

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RULES COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Andrew Kolstee, Chair  
Mark Braiman  
Justin Carman  
Daniel Castello  
Adam Magoon  
Christopher Olenski  
Pietro Geraci  
Paul Grindle  
Michael Rebmann  
Karyn Thompson

**OBSERVERS**

Grace Merrell  
Keith Redhead

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair.

*Note: A recording does not exist for this meeting.*

Mark Glogowski resigned from the Rules Committee prior to the meeting.

**Proposal G as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party without objection.**

8.1. **GENERAL.** Meetings of the State Committee and of the Executive Committee shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions in this article. Meetings shall be held in-person, by electronic means, or a combination thereof, **in which case all members shall have the same rights and privileges regardless of means of attending.** Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open to observation by all members of the State Committee and officers of County Affiliates upon request, with the exception of Executive Session. The Organization Meeting and meetings held for the purpose of nominating statewide candidates must be held in person, except as provided in Article 8.3.

~~8.6. **MEETINGS HELD IN PERSON.** At in-person meetings of the State Committee, teleconferencing is permitted; teleconferencing members shall have the same rights and privileges as those attending in person.~~

**Proposal H as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party without objection.**

**8.4. VOTING.**

**8.4.1. VOTING MEMBERS.** The LPNY members elected to the State Committee at the most recent election of the State Committee or elected to fill a vacancy during the term of ~~to~~ the State Committee in accordance with these Rules ~~at the most recent election~~ shall be the voting members, ~~of the Organization Meeting~~ except that only LPNY Members elected to the Executive Committee shall be the voting members at the meeting of that body.

**8.4.2. NUMBER OF VOTES.** ~~7.6. VOTING. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote.~~ **6.9. VOTING.** In all meetings, each member of the ~~State Committee~~ **State Committee** respective committee shall be entitled to a single non-transferable vote, except on all votes pertaining to the designation, nomination, substitution, or authorization of a candidate for statewide office, each member of the State Committee shall cast the whole number of votes cast for Governor from the Unit of Representation as described in Article 6.3, on the line or column of the Libertarian Party in the last preceding general election for Governor.

**8.4.3. MISCELLANEOUS VOTING RULES.** [moved from Article 7.6] There shall be no proxy voting. Voting on any issue ~~before the Executive Committee~~ may be conducted through electronic means or written ballot.

[renumber after Article 8.4 and Article 6.9 above accordingly]

**8.4. ORGANIZATION MEETING.** This section outlines the procedures for the Organization Meeting as required in 2-112 of Election Law or for any meeting to elect an Executive Committee following the election of a State Committee held in accordance with Article 6.4, which shall be referred to as an Organization Meeting.

~~8.4.2. VOTING MEMBERS. The members elected to the State Committee in accordance with these Rules at the most recent election shall be the voting members of the Organization Meeting.~~

Proposal J as follows was discussed but requires further review.

**9.2. NOMINATIONS TO FILL VACANCIES.** Nominations to fill any vacancy in any party office ~~may~~ **must** be ~~submitted by any member of the State Committee to the Secretary in advance of the meeting or on the floor at the meeting,~~ **made by a voting member during the meeting.**

~~9.2.1. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS IN ADVANCE. If such nominations are submitted to the Secretary at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting, the Secretary shall distribute the names of the nominees and any statement regarding their candidacy to all members of the State Committee at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting in which vacancies are to be voted upon. Once the filling of vacancies begins, the Secretary shall present the nominations they received and all such qualified candidates that accepted the nomination shall be entered into nomination.~~

~~9.2.2. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR. Subsequent nominations may be made from the floor prior to the election to fill any vacancy. Upon nomination, the Chair shall request that each nominee confirm that they are is qualified to fill the vacancy and accepts the nomination on the floor or in writing to the Secretary prior to the meeting in order to be entered into nomination to fill the vacancy they seek. It shall be the responsibility of the nominator or nominee to provide proof of eligibility and a written request for access to the meeting prior to the meeting. If no such proof of eligibility is provided, the individual shall not be entered into nomination.~~

**Proposal K as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** without objection after discussion and amendments.

10.4. **RECORDS.** All committees shall keep a record of their proceedings. The Secretary shall keep a record of all committees and their membership. The Chairs of all committees must maintain a digital roster of all current committee members, a list of dates meetings were held and the attendance of those meetings, that is accessible at all times to the Chair and Secretary.

10.5. **MEMBERS.** All committees must keep a record of their members of that committee and that record must be transmitted to the Secretary upon request and available upon written request to the Chair of that committee or the LPNY Secretary by any LPNY Member.

The Chairs of all committees must maintain a digital roster of all current committee members, a list of dates meetings were held and the attendance of those meetings, that is accessible at all times to the Chair and Secretary.

Proposal Q as follows was discussed but requires further review.

~~15.1.4. STATEWIDE CANDIDATES. Candidates not enrolled in the Libertarian Party shall never be given authorization or nomination to run for Governor of New York. For all other statewide offices, candidates must receive a two-thirds (2/3) vote to be entered into nomination for such office.~~

15.1.4. **STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.** Candidates who are not LPNY Members shall never be nominated or given authorization by the LPNY to run for an office to be voted on by all voters in New York State, except for the candidates of President and Vice President nominated at a Libertarian National Convention.

~~15.1.4.1. **CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION.** Should a candidate not enrolled in the Libertarian Party be nominated for statewide office, the vote to enter the candidate into nomination shall also serve as a vote to issue a certificate of authorization, should such candidate be nominated.~~

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~~15.1.4.2. **AUTHORIZATION BY GOVERNOR NOMINEE.** An affidavit authorizing any candidate for statewide office not enrolled in the Libertarian Party must be signed by the nominated candidate for Governor in order for such nomination to be valid.~~

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:55 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,  
Chair