Libertarian Party of New York IT Committee
Minutes – January 15, 2017

Present: Chris Edes (Chair), Michael Dowden, and Andrew Kolstee

Meeting began 9:00 p.m.

LPNY website domain. LPnewyork.org is the main domain, owned by Alex Merced. The LPNY owns the domain lpny.us, which redirects to the main URL. Holding the domains under the LPNY's account would be easier from an administrative standpoint.

Transfer of existing domains. Since it costs money to transfer domains from other domain registrar to the LPNY's Dreamhost account (essentially re-registering) even if the domain has not yet expired, the best course of action is transfer domains when they are set to expire on those other accounts. Domains associated or acquired by the LPNY can be transferred when the time comes and current chapters are welcome to transfer their domains to the LPNY's Dreamhost account. New chapters can have domains purchased through LPNY's Dreamhost account with the aid of the IT Committee.

E-mail addresses. Dowden noted that we can have up to 100 e-mail addresses associated with the lpny.us domain. He created one for the chair (chairman@lpny.us) and treasurer (treasurer@lpny.us) to redirect to their associated e-mail addresses. It's possible for each county to have an "@lpny.us" e-mail address, which can be redirected to the e-mail for which their county uses for main e-mail business.

Security. Dowden and Edes discussed concerns with security of data, including possible ways to use encryption, etc.

Updating the Website. Kolstee will contact Andy Burns to start the process of updating the website with resources from national.

Resources. It was discussed that through Wordpress we can have password-protected pages, so that we can provide resources to chapters and candidates, such as lists, guides, templates, art, etc.

Database. The need for a database was discussed and Edes suggested finding an open source CRM that could be used to manage lists for general outreach and political campaigns. Edes found Zenbership and he and Kolstee will do further research.

Meeting ended 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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