

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

William Cody Anderson, Chair
Anthony D’Orazio, 1st Vice-Chair
Duane J. Whitmer, 2nd Vice-Chair
Andrew M. Kolstee, Secretary
Lora L. Newell, Treasurer
Robert M. Arrigo, Member-At-Large
Gabrielle S. Cordova, Member-At-Large
Paul M. Grindle, Member-At-Large
Richard F. Purtell, Member At-Large

MEMBERS ABSENT

Pietro S. Geraci, Member-At-Large

OBSERVERS

Brian L. Wells, Judicial District 4
Christopher M. Olenski, Judicial District 6
Steven G. Becker, Judicial District 7
James M. Dayton, Judicial District 7
Francis Law, Judicial District 8
Michael R. Rebmann, Judicial District 8
Fredy O. Calvache, Judicial District 12
Susan B. Overeem-Cummings, Judicial District 13
Justin N. Carman, 2022 National Credentials Committee Representative

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by William Cody Anderson, Chair. Secretary Andrew Kolstee conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

Lora Newell issued a Treasurer’s Report. There has been a total of about \$1,200 in fundraising since the beginning of the month.

Local Affiliate Development Committee Chair Robert Arrigo indicated that there was nothing to report.

IT Committee Chair Andrew Kolstee issued a report. He indicated his intention to resign as Chair of the IT Committee as of March 31, 2022 and requested another candidate come forward to chair the committee.

Legislative Affairs Committee Chair Richard Purtell issued a report. There is going to be a protest in Albany on January 5, 2022, and he encourages representation there from the Libertarian Party. Additionally, the committee discussed creating flyers to list the bills the Libertarian Party will seek to have co-sponsors this session. There is also a proposed bill to change back the ballot access thresholds. Additionally, A416, the detention bill, was pulled.

Fundraising Committee Co-Chair Lora Newell issued a report. The committee held a meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. In 2021, a total of \$55,000 was raised. They are planning an end of the year email. In January, they plan to do another annual pledge drive. Preliminary discussion has begun regarding holding a fundraiser during the 2022 Statewide Candidates Nominating Convention in Albany in February 2022.

Public Engagement Committee Co-Chair Anthony D’Orazio issued a report. He discussed potential future press releases and notes that the party had some recent well received anti-mandate press releases. Social media continues to grow in numbers. The press release distribution contract with Consorte Marketing is nearly complete as 16 out of 18 press releases have been used. The committee needs to consider whether to renew the contract. For the remaining contract, there will likely be one more press release in 2021 and the last one of the contracts in early 2022.

Motion by Anthony D’Orazio **to allocate the expenditure of up to three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) for the purchase of marketing services with Consorte Marketing** was seconded by Richard Purtell and debated. Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **postpone consideration of the question to the next meeting of the Executive Committee** failed due lack of a second. Upon a question by Anthony D’Orazio regarding fundraising from the press releases, Lora Newell indicated that she would need to conduct an analysis. The original motion **to allocate the expenditure of up to three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) for the purchase of marketing services with Consorte Marketing** passed by voice vote.

Rules Committee Chair Paul Grindle issued a report. The first Rules Committee meeting was held on December 14, 2021. The committee passed a couple of proposed rules amendments. Furthermore, the committee is scheduled to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month starting on January 12, 2022. In a conversation with Milva Dordal, the Rules Committee is expected to have the language regarding the Judicial Committee for review by beginning of 2022 after the special committee convenes after Christmas to finalize the language.

2022 Libertarian National Convention Delegate Selection Committee Lora Newell issued a report. The rubric has been approved and a special email has been set up for applications. The working document for the application is almost complete and is expected to be sent out next week. The committee will later be called to meet.

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 March 26, 2022** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Jeffrey Sherk as County Contact of Jefferson County for a three-month term set to expire on March 25, 2022** was seconded by Anthony D’Orazio and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Robert Greibesland as County Contact of Rockland County for a three-month term set to expire on March 22, 2022** was seconded by Richard Purtell and passed by voice vote.

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 April 4, 2022** was seconded by Anthony D’Orazio and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Lyza Feint as County Contact of Tompkins County for a three-month term set to expire on March 25, 2022** was seconded by Richard Purtell and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Adam Allen as County Contact of Wyoming County for a three-month term set to expire on March 26, 2022** was seconded by Paul Grindle and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **appoint Joseph Colon as County Contact of Sullivan County for a three-month term set to expired on March 20, 2022** was seconded by Anthony D’Orazio and passed by voice vote. William Cody Anderson noted that Joseph Colon was a gold sponsor at the Empire State Freedom Summit.

Motion by Lora Newell to **allocate the expenditure of \$133.95 for legal fees to James Ostrowski** was seconded by Richard Purtell and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Richard Purtell to **constitute a special Petitioning Committee** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Richard Purtell the **constitute a special Statewide Candidates Exploratory Committee to focus on searching for candidates for Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, and U.S. Senator** was seconded by Lora Newell, debated, and passed by voice vote.

Candidate Support Committee Chair Duane Whitmer issued a report. Paul Grindle is on the committee and plans are underway to meet with Libertarian leaders in Pennsylvania to discuss the success of their candidate recruitment and support efforts.

Motion by Lora Newell to **adjourn** was seconded by Richard Purtell and passed by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,
Secretary