

**Minutes of the March 4, 2012 Meeting of the State Committee
of the Libertarian Party of New York
held by telephone conference call**

Members in attendance:

Mark Axinn, Chair
Audrey Capozzi, Vice-Chair, Correspondence Secretary, LNC Region 5N Alternate Representative
Richard Cooper, Vice-Chair
Blay Tarnoff, Secretary
Gary Triestman, Treasurer, Telecommunications Officer
Chris Garvey, At-Large
Chris Padgett, At-Large, National Platform Committee Representative for 2012
Michael Houze, At-Large, National Credentials Committee Representative for 2012
David Narby, At-Large
Max Kessler, Greater Rochester Representative
Bob Cotton, Hudson Valley Representative
Janet Hopf, Manhattan Representative
Carmelin Mitchell, Nassau County Representative
Chris Edes, Immediate Past Chair, Webmaster/Web Editor

Members not in attendance:

Adam Martin, At-Large
Gary Popkin, Brooklyn Representative
Michael Lynch, Capital Region Representative
Christa Siering, Ithaca Representative
Danny Panzella, Staten Island Representative
Gigi Bowman, Suffolk County Representative

Observers

Patrick Rigney, Otsego County TCC
Robert Spencer

Published agenda:

1. Reading and approval of minutes
2. Reports of officers and committees
 - Chair
 - Vice Chairs
 - Treasurer
 - Chapter Representatives
3. Unfinished business
4. Bylaws amendment proposed by Max Kessler
5. Bylaws amendments proposed by Blay Tarnoff
6. New business

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Axinn at 20:09. The minutes of the previous State Committee meeting of February 12, 2012 were approved upon waived reading.

Chair Mark Axinn issued a Chair's report.

Vice-Chair Audrey Capozzi issued a report on activity at the LNC.

Treasurer Gary Triestman issued a Treasurer's report.

County Organization representatives issued reports for Hudson Valley, Greater Rochester, Manhattan, Staten Island, Nassau, and Suffolk.

Motion to **authorize payment of up to \$200 to Mark Axinn for expenses related to mailing notice of the Annual Convention to the membership** passed by voice vote without debate.

Motion by Chris Edes to **authorize payment of up to \$25 for expenses related to mailing to LPNY members in Otsego, Chenango, and Broome Counties for formation of a new County Organization covering those counties** passed by voice vote without debate.

The following proposed amendment to the Bylaws by Max Kessler was debated and failed by voice vote.

Current:

Article VI: State Committee

A The State Committee shall consist of the State Chairperson, the two Vice-Chairpersons, Treasurer, Secretary, five (5) committee persons-at-Large, a representative from and elected by each chartered County Organization, and the Immediate Past Chair.

Proposed:

Article VI: State Committee

A Committee Membership

1 The State Committee shall consist of the State Chairperson, the two Vice-Chairpersons, Treasurer, Secretary, five (5) committee persons-at-Large, a representative from and elected by each chartered County Organization, and the Immediate Past Chair.

2 The position of Immediate Past Chair shall expire after one (1) year, unless a new Chairperson shall be elected.

The following proposed amendment to the Bylaws by Blay Tarnoff was debated and passed by voice vote.

In Article VI, section A, add “The Immediate Past Chair is the person, if any, who ceased to be the Chairperson at the end of the last Annual Convention.”

The following proposed amendment to the Bylaws by Blay Tarnoff was debated and failed by voice vote.

In Article VI, section A, strike out “and the Immediate Past Chair” and the last sentence and insert “and” before “a representative”.

The following proposed amendment to the Bylaws by Blay Tarnoff was debated and passed by voice vote.

In Article VI, section F, strike out “except that the State Chairperson shall vote only to resolve a tie” and insert “The presiding officer at any Convention or meeting of the State Committee may vote only when the vote is by ballot or his vote would affect the result.”

The following proposed amendment to the Bylaws by Blay Tarnoff was debated and passed by voice vote.

In Article V, section F, strike out “officers and Committee persons-at-large” and insert “officers, Committee persons-at-large and delegates” and strike out “of” before “good standing” and insert “in”.

The following proposed amendment to the Bylaws by Blay Tarnoff was debated and passed by voice vote.

In Article III, section A, subsection 2, last sentence, insert “remove or” before “replace” and insert “County” before “Chairperson” and in the previous sentence, capitalize the first letter in “county”.

The following proposed amendment to the Bylaws by Blay Tarnoff was debated and passed by voice vote.

**Strike out “State Chairperson” and insert “Chair” wherever the term appears,
strike out “Chairperson” and insert “Chair” wherever the term appears,
strike out “State Vice-Chairperson” and insert “Vice-Chair” wherever the term appears,
strike out “Vice-Chairperson” and insert “Vice-Chair” wherever the term appears,
strike out “State Committee persons-at-Large” and insert “Members At Large” wherever the term appears, and
strike out “Committee persons-at-Large” and insert “Members At Large” wherever the term appears.**

The following proposed amendment to the Bylaws by Blay Tarnoff was debated and passed by voice vote.

In Article XII, section F, subsection 1, strike out “forty-five (45)” and insert “fifty (50)”.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:30.

Blay Tarnoff, Secretary
March 5, 2012