

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew M. Kolstee, Chair
Richard F. Purtell, 2nd Vice-Chair
Mark S. Braiman, Secretary
William Cody Anderson, Treasurer
Justin N. Carman, Member-At-Large (JD3)
Karyn A. Keniry-Thompson, Member-At-Large (JD4)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Duane Whitmer, 1st Vice Chair
Keith C. Redhead, Member-At-Large (JD5)
Maura E. Botsford, Member-At-Large (JD8)
William K. Schmidt, Member At-Large (JD9)

OBSERVERS

Christopher Olenski, JD6
Vincent O'Neil, JD10

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair.

Secretary Mark Braiman conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

Chair Andrew Kolstee called for public comment and none was offered.

Motion by William Cody Anderson to **approve the Region 8 Agreement (Exhibit 1) with updates as needed for 2024** was seconded by Justin Carman and passed without objection.

Chair Andrew Kolstee requested to amend his prior reimbursement request of April 3, 2024 to add a payment of eleven dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$11.99) for Teespring, which provides connection to our store domain, to bring the total reimbursement request to one hundred seventy-nine dollars and eleven cents (\$179.11) **(Exhibit 2)**. **Motion by Mark Braiman to approve the reimbursement to Andrew Kolstee of one hundred seventy-nine dollars and eleven cents (\$179.11)** was seconded by William Cody Anderson and approved without objection.

Chair Andrew Kolstee reported on changes to the LPNY delegation to the 2024 Libertarian National Convention. Debra Altman was demoted because she cannot attend. In her place, Erin Rose Leatherman will be appointed as a delegate. Liam Callahan and Evan Lebrecht are being demoted as Alternate Delegates because they cannot attend. Additional alternate delegates who will be appointed instead (in the order that they applied) are David Fite, Shawn Hannon, Lora Newell, William Cody Anderson, and Karyn Keniry Thompson. Motion by William Cody Anderson to **approve these changes in the LPNY Delegation to the 2024 Libertarian Convention** was seconded by Mark Braiman and approved without objection.

Chair Andrew Kolstee reported that the Search Committee for the Communications Director has recommended the appointment of Chuck Dorgan as Communications Director. Kolstee noted that Justin Pelletier reported this Search Committee recommendation to him, as the prior Search Committee Chair Michael Gately had resigned. Andrew Kolstee proposed that we could delay Chuck Dorgan's appointment until after after the Libertarian National Convention, so that the

Executive Committee might have a chance to interview him. It was pointed out that in the intervening time, there are a couple of draft press releases that may need to go out. Motion by William Cody Anderson to **postpone consideration of the appointment of Communications Director until our next meeting** was seconded by Justin Carman and was discussed.

For a brief period of time, William Cody Anderson was not present and so there was no quorum to take action on the motion to postpone. Upon Anderson's return, and in keeping with the announced Agenda, the Chair allowed a motion to enter Executive Session to supersede the discussion of the Communications Director appointment, without objection.

Motion by William Cody Anderson to **enter Executive Session to discuss personnel, political strategy, and legal strategy** was seconded by Karyn Keniry-Thompson and approved without objection.

Executive Session was entered at 7:31 p.m.

Executive Session was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Immediately upon adjourning Executive Session, William Cody Anderson had to leave the meeting. As a result, no quorum was present, so no further business could be carried on. The prior motion to postpone consideration of the Communication Director position was dropped without further discussion, as it became moot.

Motion by Karyn Keniry-Thompson to **adjourn** was seconded by Justin Carman and approved without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Mark Stephen Braiman,
Secretary.