

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RULES COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Kolstee, Chair
Mark Braiman
Justin Carman
Daniel Castello
Pietro Geraci
Adam Magoon
Christopher Olenski

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Grindle
Michael Rebmann
Karyn Thompson

OBSERVERS

Keith Redhead

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair.

Andrew Kolstee announced the results of the survey and there were 19 responses regarding Proposal P. The survey results were reviewed.

Motion by Christopher Olenski to **postpone indefinitely the consideration of Proposal P** was withdrawn.

Proposal P as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to Rules of the Libertarian Party was debated.

8.3.1. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS. The following fixed costs of an in-person meeting must be shared equally by all members of the State Committee: rental of a meeting hall to hold the entire membership of the State Committee including the cost of the meals per the rental agreement; audio-visual equipment rental; communications (internet) fees; software fees for conducting polls, ballots, and any other vote; for the entire number of State Committee members. The committee tasked with organizing the in-person meeting shall estimate the total of these fixed costs, and shall set the shared cost per State Committee member as an individual registration fee. This meeting registration fee for State Committee members may not be changed after one

month prior to the meeting. No person shall be provided with the means to speak or vote in the meeting until their individual registration fee is paid.

Proposal P was amended as follows with inserted text as indicated in purple with objection.

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Proposal P as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to Rules of the Libertarian Party was debated and passed 4—2 after a roll call vote, with Mark Braiman, Justin Carman, Daniel Castello, and Adam Magoon voting in favor and Pietro Geraci and Christopher Olenski voting against.

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Motion by Mark Braiman to **recommend Proposal R as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Adam Magoon and debated.

8.3.2. **REFUNDS.** No registrant shall be issued a refund unless approved by the State Committee. Such requests must be made no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the meeting. Subsequent requests shall only be issued after a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State Committee.

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Motion by Mark Braiman to **recommend Proposal D as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Adam Magoon, debated, and passed without objection.

11.5.1. **MEMBERS.** LPNY Members residing in the county shall be the voting members of the County Organizations. Officers are voting members of the County Organization by virtue of their office, but no individual may cast more than one vote.

11.5.2. **OFFICERS.** Each County Organization shall elect a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. **All officers and interim officers must be LPNY Members residing in the county in which they serve.**

11.5.3. **VACANCIES.** In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the Vice-Chair shall succeed as the Chair of the County Organization, unless otherwise specified in the County Rules. All other vacancies on the County Organization shall be filled by a majority vote of the County Organization or in a manner determined by the County Organization. **In the event that any County Affiliate officer position has been vacant for at least six (6) months, the State Committee may fill the vacancy with an interim officer until the County Affiliate elects a new officer.**

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:37 p.m. after the meeting attendance dropped below quorum.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,
Chair