

Chautauqua County Libertarian Party Chair's Report – October 6, 2022

STATE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. **2022 STATE CONVENTION.** The convention was held September 17-18, 2022 at the Sheraton Hotel in Niagara Falls, New York. The State Committee elected the following officers and Executive Committee members: Andrew Kolstee (Chair); Duane Whitmer (1st Vice-Chair), Rich Purtell (2nd Vice-Chair), Mark Braiman (Secretary), W. Cody Anderson (Treasurer), Maura Botsford (At-Large), Justin Carman (At-Large), Keith Redhead, (At-Large), William Schmidt (At-Large), and Karyn Thompson (At-Large).

2. **BALLOT ACCESS LAWSUIT.** A hearing was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. We are waiting for the decision from the court.

3. **BALLOT ACCESS LEGISLATION.** John Salka is not running for reelection and so we need a new sponsor in the Assembly for the bill for next session.

BUSINESS

1. **ELECTION DISTRICT DELEGATES.** All Election District Delegate positions are up. Due to the loss of ballot access and the potential issues that NYSBOE will purge the roles of enrolled Libertarians, the Libertarian Party of New York is probably going to track enrollment internally. This will affect membership and we may need to amend our rules. However, our structure will continue as it has been in the meantime.

2. **ENROLLMENTS.** I have requested an updated list but have not yet received it.

3. **MEETINGS PROMOTION.** Meetings on Facebook and website are set up through October 6, 2022.

ELECTIONS/CAMPAIGNS

1. **STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.** Larry Sharpe is running a write-in campaign. The appeal to the New York State Board of Elections case was lost.

EVENTS

1. **BUSINESS/SOCIAL EVENTS CHANGE.** It was agreed at the August 2022 meeting to change the format so that business meetings are held online, and the in-person aspect is turned into a social meeting, to be held monthly, with the goal of moving around the county and later making the events more frequent. This will begin with our November 3, 2022 meeting.

2. **NOVEMBER 8, 2022.** Election Night Party will be held at the Lakeview in Mayville starting at 8 p.m.

3. **LIBERTY ON TAP.** Our first social meeting will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at Shawbucks. Each month, we will determine a different place to meet.

4. **2023 COUNTY FAIR.** I have reached out to the Chautauqua County Fair Association on getting a discounted rate for the 2023 fair for early registration.

Andrew Martin Kolstee
Chair, Chautauqua County Libertarian Party