

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Daniel Castello, Chair  
Andrew Kolstee, Secretary  
Justin Carman  
Christopher Olenski  
Richard Purtell  
Michael Rebmann  
Keith Redhead  
Robert Schuon  
Blay Tarnoff  
Karyn Thompson

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Paul Grindle

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Daniel Castello, Chair. It was determined that quorum was present.

**The reading of the minutes of October 26, 2023, November 13, 2023, December 6, 2023, and January 3, 2024 meetings of the Platform Committee were waived and the minutes were approved** without objection.

Daniel Castello read the approved version of the Platform so far as well as the planks in which there was consensus in previous meetings in which no quorum is present, as well as the draft planks that require further review.

Christopher Olenski voiced his opposition to the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in crafting the platform.

Andrew Kolstee mentioned that Proposal BQ and Proposal BS reached consensus at a previous meeting.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **recommend Proposal CJ as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York** failed due to lack of a second.

**2. The Right to Voluntary Interaction.** Every individual inherently holds the unalienable right to freely engage or not with others. Specifically:

**2.1. The Right to Free Association.** Every individual has the freedom to interact, associate, and form connections with other individuals, as well as the liberty to create, join, and participate in associations, organizations, and groups of their choosing.

**2.2. The Right to Peaceful Assembly.** Individuals have the inherent right to gather with others for any non-violent purpose, whether for social, recreational, cultural, political, or otherwise.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **recommend Proposal CK as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York** was seconded by Richard Purtell and passed without objection.

**2. The Right to Interact and Collaborate.** Every individual inherently holds the unalienable right to freely engage or not with others. Specifically:

**2.1. The Right to Free Association.** Every individual has the freedom to interact, associate, and form connections with other individuals, as well as the liberty to create, join, and participate in associations, organizations, and groups of their choosing.

**2.2. The Right to Peaceful Assembly.** Individuals have the inherent right to gather with others for any non-violent purpose, whether for social, recreational, cultural, political, or otherwise.

**2.3. The Right to Contract and Exchange.** Individuals have the inherent authority to engage in voluntary agreements, contracts, and exchanges with others, including the right to trade goods and services.

Motion by Blay Tarnoff to **recommend Proposal CL as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York** was seconded by Robert Schuon. Andrew Kolstee objected. The Chair ruled the motion out of order as a motion to reconsider Proposal CK would be necessary.

**2. The Right to ~~Interact and Collaborate~~ Free Association and ~~Voluntary Interaction~~ Peaceful Assembly.** Every individual ~~inherently holds~~ has the unalienable right to freely ~~engage or not~~ associate and peacefully assemble with others. ~~Specifically:~~

~~**2.1. The Right to Free Association.** Every individual has the freedom to interact, associate, and form connections with other individuals, as well as the liberty to create, join, and participate in associations, organizations, and groups of their choosing.~~

~~2.2. The Right to Peaceful Assembly. Individuals have the inherent right to gather with others for any non-violent purpose, whether for social, recreational, cultural, political, or otherwise.~~

~~2.3. The Right to Contract and Exchange.~~ Individuals have the inherent authority to engage in voluntary agreements, contracts, and exchanges with others, including the right to trade goods and services.

Motion by Blay Tarnoff to **reconsider Proposal CL**. Andrew Kolstee objected and the motion failed due to lack of a second.

Daniel Castello recited the draft text for a draft section 3 of the platform entitled “The Principle of Self-Arbitration in Dispute Resolution.”

Motion by Christopher Olenski to **recommend Proposal CM as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York** failed due to lack of a second.

3. ~~The Principle of Self-Arbitration in Dispute~~ **Conflict Resolution.** The resolution of ~~disputes~~ ~~conflicts~~ ~~resides~~ begins at the individual ~~level~~ and ~~advances to the~~ community level, in which individuals and groups have the right to freely ~~arbitrate~~ ~~resolve~~ conflicts as they see fit, respecting the unalienable rights of all involved.

Individuals may delegate certain rights to a mutually agreed-upon association of individuals, tasked with safeguarding fundamental rights such as life, liberty, and property, in cases where individual ~~arbitration~~ ~~resolution~~ proves insufficient or ineffective. Specifically:

Andrew Kolstee offered a friendly amendment so that the text reads as follows. Christopher Olenski objected to the friendly amendment. The friendly amendment failed, but the original motion did not receive a second.

3. **Conflict Resolution.** The resolution of conflicts initiates at the individual level, where individuals and groups have the right to freely resolve conflicts as they see fit, respecting the unalienable rights of all involved. Individuals may delegate certain rights to a mutually agreed-upon association of individuals, tasked with safeguarding fundamental rights such as life, liberty, and property, in cases where individual resolution proves insufficient or ineffective. Specifically:

Motion by Robert Schuon to **recommend Proposal CP as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York** was seconded by Andrew Kolstee. Christopher Olenski and Blay Tarnoff objected.

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Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **amend Proposal CP to strike “mutually agreed upon”** passed without objection.

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Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **amend Proposal CP to strike “certain rights to a” and insert “conflict resolution to an individual or.”** Blay Tarnoff objected.

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**The consideration to table Proposal CP to schedule the next meeting passed without objection.**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The discussion on the amendment to Proposal CP resumed and was seconded by Robert Schuon and passed without objection.

The original motion to **recommend Proposal CP as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York** was debated. Blay Tarnoff objected. The motion passed by voice vote.

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Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adjourn** was seconded by Robert Schuon and passed without objection.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:56 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee  
Secretary of the Platform Committee