

**Minutes of the June 5, 2011 Meeting of the State Committee  
of the Libertarian Party of New York  
held by telephone conference call**

Members in attendance:

Mark Axinn, Chair  
Audrey Capozzi, Vice-Chair, Correspondence Secretary  
Richard Cooper, Vice-Chair  
Blay Tarnoff, Secretary  
Chris Padgett, At-Large, National Platform Committee Representative for 2012  
Michael Houze, At-Large, Suffolk County Representative  
David Narby, At-Large  
Gary Popkin, Brooklyn Representative  
Jeff Russell, Capital Region Representative  
Max Kessler, Greater Rochester Representative  
Bob Cotton, Hudson Valley Representative  
Carmelin Mitchell, Nassau County Representative

Members not in attendance:

Gary Triestman, Treasurer, Telecommunications Officer  
Chris Garvey, At-Large  
Adam Martin, At-Large  
Christa Siering, Ithaca Representative  
Janet Hopf, Manhattan Representative  
Danny Panzella, Staten Island Representative

Observers:

Gary Donoyan

Published agenda:

1. Quorum.
2. Approve Minutes (Mr. Tarnoff).
3. Treasurer's Report (Mr. Treistman).
4. 2011 Convention report (SCLP).
5. Appointment of TCC for Erie, Niagara and Wyoming Counties (Mr. Hulse).
6. Chapter Development and Events. (Mr. Brogan and others).
7. New business (Mr. Cooper and others).
8. Adjourn.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Axinn at 20:05.

The minutes of the 2011 Convention held on April 30, 2011 were approved.

The minutes of the previous State Committee meeting of April 30, 2011 were approved.

In the absence of Treasurer Gary Triestman, Mark Axinn issued a partial Treasurer's Report.

Audrey Capozzi issued a report on the 2011 Convention.

Motion by Max Kessler to **replace John Wadsworth with Kyle Hulse as Temporary County Chair of Erie County** passed.

In the absence of Westchester TCC Jeff Brogan, Mark Axinn issued a report on the state of County Organization development in Westchester County.

The following motion by Richard Cooper:

**While the Libertarian Party of New York believes that the government should have no role in restricting or approving marriage, the Libertarian Party of New York endorses the legalization of same-sex marriage as an expression of individual rights and freedom of contract.**

**Given Conservative Party leader Michael Long's vow to bar Conservative endorsement to any State Senator who votes for same-sex marriage, the Libertarian Party of New York invites these senators who are compatible with our views to seek Libertarian endorsement from our county organizations where they exist or the State Committee otherwise.**

**Nothing in the State Committee's resolution should imply that our endorsement is guaranteed.**

was debated and passed as amended by roll call vote of 8 - 3 as follows:

Mark Axinn	Present	Chris Padgett	Aye	Jeff Russell	Aye
Audrey Capozzi	Aye	Michael Houze	Aye	Max Kessler	Aye
Richard Cooper	Aye	David Narby	Nay	Bob Cotton	Nay
Blay Tarnoff	Nay	Gary Popkin	Aye	Carmelin Mitchell	Aye

Motion by Richard Cooper that **the LPNY will commit two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to the campaign to oppose the referendum for the renovation of the Nassau Coliseum at taxpayer expense** was debated and passed.

Chair Mark Axinn announced that the next meeting will be held on July 10, being the second Sunday in July, rather than the first, due to the July Fourth holiday weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:15.

Blay Tarnoff, Secretary  
June 5, 2011