

APPROVED LPNY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 2003

Minutes from the State Committee meeting held Saturday April 25, 2003 in New Paltz, NY
Submitted by LPNY Secretary, Catherine Ruks

Attendees

John Clifton
Bonnie Scott
Thomas Ruks

Werner Hetzner
Catherine Ruks

Chris Garvey
Chris Padgett
Don Silberger

Jim Lesczynski
Bill McMillan
Ron Moore
DottieLou (last name?)

Agenda

Motions

Convention planning
Meetings mid November, late January
By-laws revisions

Treasury Matters, Bill McMillan

Signature cards are needed for new treasurer Werner Hetzner (currently bank only recognizes Bill McMillan's signature); former secretary needs to send letter to the bank.

Considering the possibility of changing banks to one more convenient. Current bank is Independence.

New checks are needed.

1st financial filing is due in June [Bill M offers assistance to Werner H.] Filings are semi-annual.

Bonnie notes:

1. Due to the Bi-Partisan campaign reform, a federal account will [probably] be needed.
2. Click & Pledge needs EIN and bank information

It was reported by Bill that we have a state reporting number but might not have a federal number. [Discussion followed as to how LPNY is incorporated and possibly Bill Stocker would know.]

Budget was discussed. There was a budget [for the previous year], but it was not closely followed.

2004 Convention

Venue Discussion: Chris Garvey mentioned Richard Cooper's idea about having the convention at FEE. Some felt it might be too small and was not sure if it could accommodate food. DottieLou, speaking on Rob Robinson's behalf, suggested that the Hudson Valley Chapter take on the responsibility of planning a venue for next year's (Rob R. has experience in event planning). Feedback from members *not* attending should be gathered to help plan next convention (FreeNY could be used to gather feedback – 1 issue would have information on proposal, the next issue would have a mail ballot).

Agenda/Schedule: Question was raised to move the business portion to the afternoon and having speakers in the morning. This could make the business session more appealing and accessible to younger members and would-be members. Historically, in the 70's and 80's, there was a 2 part business session.

Should there be media concerns if business was moved from morning?

Future Meetings

Should future meetings be primarily physical meetings or telephone conferences? More can be accomplished in person, but quorum is easier to meet by telephone.

June 28, 2003, 7:00 p.m., meeting to be held via telephone.

August 30, 2003, meeting to be held at Jim Harris's BBQ on Long Island.

November, 2003 – exact day and time TBA – meeting to be held via telephone.

January, 2004 – exact day and time TBA – meeting to be held at Sloatsburg rest-stop.

All committee meeting are open to membership. Call-in number for teleconference can be found in prior minutes.

Miscellaneous

Bonnie S. mentioned the State Chairs conference and also mentioned bringing by-laws amendments to the membership at a later date to recognize our e-mail voting procedures.

John C. mentioned amending the by-laws to change the function of the At-Large offices.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.