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STATE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MARCH 5

by Andrew Kolstee
LPNY Chair

On Sunday, March 5, 2023, the State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York held their third meeting of the 2022-2024 term. Four new members were elected to fill vacancies on the State Committee: Craig Colwell (JD6), Charles Roggen (JD8), John Clifton (JD11), and Francisco Olvera (JD11). See page 3 to learn more about them.

The Rules Committee report was presented. Several amendments were passed and a few failed. Most of the amendments involved minor clarifications and cleanup of the language. The proposal to create a Conflict Resolution Committee failed. In early 2021 the idea of a Judicial Committee was rejected, leading to a two year effort to draft this proposal with the same result.

Two of the more significant new rules amendments codified a requirement that the State Committee, not the Chair, must approve regional agreements as well as vote on any proposed recall of the LNC Regional Representative or Alternate.

Another significant development was the removal of the requirement to hold business meetings in-person at least twice per year, opening the door for holding in-person events (such as with workshops and speakers) without the need to conduct business that can be done online.

The ability to conduct business for unorganized counties was also enhanced by simplifying appointments or renewals of an expiring County Contact to the end of the succeeding quarter. Additionally, quorum for new County Affiliates was set at 4 LPNY members for all counties, regardless of the number of enrolled Libertarians, in which the previous requirement ranged

from 4 to 9.

Finally, rules amendment procedures were optimized to allowing proposed Rules changes to be distributed electronically at a minimum as opposed to physically by mail, as well as permitting amendments without prior notice, such as if an amendment is necessary during a business meeting.

Due to time constraints, the Platform Committee report will not be heard until the next meeting.

Finally, the committee passed two significant resolutions: one blocking expenditure of resources for the 2024 ballot access race and a second supporting a bill to limit qualified immunity in New York.

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Mail payment to the Dutchess County Libertarian Party
PO Box 653 Amenia New York 12501
or purchase tickets on Eventbrite

Hosted by the Regional Council of Libertarian Chairs & the
Dutchess County Libertarian Party

STATE COMMITTEE: NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

by Andrew Kolstee
LPNY Chair

At its March 5, 2023 meeting, the State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York filled four vacancies. Here you can learn more about them.

CRAIG COLWELL Judicial District 6



Craig Colwell has been a Libertarian since 2018. He previously served on the State Committee from 2021 to 2022, and is the current Chair of the Chemung County Libertarian Party, having previously served as its Vice-Chair. As a local activist, he has taken a vocal role in protests against government outreach. In 2022, he was a candidate for

Chemung County Legislature. He was also a 2022 delegate to the National Convention.

Colwell is originally from Windsor, New York. He relocated to the Elmira area in 2007, and has lived in the Southern Tier his whole life. He is partners in Colwell Creative Content, a digital marketing and copywriting agency with his wife, Nicole.

CHARLES ROGGEN Judicial District 8



Charles Roggen is a new member of the State Committee, having filled the vacancy left by Gerrit Cain upon his move out of the State. Roggen is currently running for Akron Town Trust-

ee in Erie County. Michael Rebmann is his campaign manager. Roggen lives in Akron and works as a NYS Correctional Officer at Attica Correctional Facility. He and his wife welcomed their first child in February of this year. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and boating.

John Clifton (JD11). John Clifton previously served on the State Committee. He was State Treasurer (1999-2002), Member-At-Large (2002-2003), Chair (2003-2006), and Political Director (2010-2016). He was also the LPNY's candidate for U.S. Senate (2000, 2010), Governor (2006), Comptroller (2014), and also ran for New York City Comptroller (2009). He is a longtime Libertarian and has been involved in the Queens party.

Francisco Olvera (JD11). Francisco Olvera is a Libertarian from Queens County, currently serving as the Queens' party's Vice-Chair. In 2022, he was a volunteer for the campaigns of Larry Sharpe for Governor and Jonathan Howe for Congress.

2022 WRITE-INS: GOVERNOR TOTALS FOR CHEMUNG CO.

by Andrew Kolstee
LPNY Chair

There is not much of an update on the write-in totals for the 2022 election. We are still missing data from 10 counties.

However, we now have the full update for Chemung County. In a previous report, a Board of Elections official stated that Larry Sharpe received 25 votes in Chemung County. However, when the full breakdown came

out, Larry actually had 44 votes! This brings his total to 1,795 votes so far. Chemung County has not yet provided the results for the other statewide races. More updates will be announced as we receive them.

Take Human Action Tour

📍 **New York, NY**

The Blockchain Center - 2307 Broadway

1 April 2023 - 9AM to 5PM

Guest Speakers

10:00 - Dale Woolridge

10:45 - Keith Knight

11:35 - Mike Maharrey

Lunch Speaker

12:25 - Gene Epstein

1:55 - Maj Toure

2:45 - Tom Woods

3:30 - Dave Smith



Saturday
9 AM - 5 PM
01 April 2023



TAKE HUMAN ACTION TOUR TO MAKE STOP IN NYC, APRIL 1-2, 2023

by **Justin Carman**

LPNY Member-At-Large, Ex. Comm.

Government authoritarianism is on the rise, and NY is ground zero, fracturing the relative freedom, peace, stability, and prosperity we once enjoyed.

America needs a change in its culture, attitude, and spirit as much as it needs political change. Liberty has to be successful as a cultural movement before it can be successful as a political movement. That's why the Take Human Action tour was created: to change our culture and spirit as we advocate for liberty in the political sphere.

The Take Human Action tour features our biggest Libertarian heroes and thought leaders

promoting Austrian Economics, nullification and decentralization, war and peace, gun rights, and free speech.

Saturday, April 1, will feature speakers and Q&A's with Keith Knight (Editor-in-chief of the Libertarian Institute, Author of "The Voluntarist Handbook, Host of "Don't Tread on Anyone" show), Mike Maharrey (Communications director for the 10th Amendment Center, Contributor at SchiffGold and Godarchy), Gene Epstein (Founder and Moderator of the Soho Forum Debate Series, former chief economist for the New York Stock Exchange, former economics editor at Barron's magazine), Dale Woolridge (Social Psychology PhD from University

of Texas, Student activist against Vietnam War, founder of "Action for Liberty", "Organizing A Mass Uprising"), Maj Toure (Founder of "Black Guns Matter" and "Solutionary Lifestyle", former candidate for Philadelphia City Council), Tom Woods (Host of the "Tom Woods Show", creator of "Liberty Classroom" and "School of Life", Major Contributor to "Ron Paul Homeschool Curriculum"), and Dave Smith, Dave Smith, Libertarian comedian, political commentator, and host of "Part of the Problem."

Sunday, April 2, will be entirely focused on political activism, with candidate and campaign training, by New York's own

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#TAKE HUMAN ACTION
TOUR

New York 4/1

x

Larry Sharpe

Special Guest

2x NY gubernatorial candidate,
vice presidential candidate,
entrepreneur,
host of *The Sharpe Way*



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Larry Sharpe (times NY Gubernatorial Candidate, US Vice Presidential Candidate, Entrepreneur, Host of “The Sharpe Way”). SUNDAY IS ENTIRELY FREE! We want to provide training and resources to get campaign candidates and campaign managers ready to change

their local communities, because freedom and liberty starts at the most local levels! Make sure to stop by the LPNY table and say hello!

**Take Human Action Tour
New York City**

Dates:

Saturday, 4/1/23 (9AM-5PM)

Sunday, 4/2/23 (10AM-2PM)

Location:

Blockchain Center - 2307 Broadway New York, NY 10024

Cost:

Tickets are \$30 + fees, Lunch is \$25 + fees. Training is FREE!

Tickets/Website:

takehumanactiontour.com

ERIE COUNTY HOLDS 3RD ANNUAL GALA



by Michael Rebmann
Erie County Treasurer

Our 3rd Annual Erie County Libertarian Party Gala was a huge success enjoyed by all. It was a fun evening of Dinner, Dancing, and Drinking, with only one

short speech by Duane Whitmer.

We were honored to have our Chair, Andrew Kolstee, in attendance. Mark your calendars now and join us for an enjoyable evening for our 4th Annual Gala, February 17, 2024.



COUNTY AFFILIATE NEWS

ALBANY

CONVENTION:

Tues., Mar. 14, 2023 @ 6 PM
at the ~~Walden Grill & BBQ~~
(219 Wolf Road, Albany, NY)

**POSTPONED
DUE TO
WEATHER**

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CHAUTAUQUA

In-person meetings will resume as soon as we can find a venue. Meeting will be held on Zoom unless a venue is found before the April meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., Apr. 6, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
on Zoom
(first Thursdays)

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CHEMUNG

NEXT MEETING:

Tues., Mar. 14, 2023 at 6 PM
at Ill Eagle Taproom
(2nd Tuesdays)

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CHENANGO

Chenango LP Chair Tom Quitter is running for Guilford Town Supervisor. Contact him to get involved.

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COLUMBIA

NEXT MEETING:

Wed., Mar. 15, 2023 @ 7 PM
Claverack Free Library
and Google Meet
(third Wednesdays)

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CLINTON

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DUTCHESS

On March 30, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. the DCLP, with support of neighboring affiliates is hosting our first annual awards banquet and fundraising gala at Revel 32 in Poughkeepsie. Please join us as we honor Larry Sharpe (influencer/political impact), Dr. Aaron Lewis, Gubernatorial Candidate in Connecticut (Leadership), and award recipients for Affiliate Support, The Larry Sharpe Award, Also known as the "thorn in the side of the state award," and Libertarian of the Year. Mike ter Maat, libertarian presidential candidate, will discuss his campaign, the "Gold New Deal" and present the influencer/political impact ward."

NEXT MEETING:

Held 3rd Saturdays

Time/Location Varies

CONTACT:

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ERIE

Charles Roggen is running for Akron Town Trustee. Contact campaign manager Michael Rebmann (mrebmann@lpny.org) to get involved.

NEXT MEETING:

Held Monthly via Zoom

CONTACT:

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FULTON

NEXT MEETING:

Sat., Mar. 18, 2023 at 3 PM
via Google Meet

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KINGS (BROOKLYN)

NEXT MEETING:

Tues., Mar. 21, 2023 at 3 PM
@ Fourth Avenue Pub
76 4th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11217

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MONROE

Contact the Monroe County Libertarian Party for meeting link. We also have monthly social meetings that you don't want to miss. There is also Google Group for announcements.

MONROE (cont.)

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., Apr. 6, 2023 @ 7 PM
(first Thursdays)

CONTACT:

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MONTGOMERY

CONTACT:

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NASSAU

NEXT MEETING:

Tues., Mar. 14, 2023 at 7 PM
@ Landmark Diner

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NEW YORK (MANHATTAN)

NEXT SOCIAL EVENT:

Held 4th Tuesdays

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ONONDAGA

The Onondaga County Libertarian Party elected officers at its March 12, 2023 convention: Shawn Hannon (Chair), Rachel (Vice-Chair), John McLaughlin (Secretary), and Jamie Fitch (Treasurer).

NEXT MEETING:

Wed., Apr. 19, 2023 at 6 PM
@ Rail Line
530 S. Clinton St., Syracuse

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PUTNAM

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., Apr. 13, 2023 at 7 PM
at McCarthy's
374 Route 52, Carmel, NY 10512
(2nd Thursdays)

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QUEENS

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John Clifton, Chair
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NEXT MEETING:

Sat., Apr. 8, 2023
OBA Grill
104-02 Metropolitan Ave.,
Forest Hills, Queens, NY
(2nd Saturdays)

RENSSELAER

Since October 2022, the Rensselaer County Libertarian Party has been collecting food items and monetary donations to give monthly to StreetSoldiers Rensselaer.

NEXT MEETING:

Wed., Apr. 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Alexis Diner, North Greenbush
(first Wednesdays)

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ULSTER

NEXT MEETING:

Mon., Mar. 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Hickory BBQ, Kingston, NY
(second Mondays)

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WASHINGTON

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WAYNE

NEXT MEETING:

Sat., Mar. 25, 2023 at 11 AM
at Yellow Mills Diner
in Palmyra, NY
(fourth Saturdays)

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WESTCHESTER

Rajib Maitra is working on planning a meeting in the future on behalf of Chair Bill Schmidt. He can be contacted at rajib.maitra1@gmail.com

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YATES

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LIBERTARIAN YOUTH CAUCUS ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH

by Charles Taya
Chair, Libertarian Youth Caucus,
New York State Chapter

The Libertarian Youth Caucus of New York is an organization dedicated to advancing the principles of libertarianism among young people in the state of New York. Founded in 2022 by Charles Taya, the caucus aims to provide a hub and resource net, for young libertarians to network, advocate, and grow in pursuit of their values.

The Libertarian Youth Caucus of New York (LYCNY or LYC) is the New York State affiliate of The Libertarian Youth Caucus, the official youth wing of the Libertarian Party. The LYC is open to members between the ages of 13 and 30.

One of the primary goals of the LYC is to promote libertarian

ideas and values to the youth via schools and all other social gathering channels across the state. For this task, the caucus organizes campus and city affiliates all over the state for mass outreach to the youth. The caucus also maintains an active online presence. Their social accounts can be found at @NYLYCaucus on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram as well as a discord server at <https://discord.gg/Auh6GEZv3j>. With these hubs, The Caucus can reach the youth in a more effective manner, and spread its ideals to all.”

In addition to promoting libertarian ideals and values, the LYC aims to support, empower and embolden young libertarians in their political activism. The LYC provides resources to help members develop the skills and knowledge needed to become



community organizers and effective advocates for libertarianism and possibly the candidates of Tomorrow.

As the next generation of libertarians and activists mature, the members of the LYC are bound to make an extraordinary impact on the political landscape of The Libertarian Party and New York.

Mr. Taya himself can be reached at ny@lycaucus.org

CHANCE HAYWOOD APPOINTED FINANCE DIRECTOR

by Andrew Kolstee
LPNY Chair

On Sunday, February 19, 2023, Chance Haywood was appointed Finance Director for the LPNY. Haywood, a political consultant with a strong background in conservative and libertarian politics, is the current Treasurer of

the Manhattan Libertarian Party and Judicial District 1 Representative on the LPNY State Committee.

Additionally, he is the founder and Executive Director of Restoring Liberty PAC, a political action committee focused on promoting libertarian ideals and

supporting candidates who advocate for individual liberty and limited government.

Haywood said, “I would like to thank the LPNY Executive Committee and Chairman Kolstee for the appointment. I look forward to the challenge.”



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Election Day Tuesday, March 21
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