

# **Chautauqua County Libertarian Party Chair's Report – February 4, 2021 – Page 1**

## **STATE COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. **STATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** A State Committee meeting was held on January 23, 2021 and continued on January 31, 2021. There was a total of 8 vacancies, of which 6 were filled (Stacey Prussman in JD2, Zachary Remian in JD4, Rachel Becker and David Fite in JD5, Paul Sechrist in JD6, and Len Morlock in JD8). Gabrielle Cordova of Queens County was elected to the Member-At-Large vacancy on the Executive Committee created by the resignation of Maria Borell. The rules were amended, and then the meeting adjourned to January 31. At that session, the election of the Judicial Committee occurred, in which NOTA won, and so we do not have any members on the Judicial Committee, as several members had questions and concerns about the committee's purpose. There were three requests for a hearing, one to revoke the affiliation of Niagara County due to the abandonment of all officers' positions. A hearing held immediately in new business resulted in the revocation of their affiliation. There were also two hearing requests granted for the removal of certain members of the State Committee, one member in JD8 and four members in JD10. The next meeting of the State Committee, in which the hearings will take place, is scheduled for Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 1 p.m.

2. **LAWSUIT.** In the request for a preliminary injunction, which would allow us to remain recognized as a political party while the lawsuit is ongoing, the New York State Board of Elections submitted their response on January 29, 2021. The LPNY's deadline to respond is February 12, 2021.

3. **LOCAL AFFILIATE DEVELOPMENT.** The next monthly meeting will be held for County Affiliate leaders, starting on Tuesday, February 9, 2020 and Rob Arrigo will continue his presentation on the nature of politics. Another meeting will be held in late February on committee organization. A meeting was held on February 1, 2021 for County Contacts of unorganized counties. County Contacts in Rockland and Washington counties were present. A potential County Contact in Niagara County was present.

## **BUSINESS**

1. **CERTIFICATION.** Now that we have adopted rules compliant with the LPNY Rules, we are eligible for certification by the Executive Committee, in which the deadline is March 31, 2021. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will likely happen sometime in February, if not, early March.

2. **ELECTION DISTRICT DELEGATES.** Now that we have adopted new County Rules, all voting members of the State Committee must be enrolled members of the Libertarian Party and appointed to an election district delegate position. We currently have 6 such members, and there are a total of 198 positions that can be filled. Our goal is to get at least 50 members, so that by 2022, we will be able to form a constituted county committee under Election Law.

3. **MEETING MINUTES.** At the last meeting, all backlogged meeting minutes were approved, and so we are now completely caught up with regard to adopting all records of proceedings.

4. **FACEBOOK.** Meetings through April 1, 2021 are set up on Facebook.

5. **WEBSITE.** Plugins have been updated. The new Google Analytics has been installed. Events through June 2021 are on the calendar.

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### **2021 OPERATIONS**

The status of the items we placed in the 2021 plan are in this section.

1. **ANNUAL NEWSLETTER.** I have changed the annual letter into a newsletter. We have allocated \$320 for the mailing. We have a quote from JRSC Digital for \$212.16 for 300 mailers. Postage will be about \$0.30 each, so about \$90.00 for postage or \$302.16 total. The draft is almost done. Please review it and let me know if you have any ideas for additions or changes. There is still space for more content.
2. **CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE.** The 2021 candidate questionnaire is relatively unchanged from 2019. The questionnaire is up on the website and ready for candidates to apply for our endorsement.
3. **CALL FOR CANDIDATES.** A call for candidates will be sent out in the annual newsletter and by email. We will need a press release as well.
4. **LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.** Our drafted legislative agenda needs to be refined further. Since the focus is county issues, this agenda can be something that develop, along with campaigns this year.
5. **PETITIONING AND FILING DATES.** The 2021 political calendar has been released. Petitioning begins February 23, 2021 and the filing dates are March 29 – April 1, 2021. We would need 14 signatures for a countywide office. The independent petitioning begins on April 13, 2021 and the filing dates are May 18 – 25, 2021. Opportunity to Ballot (OTB) begins March 9, 2021 and the last day to file is April 8, 2021.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

1. **CAMPAIGN LAUNCH EVENT.** TBD March 2021. We need to begin planning this event.
2. **FUNDRAISER.** TBD Spring 2021. We need to begin planning this event.
3. **SUMMER PICNIC.** TBD Summer 2021. The pavilion at the Mayville VFW with the chicken BBQ in 2020 was a great event and would be ideal again for our 2021 summer picnic. As the summer approaches and we find out about more events, we will then schedule the picnic.
4. **ANNUAL CONVENTION.** TBD September/October 2021. We always have a guest speaker at our convention. Any ideas for a guest speaker?

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