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STATE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. **STATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** At the July 20, 2022 Executive Committee meeting, the contract for the Sheraton Hotel in Niagara Falls was approved for the convention.
2. **2022 STATE CONVENTION.** Set for September 17-18, 2022 at the Sheraton Hotel in Niagara Falls, New York. The planning committee is currently working on organizing it. Details will be released over the next few days.
3. **BALLOT ACCESS LAWSUIT.** A court date is to be set for some time after the new term begins in September.
4. **BALLOT ACCESS LEGISLATION.** No updates.

BUSINESS

1. **ELECTION DISTRICT DELEGATES.** We currently have 7 election district delegates. We have a total of 198 positions to be filled and we need at least 50 members by 2022 to form a constituted county committee under Election Law.
2. **ENROLLMENTS.** As of January 3, 2022, we have 275 active enrolled Libertarians. This is an increase from 269 on August 5, 2021 and the same as our total on February 25, 2021.
3. **FACEBOOK.** Meetings through September 1, 2022 are set up on Facebook.
4. **WEBSITE.** Meetings are up on the website through September 1, 2022. The candidate questionnaire still needs to be fixed on the mobile version.
5. **2022 ANNUAL LETTER/FUNDRAISING EMAIL.** No updates, these need work.

ELECTIONS/CAMPAIGNS

1. **STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.** Larry Sharpe and Gary Donoyan (on behalf of the other candidates) appeared in court to contest the decision from the New York State Board of Elections. The judge has not yet issued a ruling.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. **LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.** No updates.
2. **GENERAL ACTIVISM.** Ideas we have discussed: creek cleanup, working with other organizations, working with NY Volunteers, etc.
3. **WNYLC.** No updates.
5. **LEGISLATIVE SURVEY.** No updates.

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EVENTS

1. **COUNTY FAIR (July 18-24, 2022).** The booth was staffed throughout most of the week. 7 people signed up to be on our email list and about 15 to 20 people took the World's Smallest Political Quiz. If we want to be at the fair in 2023, they will offer a discount for organizations that book by the fall of 2022. This is, however, non-refundable. Otherwise, it will likely be full price next year.

2. **COUNTY CONVENTION (September/October 2022).** We need to begin planning for this, starting with a schedule. I suggest placing the convention on our regular night, Thursday, October 6, 2022, but we could always put it on a Saturday or Sunday if necessary.

3. **BUSINESS/SOCIAL EVENTS CHANGE.** I am suggesting that the format of our meetings change. Since we have attempted to schedule social meetings without any success due to also having a monthly meeting, and the fact that business is often very short, I am suggesting that business meetings be held exclusively online and our monthly in-person meeting become a social gathering, which can switch to different parts of the county each month to bring in more Libertarians.

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Chair, Chautauqua County Libertarian Party