

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Castello, Chair
Andrew Kolstee, Secretary
Richard Purtell
Michael Rebmann
Robert Schuon
Blay Tarnoff

MEMBERS ABSENT

Justin Carman
Paul Grindle
Christopher Olenski
Keith Redhead
Karyn Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by Daniel Castello, Chair. It was determined that quorum was present.

Motion by Robert Schuon to **recommend Proposal AW as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York and placed directly after the preamble** was seconded by Andrew Kolstee, debated, and passed without objection.

The Right to Individual Sovereignty recognizes that individuals are beings capable of understanding and respecting the rights of others, inherently possess the unalienable right of self-ownership, granting them authority and autonomy over their life, liberty, and property. Specifically:

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **substitute the text of Proposal AW with Proposal AX as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York** was seconded by Andrew Kolstee, debated, and passed without objection.

The Right to Individual Sovereignty. The human species has rights by virtue of its capacity to understand and be responsible to respect the rights of others, and as such individuals inherently possess the unalienable right of self-ownership, granting them authority and autonomy over their life, liberty, and property. Specifically:

Michael Rebmann left the meeting at 8:14 p.m. and it was determined that quorum was not present.

The committee discussed the next portion of the platform to consist of planks pertaining to individuals' interactions with society. The entire revised platform was placed into ChatGPT in order to determine an idea for the next part of the platform and the following was generated:

2. The Right to Free Association and [Voluntary] Interaction with Others. Building upon the foundation of individual sovereignty and inherent rights, we recognize the vital importance of fostering a society that values and upholds the principles of free association and interaction among individuals. These rights, essential for a just and prosperous society, encompass the following:

2.1. The Right to Peaceful Assembly - Individuals have the inherent right to gather with others, whether for social, political, or expressive purposes, without fear of unwarranted disruption or suppression by any authority. Peaceful assembly is a cornerstone of democratic engagement and a means for individuals to collectively voice their concerns and aspirations.

2.2. The Right to Free Association - Individuals are free to form and join associations, organizations, and groups of their choosing, without interference or coercion from any entity, including the government. This right extends to political parties, labor unions, religious organizations, and any other voluntary associations people may wish to create or join.

2.3. The Right to Contract and Exchange - Individuals have the inherent authority to engage in voluntary agreements, contracts, and exchanges with others, including the right to trade goods and services, without undue government intervention or restrictions. This right promotes economic freedom and the pursuit of mutually beneficial relationships.

2.4. The Right to Equal Treatment - All individuals should be treated equally under the law and society, regardless of their race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic. Discrimination and bias, whether by individuals or institutions, should not infringe upon the rights and opportunities of any individual.

2.5. The Right to Self-Defense - Individuals have the inherent right to protect themselves and their property from harm or aggression, whether from individuals or institutions. This right includes the ability to use force when necessary to defend against threats to life, liberty, and property.

In recognizing and upholding these rights, we seek to promote a society that respects and values the autonomy and freedom of every individual, fostering an environment where people can interact, associate, and exchange freely to pursue their happiness and prosperity.

The generated text received positive reception from members of the committee. It was determined that the word “Voluntary” shall be placed before “Interaction” in the title for the first paragraph and the remainder of the generated text will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:32 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee
Secretary of the Platform Committee