

MINUTES OF 8/4/2019 MEETING OF THE FREE LIBERTARIAN PARTY, INC.  
(VIA TELECONFERENCE)

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Glogowski	Chair
Kari Bittner	Vice Chair
William Schmidt	Secretary
Duane Whitmer	Treasurer
Jim Rosenbeck	Immediate Past Chair
Fred Cole	Capital District
Aaron Commey	Queens
M J Dowden	Nassau
Paul Grindle	At Large
Jim Harris	Suffolk
Jan-Erik Janson	Hudson Valley
Andrew Kolstee	Chautauqua
Peyton Kunselman	Cattaraugus
Mike McDermott	At Large
Steve Minogue	At Large
Chris Olenski	At Large
Anthony Pellegrino	Westchester
Gary Popkin	Brooklyn
Mark Potwora	Genesee
Keith Price	Tioga
Ilya Schwartzburg	Manhattan
Chase Tkach	At Large

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Motta	Vice Chair
Richard Bell	Staten Island
Millie Dordal	Onondaga
Edward Garrett	Erie
Stoner Horey	Steuben
Laura Newell	Schoharie
Peter Olausson	Steuben
Sean Phelan	Monroe
Blay Tarnoff	Nassau

OBSERVERS

Jim Dayton	Wayne
Andrew Hollister	Monroe
Brandon Lyon	Fulton
Luke Wenke	Cattaraugus

Chair Mark Glogowski called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. and gave introductory remarks regarding his vision of the future of the organization, specifically that 1) “LANY is an advocacy organization that has as its primary objective the promotion of libertarian ideas and solutions to society’s problems, the promotion of libertarian philosophy, support of Libertarian candidates for public office, and the elimination of government practices that are inconsistent with libertarian thought”; 2) “The mission of LANY is to create a libertarian New York State government”. One of the key items on tonight’s agenda will be to vote as to whether or not we will approve of these two goals as part of our revised by-laws. He also indicated that a second item of business for this meeting would be to decide on a specific location for the November Special Convention.

Secretary William Schmidt asked for approval of the May, June, and July FLP minutes subject to some technical revisions and corrections that were received immediately prior to the meeting. The minutes as revised were accordingly approved for distribution, by voice vote. The Secretary further indicated that as of this meeting the minutes would reflect the name and title changes that were approved in the July meeting, specifically the organization's name change from "Free Libertarian Party of New York" (FLPNY) to "Libertarian Advocates of New York" (LANY) and board titles (previously Chairman and Vice Chairman, to President and Vice President).

Andrew Kolstee on behalf of the Convention Committee gave an update regarding details of the upcoming Special Convention including the date (11/10/2019) and that a full agenda including potential guest speakers was currently in process of being finalized.

Peyton Kunselman made a motion for Cattaraugus County to be the host organization for the Special Convention to be held at the Old Library in Olean, NY. The motion (after two additional votes were taken due to a temporary loss of quorum and changes in attendance as a result of members leaving early, or arriving late) ultimately passed.

Paul Grindle made a motion to amend the prior motion that was passed in July to dissolve the corporation, to include a second option to present a motion for reorganization of LANY at the November Special Convention to the general membership and to present a set of bylaws appropriate for such reorganization. The motion was passed 12-4 and read as follows:

“Whereas the Free Libertarian Party of New York has accomplished its mission to gain ballot access, the policy of this committee shall be as follows:

1. Pursue the option of dissolution and present a resolution to dissolve the corporation to the general membership at the November 2019 Convention, and
2. Pursue the option of reorganization into an advocacy organization and present a resolution to reorganize the corporation to the general membership at the November 2019 convention, as well as to present bylaws to be adopted that would be suitable for such reorganization.”

Treasurer Duane Whitmer gave a report indicating that the prior month's account balance of \$19,387 was reduced by a \$1,000 contribution to the New York State Libertarian Party and a \$15 bank fee leaving a new current balance of \$18,362.

Chair Mark Glogowski called for a motion to declare as part of the bylaws that the “The mission of LANY is to create a Libertarian New York State Government”. The motion was made by Paul Grindle, seconded and carried.

Chair Glogowski called for a second motion to define the purpose of the organization in the bylaws as follows: “LANY is an advocacy organization that has as its primary objective, the promotion of libertarian ideas and solutions to society's problems, the promotion of libertarian philosophy, support of Libertarian candidates for public office, and the elimination of government practices that are inconsistent with libertarian thought”. The motion was so moved seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

William K Schmidt  
Secretary