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STATE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** An Executive Committee meeting was held on April 19, 2022. Tony D'Orazio was appointed Delegation Chair for the National Convention in Reno. The consideration of purchasing booth space at the New York State Fair was postponed, pending to see if the Sharpe campaign would share expenses. The Region 8 agreement was also approved. \$1,500 was allocated for running our own primaries for State Committee elections (but it was not needed). Additionally, there were County Contact reappointments and changes to the delegation. There was an attempt to reorganize the Public Engagement Committee into two committees (Communications and Outreach), but it was postponed. A motion was made to remove Tony as chair of that committee, and it didn't go to a vote as Tony resigned during the meeting.

2. **STATE COMMITTEE MEETING.** A State Committee meeting was held on April 11, 2022, which involved rules amendments lowering the signature threshold for State Committee from 5% to 1.5% and extending the deadlines. Joe Sabin also replaced Patricia Berthod to represent JD5 on the Elections Oversight Committee.

3. **2022 STATE CONVENTION.** Set for September 17-18, 2022 in Erie County, New York. The planning committee is currently working on organizing it.

4. **BALLOT ACCESS LAWSUIT.** No updates.

5. **BALLOT ACCESS LEGISLATION.** Assemblyman John Salka's bill (A8683) has 4 co-sponsors. Senator Phil Boyle's companion bill in the Senate does not yet have co-sponsors. Several state party members are having conversations with legislators and their staff to lobby for the passing of the bill.

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 July 7, 2022 are set up on Facebook.

4. **WEBSITE.** Meetings are up on the website through June 2, 2022. The candidate questionnaire still needs to be fixed on the mobile version.

5. **2022 ANNUAL LETTER/FUNDRAISING EMAIL.** No updates, these need work.

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ELECTIONS/CAMPAIGNS

1. **STATE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS.** The State Committee elections have been completed. Representing JD8: Erin Becker, Maura Botsford, Gerrit Cain, Andrew Kolstee, Francis Law, Len Morlock, Michael Rebmann, Duane Whitmer, and Jame VanDewalker.

2. **2022 PETITIONING FOR STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.** Petitioning for our Statewide candidates began on April 19, 2022 and runs through May 31, 2022. An order was granted by the court to allow for out of state petitioners. Another lawsuit is pending concerning the question of congressional district lines that affect the petitioning drive.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **LARRY SHARPE IN BUFFALO (May 8, 2022).** There are two events on Facebook as Larry will be in Buffalo.

2. **1st SOCIAL EVENT (May/June 2022).** No updates.

3. **CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISER (May/June 2022).** No updates.

4. **SPEAKERS AT MEETINGS (June - August 2022).** Andrew Hollister (June), Sean Hayes (July), and Tom Quiter (August) were invited to speak at our next three meetings. None have confirmed that they can speak.

5. **SUMMER PICNIC (Summer 2022).** We have discussed doing a summer picnic and could work with other Western New York Libertarians to create a larger event.

6. **COUNTY FAIR (July 18-24, 2022).** I received an invoice as all previous vendors do for the fair.

7. **COUNTY CONVENTION (September/October 2022).** We need to begin planning for this.

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