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STATE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** An Executive Committee meeting was held on February 3, 2022.
2. **STATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** A State Committee meeting was held on Saturday, February 12, 2022, which involved rules amendments. Another State Committee meeting was held the weekend of February 19-20, 2022 in Albany, in which our statewide candidates were nominated. (ADD MORE)
 - The next SC meeting is March 22, 2022
3. **2022 STATEWIDE CANDIDATES NOMINATING CONVENTION.** The event took place on February 19-20, 2022 at the Holiday Inn Express in Albany County.
4. **2022 STATE CONVENTION.** Set for September 2022 in Erie County, New York.
5. **BALLOT ACCESS.** Our preliminary injunction and summary judgment were merged into one case in the appeals process. No further updates. The bill introduced in the Assembly by John Salka to lower the thresholds back to pre-COVID levels was slightly amended, but no further action has been taken on this legislation.

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 March 3, 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 send out the newsletter by February or March 2022.
6. **2022 FUNDRAISING EMAIL.** We will need to send out an email for fundraising for 2022. We can take last year's email and adjust it accordingly.

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ELECTIONS/CAMPAIGNS

1. **STATE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS.** Our Judicial District has 9 seats for the 2022-2024 State Committee. Petitioning for this will begin on March 1, 2022 and filing dates are April 4-7, 2022. We will need a minimum of 139 signatures to get on the ballot for Judicial District 8.

2. **2022 STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.** The slate is as follows: Larry Sharpe for Governor, Andrew Hollister for Lt. Governor, Sean Hayes for Attorney General, William Schmidt for Comptroller, and Thomas Quiter for U.S. Senator.

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.** We held one meeting but have not followed up on this since then.

4. **2022 PLANS.** We need to complete our plan for 2022, which we began at a Zoom meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2022. One of the ideas discussed was regarding ballot initiatives that voters will be able to vote for or against the sale of cannabis if their local government officials chose to opt out.

5. **LEGISLATIVE SURVEY.** This was successfully done in Suffolk County, and something we may want to explore doing. We would need the list of questions, first.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2. **FUNDRAISER (March/April 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.

3. **COUNTY FAIR (July/August 2022).** No details available yet.

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