

**Minutes of the January 7, 2007 Meeting of the State Committee  
of the Libertarian Party of New York  
held by telephone conference call**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Richard Cooper at 20:00.

**Members in attendance:**

Richard Cooper, Chair  
M Carling, Vice Chair, Membership Structure and Mailing Committee Chair, Outsourcing Agreement  
Committee Chair  
Blay Tarnoff, Secretary, Party Telecommunications Officer  
Gary Popkin, Treasurer, Kings County Temporary County Chair  
Eric Sundwall, At-large  
Chris Garvey, At-large  
Audrey Capozzi, At-large  
Gary Donoyan, At-large  
Donald Silberger, At-large  
Werner Hetzner, Capital Region Representative  
Gary Triestman, Hudson Valley Representative, Newsletter Editor  
Tom Stevens, Manhattan Representative  
Estelle Edwards, Suffolk County Representative  
John Clifton, Immediate Past Chair  
Joseph Dobrian, Vice Chair (arrived at 20:10)  
Andy MacAskill, Nassau County Representative (arrived at 20:30)

**Members not in attendance:**

Rob Robinson, Ithaca Libertarians Representative

**Observers:**

Hardy Macia, Region 7 Representative to the Libertarian National Committee  
Jim Harris, Suffolk County Chair

Gary Popkin issued a Treasurer's Report.

Audrey Capozzi issued a Convention Report.

Richard Cooper led discussion on the following resolution, ultimately moved by Joseph Dobrian:

**The Libertarian Party of New York supports the following:**

- **Repeal of the Rockefeller Drug Laws**
- **Abolishment of the Empire State Development Corporation**
- **Amendment of the State constitution to allow voters to select the State Board of Regents**
- **The curbing of eminent domain abuse**
- **Enactment of the ballot access reforms proposed by Eliot Spitzer**
- **Repeal of the state-wide smoking ban**

The resolution PASSED.

Blay Tarnoff moved to **approve the minutes of the October 1, 2006 and December 3, 2006**

**meetings.** The motion PASSED.

Jim Harris proposed a unified membership program to link State and County Organization memberships and divide dues.

Tom Stevens moved to rescind the motion passed at the December 3, 2006 meeting to revoke the charter of the Libertarian Party of Queens County. The Chair ruled that notice of intent to make the motion was given in the call of the present meeting and that the motion therefore required only a simple majority of those voting to pass. The motion FAILED by a vote of 6 in favor to 7 opposed with 1 member explicitly abstaining.

Tom Stevens moved to **appoint John Clifton Temporary County Chair of Queens County.** M Carling moved to postpone the motion to the next meeting. The motion to postpone FAILED by a vote of 6 in favor to 7 opposed with 1 member explicitly abstaining. Blay Tarnoff moved to amend the motion to substitute Jeff Monheit for John Clifton. The motion to amend FAILED by a vote of 3 in favor to 5 opposed with 5 members explicitly abstaining. The main motion PASSED by a vote of 8 in favor to 4 opposed with 1 member explicitly abstaining.

M Carling moved to adjourn. The motion PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:50.

Respectfully submitted, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007,  
Blay Tarnoff, Secretary, Libertarian Party of New York