## Minutes of the July 5, 2020 Meeting of the Interim State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York

Andrew Kolstee was appointed Secretary pro tempore in the absence of Secretary Fred Cole.

## **Members present:**

- Anthony D'Orazio, Chair
- Tucker Coburn, 1st Vice Chair
- Stephen Minogue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair
- Lora Newell, Treasurer
- W. Cody Anderson
- Steven Becker
- Richard Bell (arrived 8:25 p.m.)
- Millie Dordal
- Mark Glogowski
- Todd Haggerty (arrived 7:24 p.m.)
- James Harris
- Andrew Hollister
- Andrew Kolstee
- Jeffrey Motta
- Duane Whitmer

## **Members absent:**

- Fred Cole, Secretary
- Michael Arcati
- Mike McDermott
- Gary Popkin
- Mark Potwora
- Ilya Schwartzburg

## **Observers:**

• Christopher Olenski

Chair Anthony D'Orazio called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and issued a Chair's report.

Jeff Motta gave a presentation on the planning of the State Convention and Organizing Meeting, which will cost about \$9,800 for the weekend. It will include the business on Saturday and breakout sessions on Sunday. The cost per attendee is approximated at \$150. A small room block of 30 rooms is available and the price per night is \$179 for the base fee. Larry Sharpe will be present at the convention, and he is working on bringing Jo Jorgensen to be the keynote speaker for Saturday evening. Anthony D'Orazio mentioned that an Executive Order was issued by the Governor that allows for political conventions to be held online, as a point of information.

Motion by Jeff Motta to hold the organizational meeting of the Libertarian Party at the Radisson Hotel in New Rochelle, New York from September 26 to 27, 2020 was seconded by Lora Newell, debated, and passed by unanimous consent, with one abstention.

Motion by Jeff Motta to authorize the Chair to sign the contract for the Radisson Hotel in New Rochelle, New York and authorize an expenditure of up to \$3,000 for a deposit for the convention, was seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

Motion by Steve Minogue to authorize the Chair and Secretary to sign a certificate of nomination for Pietro Geraci to run for Town Council in Newburgh, New York was seconded by Cody Anderson and passed by unanimous consent.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to authorize the Chair and Secretary to sign a certificate of nomination for Susan Baldwin to run for Town Council in Villenova, New York was seconded by Steve Becker and debated. Motion by Mark Glogowski to amend the motion to only issue the certificate of nomination provided that Susan Baldwin changes her voter enrollment to the Libertarian Party was seconded and debated. The amended passed by unanimous consent, with one abstention.

The original motion by Andrew Kolstee to authorize the Chair and Secretary to sign a certificate of nomination for Susan Baldwin to run for Town Council in Villenova, New York provided that Susan Baldwin change her voter enrollment to the Libertarian Party passed 12-1, with one abstention.

Anthony D'Orazio reported that there are other special elections, but no candidates have come forward seeking the Libertarian Party nomination.

Anthony D'Orazio issued a report on the ongoing ballot access litigation. Alicia Dearn, who was representing the Libertarian Party in the case, has withdrawn and Jim Ostrowski offered to represent the Libertarian Party in the litigation.

Motion by Steve Minogue to authorize an expenditure of up to \$3,000 to retain Jim Ostrowski as an attorney in the ballot access litigation was seconded by Cody Anderson, debated, and passed by unanimous consent.

Andrew Kolstee issued a Rules Committee report on behalf of Chair Fred Cole.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to amend the Rules of the Libertarian Party as follows: Strike the language "9.4.3.2" and insert the language "9.5.6.2" in Article 9.5.6.3; strike the language "which documents misrepresents" with "which misrepresents" in Article 9.5.6.4.1(d); strike the language "2019" in all instances and insert the language "2020" in all instances in Article 11.7; strike the language "13.2.4" and insert the language "Article 11.11" in Article 11.8; strike the language "13.1" and insert "11" in Article 11.10; and strike the language "13.2.4" and insert "11.11" in Article 11.12, was debated and passed by unanimous consent.

Anthony D'Orazio issued a report on the Libertarian National Convention. Steve Minogue issued a report on the satellite site for the Libertarian National Convention in Syracuse, New York.

Tucker Coburn was appointed Delegation Chair in the event that the delegates attending remotely are not seated in Orlando without objection.

Motion by Cody Anderson to **enter Executive Session** was seconded by Steve Minogue and passed by unanimous consent.

The meeting entered into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m.

Executive Session was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Motion by Cody Anderson to adjourn passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee Secretary *pro tempore*