

Chautauqua County Libertarian Party Secretary's Report – November 3, 2022

STATE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. **OCTOBER 23, 2022 STATE COMMITTEE MEETING.** Amendments were made to the Rules of the Libertarian Party. One of them includes the definition of membership, which includes both enrolled Libertarians and blank voters who register with the state party.

2. **BALLOT ACCESS LAWSUIT.** We lost our appeal, and the court did not give any reasons. As State Chair, I have begun having conversations to get up to speed on the litigation and there are a number of pathways forward that we are discussing.

3. **BALLOT ACCESS LEGISLATION.** I attended a meeting of the Salka-Boyle bill coalition but missed the second meeting. There is interest in continuing, but we will need a co-sponsor since Salka and Boyle's terms are ending before the next session.

BUSINESS

1. **ELECTION DISTRICT DELEGATES.** The State Party rules have been amended to not require election district delegates, allowing counties to have flexibility while starting out small, until we can regain party status again.

2. **ENROLLMENTS.** Our active membership remains at 275 as of October 21, 2022.

3. **MEETINGS PROMOTION.** Meetings on Facebook and website are set up through November 3, 2022.

ELECTIONS/CAMPAIGNS

1. **STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.** Larry Sharpe is running a write-in campaign. The appeal to the New York State Board of Elections case was lost. Election Night Party set for 8:00 p.m. in Mayville.

EVENTS

1. **2023 COUNTY FAIR.** I have reached out to the Chautauqua County Fair Association on getting a discounted rate for the 2023 fair for early registration, but they said they don't offer that.

Andrew Martin Kolstee
Secretary, Chautauqua County Libertarian Party