

**Minutes of the 42nd Annual Convention
of the Libertarian Party of New York
held on Saturday April 26, 2014
at the Best Western Albany Airport Inn,
200 Wolf Road,
Albany, New York**

The Convention was called by the State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York at its meeting of January 5, 2014. The Convention personnel appointed by the State Committee were as follows:

Credentials Committee Chair	Jeff Russell
Chair of Committee on Standing Rules	Bill McMillen
Program Committee Chair	Todd Haggerty
Resolutions Committee Chair	Chris Garvey
Convention Arrangements Committee Chair	Todd Haggerty
Sergeant-at-Arms	Eric Sundwall

The Convention was called to order by Chair Mark Axinn at 9:15.

The report of the Credentials Committee showing 36 members entitled to vote and 5 members who may be permitted to vote was adopted without debate. The 5 new members were granted permission to vote by unanimous consent, bringing the roll of registered delegates to 41.

The report of the Committee on Standing Rules proposing the *Standing Rules of the 2014 Annual Convention of the Libertarian Party of New York* (Exhibit 1) was distributed to all members at the door and was adopted as amended without debate.

The report of the Program Committee proposing the program and agenda of the Convention (Exhibit 2) was distributed to all members at the door and was adopted without debate.

The Convention recessed at 9:30 and reconvened at 10:15 per the orders of the day.

A supplementary report of the Credentials Committee showing that 11 members entitled to vote and 2 members who may be permitted to vote had registered since the adoption of the initial report, was adopted without debate. The 2 new members were granted permission to vote by unanimous consent, bringing the roll of registered delegates to 54.

Mark Axinn relinquished the chair to Vice-Chair Chris Padgett without objection. **Mark Axinn was elected Chair** by voice vote, running unopposed. Chris Padgett relinquished the chair to Chair Mark Axinn without objection.

The following individuals were nominated for the position of Vice-Chair: Michael Houze, Phil Ricci, and Chris Padgett. **Phil Ricci and Chris Padgett were elected Vice-Chairs** by show of hands.

Blay Tarnoff was elected Secretary by voice vote, running unopposed.

Gary Triestman was elected Treasurer by voice vote, running unopposed.

Audrey Capozzi, Michael Houze, Kevin Wilson, Brian Waddell, and Rob Power were elected State Committee Members At Large by voice vote, running unopposed as a set.

The Convention recessed at 10:45 and reconvened at 14:30 per the orders of the day.

A supplementary report of the Credentials Committee showing that 14 members entitled to vote had registered since the adoption of the last report, bringing the roll of registered delegates to 68, was adopted without debate. A second supplementary report of the Credentials Committee showing that 2 additional members entitled to vote had just registered, bringing the roll of registered delegates to 70, was also adopted without debate.

The following individuals were nominated for Libertarian Party endorsement for the public office of Governor of the State of New York: Jack Diodato, Michael McDermott, Chris Edes, Nathan Lebron, Randy Credico, and Richard Cooper. In the first round of voting, Jack Diodato received 3 votes, Michael McDermott received 21 votes, Chris Edes received 13 votes, Nathan Lebron received 20 votes, Randy Credico received 1 vote, Richard Cooper received 10 votes, and 0 votes were cast for “none of the above”; Randy Credico was dropped from the ballot. In the second round of voting, Jack Diodato received 2 votes, Michael McDermott received 21 votes, Chris Edes received 13 votes, Nathan Lebron received 23 votes, Richard Cooper received 8 votes, and 0 votes were cast for “none of the above”; Jack Diodato was dropped from the ballot and Richard Cooper withdrew from contention. In the third round of voting, Michael McDermott received 28 votes, Chris Edes received 18 votes, Nathan Lebron received 21 votes, and 1 vote was cast for “none of the above”; Chris Edes was dropped from the ballot. In the fourth round of voting, Michael McDermott received 38 votes, Nathan Lebron received 30 votes, and 0 votes were cast for “none of the above”; Nathan Lebron was dropped from the ballot. In the fifth round of voting, **Michael McDermott was endorsed as the Libertarian Party nominee for Governor of the State of New York** by 2/3 majority by show of hands.

The following individuals were nominated for Libertarian Party endorsement for the public office of Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York: Chris Edes, Randy Credico, and Jack Diodato. In the first round of voting, Chris Edes received 44 votes, Randy Credico received 0 votes, Jack Diodato received 21 votes, and 0 votes were cast for “none of the above”; **Chris Edes was endorsed as the Libertarian Party nominee for Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York** by 2/3 majority by ballot vote.

The following individual was nominated for Libertarian Party endorsement for the public office of New York State Comptroller: John Clifton. **John Clifton was endorsed as the Libertarian Party nominee for New York State Comptroller** by 2/3 majority by show of hands.

The following individuals were nominated for Libertarian Party endorsement for the public office of New York State Attorney General: Carl Person and Chris Garvey. **Carl Person was endorsed as the Libertarian Party nominee for New York State Attorney General** by 2/3 majority by show of hands.

Enabling resolution by Resolutions Committee Chair Chris Garvey to **grant the State Committee the power, by three-fourths majority, to endorse or revoke the endorsement of Libertarian Party candidates for any state-wide office for any election prior to the general election of 2016 and, by simple majority, to appoint the committees on vacancies on petitions to nominate Libertarian Party candidates for any state-wide office for any election prior to the general election of 2016**, passed by 2/3 majority without debate.

The Convention adjourned at 16:35.

Blay Tarnoff, Recording Secretary
May 4, 2014

Exhibit 1

STANDING RULES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK

Rule 1. The Credentials Committee, directly after the opening ceremonies of the business meeting, shall report the number of delegates registered as present with proper credentials who are entitled to vote and the names of other members in good standing registered as present with proper credentials who may be permitted to vote. The members in the latter category may be added to the roll of voting members at any time if no more than three members in the former category object.

Rule 2. To facilitate identification, seating and voting, members and others shall be required to retain and display upon request the wrist bands issued by the Credentials Committee upon registration. Division votes, whether simple or counted, shall be taken by members' standing and display of voting cards issued by the Credentials Committee upon registration.

Rule 3. A resolution offered by an individual member shall be in writing, signed by the maker and the seconder – each of whom shall be a voting member of the convention – and shall be sent directly to the desk of the Recording Secretary.

Rule 4. (a) All resolutions except those proposed by the State Committee or by another committee, and all recommendations made in reports of officers or committees of the convention that are not in the form of resolutions, shall be referred without debate to the Resolutions Committee; resolutions proposed by the State Committee or by another committee shall be presented by the proposing committee directly to the convention.

(b) Each member who offers a resolution shall be given an opportunity to explain it to the Resolutions Committee if he so requests.

(c) The Resolutions Committee shall prepare suitable resolutions to carry into effect recommendations referred to it, and shall submit to the convention, with the Committee's own recommendation as to appropriate action, these and all other resolutions referred to the Committee, except questions which the Committee by a vote of two-thirds of its members may decide not to report.

(d) The convention by a majority vote may suspend this Rule 4 and may immediately consider a question, or may order the Resolutions Committee to report a question at a certain time, even if the Committee had voted not to report it.

Rule 5. No member shall speak in debate on the same question more than twice or longer than five minutes in total without permission of the convention granted by a two-thirds vote without debate.

Rule 6. Candidates seeking endorsement for each public office shall each be allowed an amount of time to speak and for two seconding speeches, such time to be determined by the Chair in consideration of the time available. Candidates for Chair shall each be allowed three minutes to speak; candidates for all other Party offices shall each be allowed one minute to speak.

Rule 7. Endorsements of candidates for public office shall be made in the same manner as elections for Party office, except that endorsements shall require a 2/3 majority. Each office shall be filled with one election, even if that office has more than a single position to be filled. Each election shall consist of a series of ballots. In each ballot, voters may vote for as many candidates as there are positions for the office still open or "None of the Above". If None of the Above achieves a majority, a new election shall be held for the open positions still remaining and the candidates who were outpolled by None of the Above shall be ineligible; otherwise, those who achieve the requisite majority shall be recognized as elected, in order of their vote totals and in order of the length of term. The candidate receiving the fewest votes shall be eliminated from succeeding ballots. Ties shall be resolved by a separate ballot.

Rule 8. All reports and other material for the permanent record or printed proceedings shall be typewritten and, immediately on presentation, shall be sent to the Recording Secretary.

Rule 9. Notices for announcement to the convention shall be in writing, signed by the person (or a proper representative of the persons) under whose authority the announcement is issued, and shall be sent to the desk of the Recording Secretary.

Exhibit 2

**42ND ANNUAL LIBERTARIAN PARTY of NEW
YORK CONVENTION**

- 8:00-9:00 REGISTRATION**
- 9:00-9:15 OPENING REMARKS**
- 9:15-9:30 CREDENTIALS/ADOPT CONVENTION RULES**
- 9:30-10:00 SKYLER DEANGELO - PRESIDENT,
YOUNG AMERICANS FOR LIBERTY (YAL), SUNY ALBANY
CHAPTER**
- 10:00-10:15 BREAK & CDLP FUNDRAISER**
- 10:15-12:00 LPNY OFFICER ELECTIONS, PARTY BUSINESS &
CANDIDATE SPEECHES**
- 12:00-2:15 LUNCH AND SPEAKERS**
- 12:45-1:15 STEPHEN ALDSTADT- PRESIDENT,
SHOOTERS COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION
(SCOPE)**
- 1:30-2:00 BLAIR HORNER- LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR,
NEW YORK PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP
(NYPIRG)**
- 2:00-2:15 LPNY FUNDRAISER**
- 2:15-4:45 STATEWIDE NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS**
- 4:45-5:00 CANDIDATE FUNDRAISER, RAFFLE**
- 5:00-5:15 CLOSING REMARKS**
- 5:15-6:00 STATE COMMITTEE MEETING**
- 6:10-7:00 BREAK**
- 7:00-9:00 DINNER WITH GEOFF NEALE - CHAIRMAN of the
LIBERTARIAN PARTY**

Exhibit 2 - cont'd

AGENDA for the Business Sessions

9:15

- ***Adoption of Report of the Credentials Committee***
- ***Adoption of Report of the Committee on Standing Rules***
- ***Adoption of Report of the Program Committee***

10:15

- ***Elections to Party Office***
 - o ***Chair***
 - o ***Vice-Chairs***
 - o ***Secretary***
 - o ***Treasurer***
 - o ***Members At Large***
- ***Resolutions***
- ***Other business***
- ***Unfinished business***

2:15

- ***Endorsement of Candidates for Public Office***
 - o ***Governor***
 - o ***Lieutenant Governor***
 - o ***Attorney General***
 - o ***Comptroller***
- ***Appointment of Endorsement Committee***