

**Minutes of the 47th Annual Convention of the Libertarian Party of New York
held on Saturday, May 4, 2018 at the Radisson Hotel Rochester Airport
175 Jefferson Road, Rochester, New York**

The convention was called by the State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York at its meeting of February 10, 2019. Convention personnel were as follows:

Chair	Jim Rosenbeck
Recording Secretary	Blay Tarnoff
Credentials Committee Chair	Mark Potwora
Chair of Committee on Standing Rules	Andrew Kolstee
Program Committee Chair	Tony D'Orazio
Resolutions Committee Chair	Mark Glogowski
Convention Arrangements Committee Chair	Sean Phelan
Sergeant-at-Arms	Sean Phelan

The convention was called to order by Chair Jim Rosenbeck at 9:09.

Chair Jim Rosenbeck issued welcoming remarks.

The report of the Credentials Committee showing 45 members entitled to vote and 26 members who may be permitted to vote was debated amended to add the latter to the roll of voting members and adopted as amended without debate.

The report of the Committee on Standing Rules proposing the *Standing Rules of the 2019 Annual Convention of the Libertarian Party of New York* (Exhibit 1) was waived for reading and adopted without debate.

The report of the Program Committee proposing the program and agenda of the convention (Exhibit 2) was debated and adopted.

Andrew Kolstee presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of Treasurer Mike Dowden.

The report of the Credentials Committee showing 77 members entitled to vote and 8 members who may be permitted to vote was amended to add the latter to the roll of voting members and adopted as amended without debate.

Motion by Fred Cole to **suspend the rules to allow Larry Sharpe to speak for 5 minutes** passed without debate. Larry Sharpe addressed the convention.

Mark Glogowski, Mike McDermott, and Cody Anderson were nominated for the position of Chair. In the first round of voting, Mike McDermott received 33 votes, Mark Glogowski received 32 votes, and Cody Anderson received 18 votes; Cody Anderson was dropped from the ballot. In the second round of voting, Mark Glogowski received 40 votes, Mike McDermott received 38 votes, and 4 votes were cast for "none of the above"; Mike McDermott was dropped from the ballot. In the third round of voting, **Mark Glogowski was elected Chair** by voice vote.

The report of the Credentials Committee showing 85 members entitled to vote and 2 members who may be permitted to vote was amended to add the latter to the roll of voting members and adopted as amended without debate.

Jeff Motta, Kari Bittner, and Mike McDermott were nominated for the position of Vice Chair. In the first round of voting, Kari Bittner received 71 votes, Jeff Motta received 53 votes, and Mike McDermott received 38 votes. **Kari Bitter and Jeff Motta were elected Vice Chairs.**

Bill Schmidt and Andrew Kolstee were nominated for the position of Secretary. In the first round of voting, Bill Schmidt received 53 votes, Andrew Kolstee received 33 votes, 1 vote was cast for “Reuben,” and 1 vote was cast for “none of the above”; **Bill Schmidt was elected Secretary.**

Duane Whitmer was elected Treasurer, running unopposed.

The following individuals were nominated for the position of State Committee Member At Large: Dan Singer, Andrew Kolstee, Paul Grindle, Kevin Warmhold, Mike McDermott, Steve Minogue, Peyton Kunselman, Chase Tkach, Anthony Pellegrino, Cody Anderson, Daniel Donnelly, and Christopher Olenski.

Larry Sharpe addressed the convention.

In the first round of voting for the position of State Committee Member At Large, Paul Grindle received 49 votes, Steve Minogue received 47 votes, Christopher Olenski received 42 votes, Andrew Kolstee received 41 votes, Mike McDermott received 41 votes, Chase Tkach received 36 votes, Anthony Pellegrino received 33 votes, Cody Anderson received 32 votes, Daniel Donnelly received 30 votes, Daniel Singer received 25 votes, Kevin Warmhold received 20 votes, Peyton Kunselman received 20 votes, 2 votes were cast for “Reuben,” 1 vote was cast for “Turd Ferguson,” and 7 votes were cast for “none of the above”; Peyton Kunselman was dropped from the ballot. **Steve Minogue was re-elected and Paul Grindle was elected State Committee Member At Large.**

In the second round of voting for the position of State Committee Member At Large, Mike McDermott received 37 votes, Christopher Olenski received 36 votes, Chase Tkach received 31 votes, Andrew Kolstee received 30 votes, Anthony Pellegrino received 23 votes, Cody Anderson received 20 votes, Daniel Singer received 19 votes, Daniel Donnelly received 17 votes, Kevin Warmhold received 16 votes, “Reuben” received 2 votes, “Turd Ferguson” received 1 vote, and 3 votes were cast for “none of the above”; Kevin Warmhold was dropped from the ballot.

In the third round of voting for the position of State Committee Member At Large, Mike McDermott received 39 votes, Christopher Olenski received 39 votes, Chase Tkach received 33 votes, Andrew Kolstee received 29 votes, Anthony Pellegrino received 24 votes, Daniel Donnelly received 21 votes, Daniel Singer received 20 votes, Cody Anderson received 19 votes, “Reuben” received 1 vote, and 1 vote was cast for “Hugh G. Rection” Cody Anderson was dropped from the ballot and Daniel Singer withdrew.

Debra Altman, candidate for New York City Education Council District 75, gave a report on her campaign.

Cody Anderson, candidate for Chatham Town Council gave a report on his campaign

Peyton Kunselman, candidate for Olean Alderman Ward 6, gave a report on his campaign.

Susan Overeem gave a report on the Libertarian Party Mises Caucus.

In the fourth round of voting for the position of State Committee Member At Large, Mike McDermott received 43 votes, Christopher Olenski received 42 votes, Chase Tkach received 41 votes, Andrew Kolstee received 36 votes, Anthony Pellegrino received 30 votes, Daniel Donnelly received 23 votes; Daniel Donnelly was dropped from the ballot. **Mike McDermott and Christopher Olenski were elected State Committee Members At Large.**

Angela Einwachter, candidate for Prattsburgh Town Council gave a report on her campaign.

Veronica Diver, candidate for Cohoes City Council, gave a report on her campaign.

In the fifth round of voting for the position of State Committee Member At Large, Chase Tkach received 38 votes, Andrew Kolstee received 26 votes, Anthony Pellegrino received 12 votes, and 1 vote was cast for “none of the above”; Anthony Pellegrino was dropped from the ballot.

The report of the Credentials Committee showing 90 members entitled to vote and 1 members who may be permitted to vote was amended to add the latter to the roll of voting members and adopted as amended without debate.

In the sixth round of voting for the position of State Committee Member At Large, Chase Tkach received 46 votes, and Andrew Kolstee received 29 votes, and 2 votes were cast for “none of the above.” **Chase Tkach was elected State Committee Member At Large.**

Communications Director Andrew Kolstee issued a report.

Deputy Communications Director Steve Minogue issued a report.

Finance Director Anthony Pellegrino issued a report.

Political Division Tony D’Orazio issued a report.

Mark Glogowski issued a Resolution Committee report.

The following resolution by Andrew Kolstee was debated and failed:

Section 1. Mandate For Interim State Committee Elections

a. The Free Libertarian Party, Inc., shall conduct an election at this convention, to nominate a suggested Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, five (5) Members At Large, and thirteen (13) judicial district representatives, to

serve on the Interim State Committee. This election shall be separate from the election for the State Committee of the Free Libertarian Party Inc.

Section 2. *Manner of Election*

a. This Interim State Committee election shall be held in the same manner that elections for the State Committee of the Free Libertarian Party Inc. are held, except as per Sections 1b and 1c modifying the electorate and candidate list respectively.

b. Each of the (13) judicial district representatives shall be elected by a vote of only the credentialed delegates who reside within said district at this convention.

c. Current members sitting on the Interim State Committee are automatically nominated to run in this election unless the nominee states they do not wish to be considered.

Section 3. *Urge the Interim State Committee to Accept These Elections*

a. The Free Libertarian Party, Inc. requests the Interim State Committee, which first convened pursuant to the document filed with the NYSBOE on February 11, 2019 (the “party rules”), to amend, at their next meeting, Party Rule 6.2, to change the composition of the Interim State Committee from “21” to “23,” and pursuant to Party Rules 6.5 and 6.6, to name the officers and members of the Interim State Committee as listed in an amended party rules Exhibit A which shall consist of the winners of the elections conducted at this convention for the Interim State Committee, conducted as per Sections 1 and 2 of this resolution.

The following resolution by Kathleen Glogowski was debated and failed:

WHEREAS the Libertarian Party of New York now has two organizations—the party under the Interim State Committee governed by election law and the party under the State Committee governed by corporate law, and

WHEREAS the Free Libertarian Party, Inc. (AKA the Libertarian Party of New York) has accomplished its 47 year old goal, which was the create an officially recognized political party dedicated to enrolled Libertarian voters in New York State, and

WHEREAS the Free Libertarian Party, Inc. no longer needs to pursue its original objective, having been achieved,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The executive committee of the Free Libertarian Party, Inc. be directed to pursue the task of changing the bylaws, as necessary, in order to convert the Free Libertarian Party, Inc. into a Political Action Committee for the purpose of exclusively supporting Libertarian candidates who are enrolled in the Libertarian party and supporting the propagation of Libertarian ideas and solutions to issues facing New York State residents.

Jim Ostrowski addressed the convention.

The convention was adjourned at 16:34.

Prepared by Andrew Kolstee for Secretary Blay Tarnoff on May 28, 2019.

Exhibit 1

STANDING RULES OF THE 2019 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 unless 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 wristbands, voting cards or other indicia issued by the Credentials Committee upon registration. Division votes, whether simple or counted, shall be taken by members' standing and display of such voting member indicia.

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 the highest public office shall each be allowed five minutes to speak; candidates seeking endorsement for all other public offices shall each be allowed three minutes to speak; candidates seeking endorsement for any public office shall also each be allowed one nominating speech and one seconding speech of one minute each. 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 in electronic form.

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

**LIBERTARIAN PARTY
OF NEW YORK
STATE CONVENTION
EPISODE XLVII**
MAY 4-5, 2019 - ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

47th Annual
LPNY State Convention
PROGRAM

Saturday, May 4, 2019

- Main Meeting Room -

- 8:00 AM Registration/Credentialing/Breakfast/Networking
9:00 AM Welcome – by Monroe County & LPNY Convention Chair (Anthony D’Orazio)
9:05 AM Chair’s Remarks (Jim Rosenbeck)
9:15 AM Business Meeting Call to Order
Credentials Report (Mark Potwora)
Standing Rules (Andrew Kolstee)
Program and Convention Committee Reports (Anthony D’Orazio)
9:45 AM Treasurer’s Report
10:00 AM Election of Officers
Chair, Vice-Chairs (2), Secretary, Treasurer, At Large (5)
11:15 AM Division Director Reports
Administrative Division Report
Communications Division Report
Finance Division Report
Outreach Division Report
Political Division Report
12:00 PM Recess for lunch
Speaker: Larry Sharpe, 2018 Libertarian Candidate for Governor of New York
1:00 PM Reconvene for Resolutions Committee Report
2:00 PM Regional Rep or Alternate Speaker
3:00 PM Speaker - Jim Ostrowski - The Second Amendment Works
4:00 P.M. Adjournment

- Workshop Room -

- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Campaign Fundraising (Kevin Wilson)
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Business of Running a Campaign (Andrew Hollister)
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Libertarian Social Media (Maura Botsford)
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (potential) Who’s Driving
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Driving Libertarian Enrollment (Kari Bittner)

Sunday, May 5, 2019

- Main Meeting Room -

- 8:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Corporation State Committee Meeting

- Workshop Room -

- 10:00 AM Planning Libertarian Events (Kari Bittner)
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Interim State Committee Meeting

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