Davis), 9 votes; Margaret Fries was nominated by John Karr (seconded by Bob Gustafson), 7 votes; John Munteer was nominated by Reed Halstead (seconded by John Karr), 6 votes. Elected were Gwyneth Bear, Kevin Delaney, Allen Rickman, Bob Gustafson, and Bruce Martin.

The following delegates to the National Covention in Philadelphia were elected: Gwyn Bear, Wheatley Bergen, Dawn Davis, Don Davis, Sandy Feld, Margaret Fries, Douglas Greene, Bob Gustafson, Reed Halstead, John Karr, Vicki Kirkland, Bruce Martin, Bill McMillen, Allen Rickman, Jeff Russell, Norma Segal, Bill Stocker, Ludwig Vogel and Doug Willinger.

Bill McMillen moved that the Chair determine the alternate delegates to the National Convention; Allen Rickman seconded. The motion passed.

Margaret Fries was elected to serve on the Platform Committee, with Norma Segal as alternate.

Kevin Delaney was elected to serve on the Credentials Committee.

Bob Gustafson moved to adjourn, with a unanimous second, at 12:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wheatley Bergen, Secretary