

**Minutes of the April 23, 2005 Meeting of the State Committee
of the Libertarian Party of New York**

Robert Butler spoke to an informal meeting of the newly elected State Committee at 14:30, just after the close of the Annual Convention. His topics:

- Examples of the kind of work he does
 - 4-color 4-fold color convention brochure
 - Fund raising letter
 - Pledge card
 - Sample LPNY brochure proposal
 - Emphasis that color scheme is important
 - People, pictures, such as candidate speaking to voters, etc. should be added
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The meeting was called to order by Chair John Clifton at 19:30.

Members in attendance:

John Clifton, Chair
Bonnie Scott, Vice Chair, Webmaster/Web Editor
Thomas Ruks, Vice Chair
Blay Tarnoff, Secretary, Party Telecommunications Officer
Werner Hetzner, Treasurer, Capital Region Representative, Statewide Candidate Search

Committee Chair

Gary Donoyan, At-large member, Nassau County Representative, Political Director
Audrey Capozzi, At-large member
M Carling, At-large member
Tom Stevens, Manhattan Representative, Queens Representative, College Outreach

Coordinator

Donald Silberger, Hudson Valley Representative
Brian Sullivan, Ithaca Libertarians Interim Representative

Members not in attendance:

Andrew Gardner, At-large member, Ithaca Libertarians Representative
Don Stillwagon, At-large member
Andy Demers, Monroe County Representative
Chris Garvey, Suffolk County Representative

Observers:

Gary Triestman, Newsletter Editor
Christa Siering, Ithaca Libertarians Chair
Carl Ricketson, Ithaca Libertarians member
James Fitch, LPNY member from Syracuse
David Grucza, LPNY member from Syracuse

Anthony Lewis, LPNY member from Putnam
Jennifer Daniels, Candidate (arrived 19:40)

Discussion was held to find a Temporary Count Chair for Onandago County and to organize Syracuse.

Thomas Ruks moved to budget \$200 (two hundred dollars) to purchase “The Libertarian Party – Is This the New Political Party You’ve Been Looking For?” brochures to distribute to county organizations. Gary Donoyan offered a friendly amendment to change the figure to \$250 (two hundred fifty dollars) which was accepted WITHOUT OBJECTION. The motion PASSED unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding whether to issue a resolution about the votes by the Libertarian National Committee 1) to increase National dues from \$25 to \$50 and 2) not to increase the State Party share of the dues. M Carling explained the rationale of National: National spends about \$40 to service a \$25-level member; past dues increases have resulted in less than 1% decline in membership.

Discussion was held regarding the content of Free New York. Gary Triestman said he will replace the obsolete pre-Convention articles in the upcoming issue with post-Convention articles, as soon as someone sends him copy. Gary also complained of being overworked, saying that he does 95% of the work and wants his assistant, Bob Cotton, to do more. Audrey Capozzi suggested that issuing a shorter newsletter might solve the problem.

Werner Hetzner moved to continue the contract with Empire Information Service for another year. The motion PASSED.

M Carling moved to recess for one hour. NO ONE OBJECTED.

Chair John Clifton reconvened the meeting at 22:45.

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Christa Siering, Acting Ithaca Libertarians Representative

Members not in attendance:

Tom Stevens, Manhattan Representative, Queens Representative, College Outreach Coordinator

Andrew Gardner, At-large member, Ithaca Libertarians Representative

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Observers:

Carl Ricketson, Ithaca Libertarians member

Gary Donoyan nominated Gary Popkin for endorsement as the Libertarian Party candidate for Brooklyn Borough President. Gary Popkin was ENDORSED unanimously.

Gary Donoyan nominated Geoff Snyder for endorsement as the Libertarian Party candidate for Tonawanda City Council. Geoff Snyder was ENDORSED unanimously.

Bonnie Scott nominated Robert Hoffman to be Temporary County Chair for Clinton County. Robert Hoffman was ELECTED unanimously.

Further discussion was held regarding Free New York.

M Carling moved to adjourn. The motion PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned at 23:25.

Respectfully submitted, this 22nd day of June, 2005,

Blay Tarnoff, Secretary, Libertarian Party of New York