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## **STATE COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** Executive Committee meetings were held on March 10, 2022 and March 28, 2022. There were no significant actions.
2. **STATE COMMITTEE MEETING.** A State Committee meeting was held on March 22, 2022, which involved rules amendments and allowing the Elections Oversight Committee to meet via teleconference. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2022 to consider rules amendments.
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 has 4 co-sponsors. Recently, Phil Boyle (Republican, SD4) introduced the legislation in the Senate. 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 April 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.** Editing has begun for the 2022 Chautauqua Libertarian newsletter. We are going to need content and plan out our events for this year to put them in the newsletter. I would like to plan perhaps a Zoom meeting to go over the content of the letter.
6. **2022 FUNDRAISING EMAIL.** This will go along with the annual letter.

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### ELECTIONS/CAMPAIGNS

1. **STATE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS.** Our signatures were mailed today by Duane Whitmer. We didn't reach the threshold, but there is a proposed amendment to change the threshold from 5% to 1.5% to be considered on April 11, 2022.

2. **2022 PETITIONING FOR STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.** Petitioning for our Statewide candidates begins on April 19, 2022 and runs through May 31, 2022.

### MISCELLANEOUS

1. **LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.** This document will continue to be refined as new issues surface and more information is available.

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. **1<sup>st</sup> SOCIAL EVENT (April/May 2022).** We talked about having quarterly social events. We need to determine a date/time/place for the first one.

2. **FUNDRAISER (May/June 2022).** We have discussed doing a chicken BBQ fundraiser in the spring. We will need a location once I can talk to the owners of the chicken BBQ that the Erie County Libertarian Party used.

- May 14/15 – chicken BBQ – Irving

3. **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.

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

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

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