

**50<sup>TH</sup> CONVENTION**  
**MINUTES OF DAY 2 OF THE ORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK**  
**HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**  
**SHERATON HOTEL, 300 3RD STREET, NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK 14303**  
**AND ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP AND PORCUPINE APP**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mark N. Axinn, Judicial District 1<sup>1</sup>  
David B. “Chance” Haywood, Judicial District 1<sup>0</sup>  
Paul M. Grindle, Judicial District 2<sup>1</sup>  
Matthew I. Morgan, Judicial District 2  
Justin N. Carman, Judicial District 3<sup>1VO</sup>  
Jennifer L. O'Connor, Judicial District 3<sup>1VO</sup>  
Lora L. Newell, Judicial District 3<sup>1V</sup>  
William Cody Anderson, Judicial District 3<sup>1V</sup>  
Zachary D. Remian, Judicial District 4<sup>VO</sup>  
Karyn A. Keniry Thompson, Judicial District 4<sup>1V</sup>  
Brian L. Wells, Judicial District 4<sup>1VO</sup>  
Amanda H. Ellithorpe, Judicial District 4<sup>VO</sup>  
Daniel J. Castello, Judicial District 5<sup>1VO</sup>  
Shawn C. DeGrand, Judicial District 5<sup>1</sup>  
Erinn R. Leatherman, Judicial District 5<sup>10</sup>  
Adam M. Magoon, Judicial District 5<sup>1V</sup>  
Keith C. Redhead, Judicial District 5<sup>1</sup>  
Craig L. Shute, Judicial District 5<sup>1V</sup>  
Mark S. Braiman, Judicial District 6<sup>1</sup>  
Timothy M. O'Connor, Judicial District 6<sup>10</sup>  
Christopher M. Olenski, Judicial District 6<sup>1</sup>  
Steven G. Becker, Judicial District 7<sup>1</sup>  
James M. Dayton, Judicial District 7<sup>1</sup>  
Angela B. Einwachter, Judicial District 7<sup>1</sup>  
Mark E. Glogowski, Judicial District 7<sup>1</sup>  
Sean C. Phelan, Judicial District 7<sup>10</sup>  
John M. Exner, Judicial District 7<sup>VO</sup>  
Erin M. Becker, Judicial District 8  
Maura E. Botsford, Judicial District 8<sup>1</sup>  
Andrew M. Kolstee, Judicial District 8<sup>1</sup>  
Leonard E. Morlock, Judicial District 8<sup>1</sup>  
Michael R. Rebmann, Judicial District 8<sup>1</sup>  
Jame J. VanDewalker, Judicial District 8<sup>10</sup>  
Duane J. Whitmer, Judicial District 8<sup>1</sup>  
Juan R. Ayala, Judicial District 9<sup>1</sup>  
Robert J. Cocomello, Judicial District 9<sup>1</sup>  
Daniel P. Donnelly, Judicial District 9<sup>1</sup>  
Robert J. Greibesland, Judicial District 9<sup>0</sup>  
William K. Schmidt, Judicial District 9<sup>10</sup>  
Christian J. Vondras, Judicial District 9<sup>10</sup>  
Jeffrey J. Denecke, Judicial District 10<sup>10</sup>  
Jonathan H. Gunther, Judicial District 10<sup>1</sup>

George T. Ostrowski, Judicial District 10<sup>10</sup>  
Blay Tarnoff, Judicial District 10<sup>10</sup>  
Irwin Mark Weinblatt, Judicial District 11<sup>1VO</sup>  
Richard Bell, Judicial District 13<sup>VO</sup>  
Thomas Pinkhasov, Judicial District 13<sup>VO</sup>  
Richard F. Purtell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair<sup>A</sup>

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Morry C. Davis, Judicial District 1<sup>V</sup>  
Gary S. Popkin, Judicial District 2  
Stephen C. Healey, Judicial District 4<sup>V</sup>  
John A. Janes, Judicial District 4<sup>V</sup>  
Jacob T. Cornell, Judicial District 5  
Matthew K. Guilianelli, Judicial District 5  
Lyza N. Feint, Judicial District 6  
David S. Penner, Judicial District 6  
Keith D. Price, Judicial District 6  
Jeffrey C. Bradley, Judicial District 7  
Anthony D'Orazio, Judicial District 7  
Kelly A. Durkin, Judicial District 7<sup>V</sup>  
Marc A. Smith, Judicial District 7  
Gerrit R. Cain, Judicial District 8  
Francis Law, Judicial District 8  
Randyn Tarnoff, Judicial District 10  
Angelo E. Veltri, Judicial District 10  
Robert E. Schuon, Judicial District 10<sup>V</sup>  
Scott W. Thompson, Judicial District 10

**OBSERVERS**

Timothy “TJ” Ferreira, Porcupine Administrator<sup>0</sup>  
Thomas D. Quiter, Chenango County Chair  
Pietro S. Geraci, Orange County Chair<sup>0</sup>  
Gabrielle Cordova, Queens County Secretary<sup>0</sup>  
Mike ter Maat, 2024 Candidate for U.S. President  
Michael Smith, Mike ter Maat Campaign Member  
Angela McArdle, LNC Chair  
Patrick Ford, LNC Region 8 Representative

**KEY**

<sup>1</sup> Present at roll call  
<sup>V</sup> Filled vacancy during meeting.  
<sup>0</sup> Present online  
<sup>A</sup> Elected 2<sup>nd</sup>-Vice Chair during convention; becomes an ex-officio voting member upon adjournment.

The meeting was called to order at 10:28 a.m. by William Cody Anderson, Chair. Secretary Andrew Kolstee conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

The Credentials and Nominations Report (**Exhibit 1**) indicated that there were 38 voting members at the time the meeting was called to order. 38 of 67 Members of the State Committee were present at the time of roll call.

The Treasurer's report was moved after all the other reports without objection.

The election of the position of Secretary continued.

Mark Braiman spoke on his candidacy.

Blay Tarnoff spoke on his candidacy and withdrew his nomination.

In the first round of voting for the position of Secretary, the results were as follows:

<b>Candidate (vote for 1)</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Mark Braiman	33	80.488%
NOTA	6	14.634%
Blay Tarnoff (write-in)	2	4.878%
<b>Total Votes</b>	41	100.000%
<b>Total Voters</b>	41	

**Mark Braiman was elected the position of Secretary of the Libertarian Party of New York.**

Duane Whitmer nominated Keith Redhead and he accepted the nomination.

James Dayton nominated William Cody Anderson and he accepted the nomination.

The Chair passed the gavel to Duane Whitmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair of the State Committee.

William Cody Anderson spoke on his candidacy.

Keith Redhead spoke on his candidacy.

In the first round of voting for the position of Treasurer, the results were as follows:

<b>Candidate (vote for 1)</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
William Cody Anderson	21	52.50%
Keith Redhead	19	47.50%
NOTA	0	0.00%
<b>Total Votes</b>	40	100.000%
<b>Total Voters</b>	40	

**William Cody Anderson was elected to the position of Treasurer of the Libertarian Party of New York.**

Christopher Olenski announced that he was giving the party a donation of \$69 from casino winnings.

Duane Whitmer passed the gavel back to William Cody Anderson.

The Chair opened the floor to nominations for the office of Member-At-Large on the Executive Committee.

Jeffrey Denecke **nominated James Dayton** and he accepted the nomination.

Andrew Kolstee **nominated Paul Grindle** and he accepted the nomination.

Lora Newell **nominated Jeffrey Denecke** and he accepted the nomination.

Steven Becker **nominated Lora Newell** and she accepted the nomination.

James Dayton **nominated Timothy O'Connor** and he accepted the nomination.

Mark Axinn **nominated William Schmidt** and he accepted the nomination.

Mark Braiman **nominated Maura Botsford** and she accepted the nomination.

Duane Whitmer **nominated Justin Carman** and he accepted the nomination.

Paul Grindle **nominated Karyn Keniry-Thompson** and she accepted the nomination.

Craig Shute **nominated Keith Redhead** and he accepted the nomination.

Nominees for the position of Member-At-Large spoke on their candidacies in the following order: Maura Botsford (JD8), Justin Carman (JD3), James Dayton (JD7), Jeffrey Denecke (JD10), Paul Grindle (JD2), Lora Newell (JD3), Timothy O’Connor (JD6). Keith Redhead (JD5), William Schmidt (JD9), and Karyn Thompson (JD4).

<b>JD</b>	<b>Candidate (vote for 5)</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
4	Karyn Keniry-Thompson	31	75.61%
5	Keith Redhead	25	60.98%
9	William Schmidt	24	58.54%
4	Justin Carman	23	56.10%
8	Maura Botsford	22	53.66%
2	Paul Grindle	18	43.90%
4	Lora Newell	16	39.02%
7	James Dayton	15	36.59%
10	Jeffrey Denecke	14	34.15%
5	Timothy O’Connor	14	34.15%
	NOTA	0	0.00%
	<b>Total Votes</b>	41	100.00%
	<b>Total Voters</b>	41	

**Karyn Keniry-Thompson, Keith Redhead, William Schmidt, Justin Carman, and Maura Botsford were elected to the positions of Members-At-Large of the Executive Committee.**

The meeting stood at ease from 11:28 a.m. to 11:41 a.m.

Lora Newell issued a Treasurer’s report (**Exhibit 2**).

Local Affiliate Development Committee Secretary Andrew Kolstee issued a report. He and James Dayton have been meeting with County Contacts on a regular basis through orientation and meetings.

IT Committee Chair Andrew Kolstee issued a report. The main issue is managing data and finding an alternative to the National Libertarian Party’s CiviCRM.

Andrew Kolstee read a written report (**Exhibit 3**) on behalf of Legislative Affairs Committee Chair Richard Purtell.

Candidate Support Committee Chair Paul Grindle issued a report. He discussed the local races for the campaigns of Craig Colwell and Nick Grasso in Chemung County.

Rules Committee Chair Paul Grindle issued a report.

Motion by Duane Whitmer to **reconsider the motion to adopt the Rules of the Libertarian Party adopted on September 17, 2022** was seconded by Andrew Kolstee.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **amend the motion to insert “and only consider Proposals 7 and 10”** was seconded by Mark Axinn, debated, and passed 25-1-4:

<b>VOTES IN FAVOR (25)</b>	Andrew Kolstee	<b>VOTES AGAINST (1)</b>	Daniel Donnelly
Mark Axinn	Erinn Rose Leatherman	Blay Tarnoff	Amanda Ellithorpe
Steven Becker	Adam Magoon	<b>ABSTENTIONS (4)</b>	John Exner
Richard Bell	Leonard Morlock	William Cody Anderson	Robert Greibesland
Mark Braiman	Jennifer O’Connor	Jonathan Gunther	Paul Grindle
Maura Botsford	Christopher Olenski	Lora Newell	Matthew Morgan
Daniel Castello	Sean Phelan	Jame VanDewalker	Timothy O’Connor
James Dayton	Michael Rebmann	<b>DID NOT VOTE (17)</b>	George Ostrowski
Shawn DeGrand	Keith Redhead	Juan Ayala	Thomas Pinkhasov
Angela Einwachter	Craig Shute	Erin Becker	Zachary Remian
Mark Glogowski	Irwin Mark Weinblatt	Justin Carman	William Schmidt
David “Chance” Haywood	Brian Wells	Robert Cocomello	Christian Vondras
Karyn Keniry-Thompson	Duane Whitmer	Jeffrey Denecke	

The original motion to **reconsider the motion to adopt the Rules of the Libertarian Party adopted on September 17, 2022 and only consider amendments Proposals 7 and 10** was debated.

Motion by Mark Axinn to **amend the motion to strike “shall” and insert “may” in Proposal 7** was seconded by Duane Whitmer and passed 27-2-5:

<b>VOTES IN FAVOR (27)</b>	Karyn Keniry-Thompson	Brian Wells	Erin Becker
William Cody Anderson	Andrew Kolstee	Duane Whitmer	Maura Botsford
Mark Axinn	Erinn Rose Leatherman	<b>VOTES AGAINST (2)</b>	Robert Cocomello
Steven Becker	Leonard Morlock	Mark Glogowski	Jeffrey Denecke
Richard Bell	Adam Magoon	David “Chance” Haywood	Daniel Donnelly
Mark Braiman	Jennifer O’Connor	<b>ABSTENTIONS (5)</b>	John Exner
Justin Carman	Sean Phelan	Amanda Ellithorpe	Robert Greibesland
Daniel Castello	Michael Rebmann	Matthew Morgan	George Ostrowski
James Dayton	Keith Redhead	Lora Newell	Thomas Pinkhasov
Shawn DeGrand	Craig Shute	Timothy O’Connor	Zachary Remian
Angela Einwachter	Blay Tarnoff	Christopher Olenski	William Schmidt
Paul Grindle	Jame VanDewalker	<b>DID NOT VOTE (13)</b>	Christian Vondras
Jonathan Gunther	Irwin Mark Weinblatt	Juan Ayala	

The original motion to **reconsider the motion to adopt the Rules of the Libertarian Party adopted on September 17, 2022 and only consider Proposals 7 and 10 and strike “shall” and insert “may” in Proposal 7** passed 26-2-4:

<b>VOTES IN FAVOR (26)</b>	Karyn Keniry-Thompson	Duane Whitmer	Robert Cocomello
Mark Axinn	Andrew Kolstee	<b>VOTES AGAINST (2)</b>	Jeffrey Denecke
Steven Becker	Erinn Rose Leatherman	Timothy O’Connor	Daniel Donnelly
Richard Bell	Adam Magoon	Blay Tarnoff	John Exner
Maura Botsford	Leonard Morlock	<b>ABSTENTIONS (4)</b>	Robert Greibesland
Mark Braiman	Jennifer O’Connor	William Cody Anderson	David “Chance” Haywood
Daniel Castello	Sean Phelan	Shawn DeGrand	Matthew Morgan
James Dayton	Michael Rebmann	Lora Newell	George Ostrowski
Angela Einwachter	Keith Redhead	Christopher Olenski	Thomas Pinkhasov
Amanda Ellithorpe	Craig Shute	<b>DID NOT VOTE (15)</b>	Zachary Remian
Mark Glogowski	Jame VanDewalker	Juan Ayala	William Schmidt
Paul Grindle	Irwin Mark Weinblatt	Erin Becker	Christian Vondras
Jonathan Gunther	Brian Wells	Justin Carman	

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **dissolve the Special Committee on the Judicial Committee** was seconded by James Dayton and passed 24-0-5:

<b>VOTES IN FAVOR (24)</b>	Adam Magoon	<b>ABSTENTIONS (5)</b>	Amanda Ellithorpe
William Cody Anderson	Leonard Morlock	Daniel Castello	John Exner
Mark Axinn	Lora Newell	Shawn DeGrand	Robert Greibesland
Richard Bell	Jennifer O’Connor	Jonathan Gunther	David “Chance” Haywood
Steven Becker	Sean Phelan	Christopher Olenski	Matthew Morgan
Maura Botsford	Craig Shute	Blay Tarnoff	Timothy O’Connor
Mark Braiman	Michael Rebmann	<b>DID NOT VOTE (18)</b>	George Ostrowski
James Dayton	Keith Redhead	Juan Ayala	Thomas Pinkhasov
Angela Einwachter	Irwin Mark Weinblatt	Erin Becker	Zachary Remian
Mark Glogowski	Brian Wells	Justin Carman	Karyn Keniry-Thompson
Paul Grindle	Duane Whitmer	Robert Cocomello	William Schmidt
Andrew Kolstee	Jame VanDewalker	Jeffrey Denecke	Christian Vondras
Erinn Rose Leatherman	<b>VOTES AGAINST (0)</b>	Daniel Donnelly	

Public Engagement Committee Chair Duane Whitmer issued a report. Among the issues, was pushing people to not take the census, which resulted in a redistricting as the population was 84 people from retaining a district. The Libertarian Party’s response to the lockdown was pushing for local control. When people do activism locally, it helps the party’s exposure. Additional outreach has been with supporting second amendment rights and working with the Senecas, among other outreach opportunities and campaigns. The next important push is providing training for counties to engage in more outreach.

Andrew Kolstee issued a report on the summary of the challenge of the Lee Zeldin Independence Party petitions.

The meeting stood in recess beginning at 1:13 p.m.

Angela McArdle spoke to the convention.

The meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Jame VanDewalker as County Contact of Allegany County for a three-month term set to expire on December 22, 2022** was seconded by Duane Whitmer and passed without objection.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Zachary Remian as County Contact of Clinton County for a three-month term set to expire on December 26, 2022** was seconded by Michael Rebmann and passed without objection.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Christopher Lyndaker as County Contact of Lewis County for a three-month term set to expire on January 10, 2023** was seconded by James Dayton and passed without objection.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Jennifer O'Connor as County Contact of Rensselaer County for a three-month term set to expire on January 4, 2023** was seconded by James Dayton and passed without objection.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Brian Wells as County Contact of Washington County for a three-month term set to expire on December 22, 2022** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed without objection.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **set the next meeting of the full State Committee to Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom** was seconded by Mark Axinn and passed without objection.

Motion by Duane Whitmer to **remove Matthew Guilianelli as County Contact of Oneida County and appoint Keith Redhead as County Contact of Oneida County for a three-month term set to expire on December 18, 2022** was seconded by Keith Redhead, debated, and passed without objection.

Andrew Kolstee read a list of members of the State Committee who served in the 2020-2022 term and are no longer members of the State Committee.

William Cody Anderson issued closing remarks.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee  
Secretary



# Exhibit 1

## Credentials and Nominations Report of the Libertarian Party of New York for the Convention and State Committee Meeting of September 17-18, 2022

The State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York consists of 70 according to their Judicial District. The following 67 individuals were duly elected as a member of the State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York:

### Judicial District 1

- Mark N. Axinn
- David B. Haywood
- Morry C. Davis

### Judicial District 2

- Paul M. Grindle
- Matthew I. Morgan
- Gary S. Popkin

### Judicial District 3

- William Cody Anderson
- Justin N. Carman
- Lora L. Newell
- Jennifer L. O'Connor

### Judicial District 4

- Amanda H. Ellithorpe
- Stephen C. Healey
- John A. Janes
- Karyn A. Keniry-Thompson
- Zachary D. Remian
- Brian L. Wells

### Judicial District 5

- Daniel J. Castello
- Jacob T. Cornell
- Shawn C. DeGrand
- Matthew K. Guilianelli
- Erinn R. Leatherman
- Adam M. Magoon
- Keith C. Redhead
- Craig L. Shute

### Judicial District 6

- Mark S. Braiman
- Lyza N. Feint
- Timothy M. O'Connor
- Christopher M. Olenski
- David S. Penner
- Keith D. Price

### Judicial District 7

- Steven G. Becker
- Jeffrey C. Bradley
- Anthony D'Orazio
- James M. Dayton
- Kelly A. Durkin
- Angela B. Einwachter
- John M. Exner
- Mark E. Glogowski
- Sean C. Phelan
- Marc A. Smith

### Judicial District 8

- Erin M. Becker
- Maura E. Botsford
- Gerrit R. Cain
- Francis Law
- Andrew M. Kolstee
- Leonard E. Morlock
- Michael R. Rebmann
- Jame J. VanDewalker
- Duane J. Whitmer

### Judicial District 9

- Juan R. Ayala
- Robert J. Cocomello
- Daniel P. Donnelly
- Robert J. Greibesland
- William K. Schmidt
- Christian J. Vondras

### Judicial District 10

- Jeffrey J. Denecke, Jr.
- Jonathan H. Gunther
- George T. Ostrowski, Jr.
- Robert E. Schuon
- Blay Tarnoff
- Randyn Tarnoff
- Scott W. Thompson
- Angelo E. Veltri

### Judicial District 11

- Irwin Mark Weinblatt
- *VACANT*
- *VACANT*

### Judicial District 12

- Fredy O. Calvache
- *VACANT*

### Judicial District 13

- Richard Bell
- Thomas Pinkhasov

Report prepared by Andrew M. Kolstee, Secretary.

## Exhibit 2

### LPNY Treasurer's Report September 18, 2022

#### LPNY KEY BANK

Housekeeping Committee account balance as of 9.18.22: \$3,277.62

CC General account balance as of 9.18.22: \$18,387.21

LPNY 2022 Petitioning Committee account balance as of 9.18.22: \$9,336.45

Total cash on hand as of 9.18.2022: \$34,248.60

#### Expenses for August:

Constant Contact: \$200.07

Grasshopper: \$33.58

Deposit to Sheridan: \$750.00

Staples: \$327.37

Legal: \$1,342.93

Pre-approved reimbursement: \$356.36

Total Expenses for August: \$3,010.31

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Fundraising results for August: \$5,133.96

Fundraising results year to date: \$22,184.33

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Respectfully submitted,

Lora Newell

Treasurer

## Exhibit 3

### Legislative Affairs Committee Report:

The approach of the committee has been to read and respond to bills introduced in Albany in January for the spring session. We advocated for good bills and against bad bills in accordance with libertarian principles, in an effort to slow down the growth of terribleness of state government. This has been a reactive approach.

The incoming state committee should evaluate the approach of this committee. Do we want to become more proactive vs reactive, and produce and promote a full legislative agenda early on, prior to the start of the legislative session, to possibly have an impact upon what bills are introduced in January and what they might contain? If we develop a more holistic strategy, then we really need to have a state party platform in my opinion for us to use a guiding beacon.

Effectiveness of this committee could also be greatly enhanced through use of "Voter Voice" or a similar tool. The new state committee should ponder as to whether this annual cost (probably in the \$5,000 to \$8,000 per year range) would yield us valuable positive outcomes in both legislative performance and growth in the libertarian movement.

Rich Purtell

Chair, Legislative Affairs Subcommittee