

**LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
AGENDA OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2022**

**7:00 P.M. Call to Order (Andrew Kolstee, Chair)**

**7:00 P.M. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum (Mark Braiman, Secretary)**

**7:05 P.M. Public Comment**

**7:15 P.M. Past Secretary's Report (Andrew Kolstee)**

Consideration to **waive reading and approve the minutes of the August 22, 2022 Meeting of the Executive Committee, the September 17, 2022 Meeting of the State Committee, and the September 18, 2022 Meeting of the State Committee.**

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**7:20 P.M. Secretary's Report (Mark Braiman)**

**7:25 P.M. Treasurer's Report (Cody Anderson)**

**7:30 P.M. Chair's Report (Andrew Kolstee)**

**7:40 P.M. Communications Division Report (Duane Whitmer)**

**7:45 P.M. Field Development Division Report (Andrew Kolstee)**

Consideration to **certify that the County Affiliates in Chautauqua, Chemung, Columbia, Dutchess, Madison, Monroe, Nassau, New York, Queens, and Ulster Counties have met the criteria required in Article 11.2.3. of the Rules of the Libertarian Party of New York.**

See the documentation [here](#).

Counties that have held a convention but have not yet provided documentation for certification (6): Erie, Kings, Onondaga, Orange, Putnam, and Suffolk.

Counties that have not yet held a convention or have not reported holding a convention and provided documentation (13): Albany, Chenango, Fulton, Montgomery, Otsego, Orleans, Richmond, Saratoga, Schoharie, Tioga, Wayne, Westchester, and Yates.

Consideration to **accept the resignation of John Exner as County Contact of Cayuga County on November 9, 2022.**

Consideration to **renew the appointment of Jame VanDewalker as County Contact of Allegany County for a three-month term set to expire on March 22, 2023.**

Consideration to **renew the appointment of Zachary Remian as County Contact of Clinton County for a three-month term set to expire on March 26, 2023.**

Consideration to **renew the appointment of Christopher Lyndaker as County Contact of Lewis County for a three-month term set to expire on April 10, 2023.**

Consideration to **renew the appointment of Keith Redhead as County Contact of Oneida County for a three-month term set to expire on March 18, 2023.**

Consideration to **renew the appointment of Jennifer O'Connor as County Contact of Rensselaer County for a three-month term set to expire on April 4, 2023.**

Consideration to **retroactively renew the appointment of Steven Greene as County Contact of Warren County on November 3, 2022 for a three-month term set to expire on February 3, 2023.**

**7:50 P.M. IT Division Report (Justin Carman)**

**7:55 P.M. Legislative Affairs Division Report (Rich Purtell)**

**8:00 P.M. Personnel Division Report (Keith Redhead)**

**8:05 P.M. Candidate Support Committee Report (Paul Grindle)**

**8:10 P.M. Rules Committee Report (Andrew Kolstee)**

**8:15 P.M. Appointment of Directors / Committee Chairs**

Review of Political Director, Finance Director, and Platform Committee Chair applicants.

**8:30 P.M. Old business**

**8:40 P.M. New business**

Consideration to amend the Organizational Structure to add an Outreach Division:

**5.2.6. OUTREACH DIVISION. The Outreach Division shall be led by the Outreach Director. The Division shall be responsible for developing and implementing strategies for content creation, activism opportunities, direct citizen action, networking with other organizations, and coalition building.**

**5.2.~~6~~7. PERSONNEL DIVISION. [...]**

**5.2.~~7~~8. FIELD DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. [...]**

**5.2.~~8~~9. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION. [...]**

Consideration to **appoint Steve Felano as Outreach Director and authorize the Chair to sign a contract on behalf of the Libertarian Party of New York with Steve Felano for the purpose of providing a thirty percent (30%) commission for fundraising to said Steve Felano based on the activities of the Outreach Division. ~~The basis for the commission shall not include donations by any individuals who have donated to the Libertarian Party of New York between 2018 and 2022.~~**

Consideration of the following motion drafted by Andrew Kolstee and Duane Whitmer concerning the 2024 petitioning drive and election, for the Executive Committee to determine whether or not to recommend such motion be put forth at the next meeting of the full State Committee for full adoption:

**The Libertarian Party of New York shall only consider the nomination of statewide candidates, including a candidate for the United States Senate and a placeholder candidate for President and Vice President of the United States in the 2024 election in New York if at least three (3) out of the following five (5) criteria are met by December 31, 2023:**

- 1) The ballot access thresholds are lowered to pre-2020 levels, specifically, requiring at least 15,000 petition signatures for an independent candidate to get on the ballot and 50,000 votes during the general election for a party to obtain ballot access in New York State.**
- 2) A total of \$300,000 is in the Libertarian Party of New York's Ballot Access bank account by December 31, 2023.**
- 3) The Libertarian Party of New York has a list of at least 2,000 volunteers willing to collect petition signatures to get the statewide candidates on the ballot in 2024.**
- 4) The Libertarian Party of New York's email list exceeds 50,000 emails.**
- 5) The Libertarian Party of New York has thirty (30) active County Affiliates, in that they hold meetings on average at least once per month.**

**If less than three (3) of these criteria are met by December 31, 2023, the Libertarian Party of New York shall not organize a petition drive in 2024 and all such resources shall be diverted to the 2026 statewide petition drive.**

Consideration of the following motion submitted by Mark Braiman:

**That the Libertarian Party of New York shall hold a series of "straw-vote" electronic polls for President over the course of 2023.**

**That these polls shall be conducted as secret elections via the Porcupine App, and that they be open to all LPNY members who have supplied an email address through which they can access this app.**

**That the first two of these shall be scheduled for Monday, January 18 and February 20 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents' Day) in honor of the role these people played in advancing the cause of liberty, and that the polls shall remain open for 24 hours during these days.**

**That the January 18 poll shall have no preprinted names on the ballot, nor NOTA, with only the possibility of write-ins.**

**That the February 20 poll list on the ballot, in order, the top five finishers from the January 18 poll who are identifiably Libertarians by virtue of membership in the Libertarian Party of New York or another state or by virtue of being dues-paying members of National Libertarian Party; but that this list shall be expanded as needed to accommodate ties for fifth place, as well as NOTA.**

**That the February 20 poll list additionally the name of any candidate, Libertarian or not, who pays by noon on February 15 a \$1,000 fee to the Libertarian Party of New York (housekeeping account).**

**That the Party Chair and/or Secretary be instructed to make timely arrangements for the Porcupine polls.**

**That the Chair and/or Secretary of the Party be instructed to e-mail Party members, likely prospective Party members, and likely Libertarian candidates, for whom e-mail addresses are immediately available, the following information:**

- a. An invitation to participate in these straw-poll elections.**
- b. A description of the polling guidelines as provided above; instructions on how to register in the Porcupine App and to access the voting screen; and other such information as may be necessary to help these prospective voters and candidates to participate.**
- c. A mention of the three-fold purpose of these straw votes: (i) to help future New York delegates to the 2024 Libertarian National Convention understand the desires and likely voting propensities of our rank-and-file membership; (i) to help guide us in determining whether and how to carry out a petition campaign in April-May 2024 for getting a Libertarian Presidential candidate**

**on the New York ballot; and (iii) to increase membership in, and awareness and enthusiasm for, the Libertarian Party of New York.**

**Consideration to request a hearing to be held by the State Committee in accordance with Article 12 of the Rules of the Libertarian Party for the purpose of considering the removal of Jacob Cornell as a Member of the State Committee from Judicial District 5, Marc Smith as a Member of the State Committee from Judicial District 7, and Scott Thompson as a Member of the State Committee from Judicial District 10 due to the abandonment of position in accordance with Article 12.5 of the Rules of the Libertarian Party.**

**9:00 P.M. Adjournment**