

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RULES COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Kolstee, Chair
Mark Braiman
Daniel Castello
Pietro Geraci
Adam Magoon
Christopher Olenski
Michael Rebmann

MEMBERS ABSENT

Justin Carman
Paul Grindle
Karyn Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair.

Motion by Michael Rebmann to **recommend Proposal B as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Christopher Olenski, debated, and passed by voice vote.

8.3.1. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. All members of the State Committee, whether attending in-person or remotely, shall pay a minimum registration fee of \$20. Purchasing a meeting package fulfills this requirement. No person shall be provided with the means to speak or vote in the meeting until their individual registration fee is paid.

Motion by Adam Magoon to **recommend Proposal C as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed by voice vote.

8.5.1. CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. The State Committee shall appoint a special Convention Oversight Committee to plan and execute the Organization Meeting. ~~The Convention Committee shall also appoint the following special subcommittees: Convention Arrangements Subcommittee, Program Subcommittee, Rules Subcommittee, Credentials Subcommittee, and Resolutions Subcommittee. The Convention Committee and each subcommittee~~ **This committee** may appoint **subcommittees or** assistants for the facilitation of their responsibilities. ~~The Convention Committee~~ **This committee** and its subcommittees shall cease to exist upon the adjournment of the organization meeting.

8.5.2. **AGENDA.** The order of business shall be as follows:

- (a) The current Chair shall call the meeting to order.
- (b) The Chair shall call the roll to identify the elected State Committee members present.
- (c) The Chair shall serve as the Presiding Officer and Secretary shall serve as the Recording Secretary, respectively, of the Organization Meeting, unless they decline or are unable to serve, at which point a Temporary Chair and/or Temporary Secretary shall be elected for the duration of the meeting.
- (d) Report of Rules ~~Subcommittee~~ **Committee** and adoption of the Special Rules of Order of the Organization Meeting.
- (e) Filling of vacancies on the State Committee.
- (f) Supplemental **credentials** report ~~of the Credentials Subcommittee~~.
- (g) Report of Rules Subcommittee and adoption of the Rules of the Libertarian Party.
- (h) Election of the officers and five Members-At-Large of the Executive Committee.
- (i) Discussion and consideration of Platform amendments.
- (j) Report of Resolutions Subcommittee.
- (k) Adjournment.

Motion by Christopher Olenski to **recommend Proposal D as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Adam Magoon, debated, and passed by voice vote.

13.4. **MANNER OF SELECTION OF AT-LARGE DELEGATES.** All At-Large Delegates and At-Large Alternate Delegates shall be selected by the State Committee in accordance with the rubric provided ~~in these Rules~~ **the Policy Manual** in which a line of succession is established for ranking Delegates and Alternate Delegates. At-Large Delegates shall be selected in the order in accordance with the rubric until all the At-Large Delegate seats are filled. At-Large Alternate Delegates shall be selected in the order in accordance with the rubric until all the At-Large Alternate Delegate seats are filled. Vacancies of At-Large Delegate positions shall be filled by selecting the next individual in the line of succession. Ties shall be broken by a vote of the State Committee. The ~~final~~ list of Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be ratified ~~at a meeting of~~ **by** the State Committee. Additional At-Large Alternate Delegates may be added after the ~~election of the initial election~~ **appointment** of At-Large Delegates and At-Large Alternate Delegates and shall be added to the end of the list in chronological order of their selection as an additional Alternate Delegate.

~~13.4.1. **RUBRIC.** Delegates to the Libertarian National Convention shall be selected in accordance with this rubric and in accordance with the Rules of the Libertarian Party of New York.~~

~~13.4.2. **CRITERIA.** Delegates shall be selected in accordance with the rubric in the Policy Manual.~~

13.5. **TIMING OF SELECTION OF DELEGATES.** At-Large Delegates and At-Large Alternate Delegates to Presidential Nominating Conventions shall be ~~held~~ selected one month before petitioning for the Presidential Primary ~~Begins~~ begins if such a primary is held. For all other National ~~During Non-Presidential Nominating~~ Conventions, At-Large Delegates and At-Large Alternate Delegates shall be selected no later than three (3) months before the Libertarian National Convention.

Motion by Mark Braiman to **recommend Proposal E as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Michael Rebmann and passed by voice vote.

21.1. These rules shall be the exclusive rules of the ~~State Committee of the Libertarian Party~~ LPNY.

21.2. These rules supersede and replace any document previously adopted by the ~~Party~~ LPNY and shall remain in effect until such time that the State Committee of the Libertarian Party adopts new or amended Rules. No other rules shall be effective unless approved in writing by the State Committee.

Motion by Daniel Castello to **recommend Proposal F as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Michael Rebmann, debated, and passed by voice vote.

~~23.4. CONTENTS. The contents of the Policy Manual shall include but not be limited to the following:~~

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~~23.4.1. SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER. The Special Rules of Order shall govern the procedures of meetings of the full State Committee.~~

~~23.4.2. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE. The Organizational Structure shall govern the procedures regarding the structure and operations of committees.~~

Motion by Christopher Olenski to **recommend Proposal A as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Adam Magoon and debated.

6.7. **TERM.** ~~Members of the State Committee and Executive Committee~~ shall serve until the conclusion of the Organization Meeting following the ~~primary~~ election at which their successors are elected. State Committee members who move their residence out of their Judicial District but within the State of New York may keep their offices until the end of their term.

~~6.7.1. OFFICER TERMS. Officer terms expire upon the conclusion of the next Organization Meeting held following the Organization Meeting in which they were elected.~~

6.8. TRANSITION OF AUTHORITY DURING ORGANIZATION MEETING. The newly elected members of the State Committee shall assume decision-making authority for all matters discussed during the Organization Meeting. Outgoing members of the State Committee may assist the transition, but the new State Committee shall have the sole power to ratify or modify decisions made during the meeting, subject to binding contractual obligations.

Motion by Mark Braiman to **postpone consideration of Proposal A until after legal consultation is obtained to explain state election law** was seconded by Christopher Olenski and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Mark Braiman to **recommend Proposal G as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed by voice.

6.7. **TERM.** State Committee shall serve until the conclusion of the Organization Meeting following the ~~primary~~ election at which their successors are elected. State Committee members who move their residence out of their Judicial District but within the State of New York may keep their offices until the end of their term.

Proposal RCMA-12 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 20.6 on minor amendments without objection.

Article 4. Objective

The LPNY is a political party whose primary objective is the election to public office of LPNY Members who support its principles and objectives as expressed in the Party Platform.

Proposal RCMA-13 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 20.6 on minor amendments without objection.

8.4.1. **VOTING MEMBERS.** The LPNY members elected to the State Committee in accordance with Article 6 shall be the voting members, except that only LPNY Members elected to the Executive Committee shall be the voting members at the ~~meeting~~ **meetings** of that body.

Proposal RCMA-14 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 20.6 on minor amendments without objection.

12.2.4. **ACTION FOLLOWING A HEARING.** Following a hearing, ~~as approved in Article 12.2.2,~~ a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a meeting of the full State Committee is required to revoke affiliation of a County Organization or remove a state or county official of the Libertarian Party.

A recommendation to the State Committee to rename this committee the “Rules and Policy Committee” passed without objection.

The following amendment to the Policy Manual was recommended without objection:

2.5.2.2. **RULES COMMITTEE.** The Rules Committee shall be led by the Rules Committee Chair. The committee is responsible for reviewing and proposing amendments to the rules and policies of the LPNY.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Michael Rebmann to **adjourn** was seconded by Mark Braiman and passed without objection.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:20 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,
Chair