

**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 J. 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 M. Olenski, Member of the State Committee (JD6)
Vincent J. O'Neil, Member of the State Committee (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 opened a period of public comment. No comments were 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 the LPNYstore.com domain, to bring the total reimbursement request to one hundred seventy-nine dollars and eleven cents (\$179.11). Motion by Mark Braiman to **amend the motion of April 3, 2024 meeting of the State Committee to reimburse Andrew Kolstee \$179.11 instead of \$167.12** was seconded by William Cody Anderson and passed without objection.

Chair Andrew Kolstee reported on changes to the LPNY delegation to the 2024 Libertarian National Convention. Motion by William Cody Anderson to **approved the demotions of resigned Delegates Debra Altman, promotion of Alternate Delegates Erinn Rose Leatherman to Delegates, demotions of resigned Alternate Delegates Liam Callahan and Evan Lebrecht, and promotion of David Fite, Shawn Hannon, Lora Newell, William Cody Anderson, and Karyn Keniry-Thompson as Alternate Delegates** was seconded by Mark Braiman and passed without objection.

Chair Andrew Kolstee reported that the Director Search Committee has recommended the appointment of Chuck Dorgan as Communications Director. Kolstee noted that Justin Pelletier reported this committee's recommendation to him, as the prior Search Committee Chair Michael Gately was not present during the proceedings and resigned from the State Committee on April 22, 2024. Andrew Kolstee suggested the consideration of Dorgan's appointment could be delayed until 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 be released. Motion by William Cody Anderson to **postpone consideration of the appointment of a Communications Director until the next meeting of the Executive Committee** was seconded by Justin Carman, and debated. William Cody Anderson briefly left the meeting, which resulted in a lack of quorum to act 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 matters, political strategy, and legal strategy** was seconded by Karyn Keniry-Thompson and passed without objection.

The meeting **entered Executive Session** at 7:31 p.m.

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

Immediately upon adjournment of Executive Session, William Cody Anderson left the meeting, resulting in a lack of quorum, and no vote on the motion to postpone consideration of the Communication Director position could be conducted.

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

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

Mark Stephen Braiman,
Secretary

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Agreement of Voluntary Association of States for Regional Representation to The Libertarian National Committee.

This Agreement, once signed, shall serve to bind the participating affiliate parties into a Representative Region for the purpose of representation to the Libertarian National Committee(LNC). The Following terms shall constitute the total agreement, and shall outline the process and procedures for the selection of representatives to the National Committee to serve on behalf of the Region. The Numbered identity of the Region shall be determined by the Secretary of the LNC following the submission and acceptance of all regional agreements during the 2022 National Convention process. The states invited to participate in, and reconstitute their existing regional agreement are those who were party to the 2020-2022 "LNC Region 8." (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey.)

The following terms shall govern the selection of regional representation to the LNC:

1. The Delegates of the Region 8 states shall elect via an electronic vote, no later than the first saturday following the conclusion of business of the first sitting of the 2022 Libertarian National Convention, both a primary representative and an alternate representative to the Libertarian National Committee.
2. The Regional Representative shall be responsible for publishing regular reports to the National Committee detailing the operations and activities of their constituent affiliate parties, as well as representing the interests of their constituent affiliates during deliberations and votes of the National Committee.
3. The method of electing these representatives shall be separate electronic ballots conducted via OpaVote, and determined by ranked choice voting (RCV). The Election for Alternate shall not begin until the conclusion of the election of the Primary Representative. Once a ballot has been started, each Delegate shall have 48 hours to vote, via a secure link they will receive via email.
4. Primary Representative, and Alternate Representative, to accommodate the greatest representation among the state Parties, shall be residents of different states.
5. The State Chairs shall provide the incumbent Regional Representative (Rich Bowen, NJ) with an updated and accurate list of email addresses for all Delegates to participate in this election. The incumbent Representative shall be responsible for the administration and reporting of the election results.

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6. State Chairs shall be responsible for communicating to their delegates the process by which representatives shall be selected as per this agreement.
7. The Primary Representative and Alternate Representative are both subject to recall and removal, by a vote of No Confidence among the Chairs of the affiliate state parties bound to the regional agreement. A vote of no confidence among the 8 state Chairs shall be considered to have passed if at least 4 state chairs vote in the affirmative to remove.
8. A vacancy in the position of the Primary Representative shall be filled by the promotion of the Alternate Representative to Primary Representative.
9. A Vacancy in the position of Alternate Representative shall be filled by polling the 8 state chairs via approval voting among those candidates nominated from within the region in a manner to be chosen by those chairs.
10. Should a simultaneous vacancy occur in both the Primary and alternate Representatives, the procedures outlined for the replacement of an alternate representative shall be used to fill both positions.
11. The term of this agreement shall be from the conclusion of the first sitting of the 2022 Libertarian National Convention, until the conclusion of the 2024 Libertarian National Convention.

The Undersigned State Chair agrees to commit their Affiliate State Party to be bound as part of this regional agreement for the duration of the term set forth in its conditions. Upon the commitment of Enough State Affiliates to constitute a Minimum of 10% of the total sustaining Membership of The Libertarian Party, this agreement shall be considered Valid.

State Affiliate: _____
State Chair's Name: _____
State Chair's Signature: _____
Date: _____

Exhibit 2

**LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT
FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2024**

Requestor: Andrew Kolstee

Date	Source	Description	Amount	Balance
1/22/2024	OpaVote	Elections Oversight Committee	\$10.00	\$10.00
2/13/2024	OpaVote	JD6 vacancies – Round 1	\$10.00	\$20.00
2/13/2024	OpaVote	JD10 vacancies – Round 1	\$10.00	\$30.00
2/13/2024	OpaVote	Elections Oversight Committee	\$10.00	\$40.00
2/13/2024	OpaVote	Elections Oversight Committee	\$10.00	\$50.00
3/13/2024	JRSC Digital	Programs for convention	\$226.43	\$276.43
3/13/2024	Teespring	LPNY store domain connect	\$11.99	\$288.42
3/15/2024	JRSC Digital	Prints (nametags/debate cards)	\$14.69	\$303.11
3/16/2024	Election Runner	JD5 vacancies – Round 1	\$19.00	\$322.11
3/16/2024	Election Runner	JD7 vacancies – Round 1	\$19.00	\$341.11
3/16/2024	Election Runner	Stand-In for President	\$19.00	\$360.11
3/16/2024	Election Runner	Stand-In for Vice President	\$19.00	\$379.11
3/16/2024	Pat Ford	Auction prize*	-\$200.00	\$179.11

* Pat Ford paid me \$200.00 through Venmo for an auction prize