

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RULES COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Justin Carman  
Mark Glogowski

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair.

Karyn Thompson was appointed as a member of the committee.

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

**Article 1. Name**

~~The name of this party shall be the Libertarian Party.~~

The name of this political party is the Libertarian Party of New York, hereinafter referred to as “LPNY” and shall be known as “Libertarian Party” for matters pertaining New York State Election Law in order to comply with Section 2-124.

Motion by Daniel Castello to **amend Proposal AQ as follows to strike “in order to comply with Section 2-124” as indicated in orange and insert “Section 2-124 of” and “The LPNY is an official affiliate of the National Libertarian Party” as indicated in purple** was seconded by Christopher Olenski, debated, and passed without objection.

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~~2-124 of New York State Election Law in order to comply with Section 2-124. The LPNY is an official affiliate of the National Libertarian Party.~~

The original motion to **recommend Proposal AQ as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party as amended** passed by voice vote.

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The name of this political party is the Libertarian Party of New York, hereinafter referred to as “LPNY” and shall be known as “Libertarian Party” for matters pertaining to Section 2-124 of New York State Election Law. The LPNY is an official affiliate of the National Libertarian Party.

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

17.2. Any amendment, addition, or deletion to the Platform shall be considered separately. No more than one plank shall be considered in the same motion. Any such amendment must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote **at a meeting** of the **full** State Committee ~~members~~.

17.3. All those planks which have been approved individually and only such planks shall then constitute the Platform which shall take effect as the Platform of the Libertarian Party when approved as a whole, by two-thirds (2/3) vote **at a meeting** of the **full** State Committee ~~members~~.

17.4. Amendments to the Platform shall be placed on the agenda **at a meeting** of the full State Committee at least twice per year.

**Proposal A1 as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** without objection.

~~5.1. General. Members of the Libertarian Party shall consist of registered voters who have enrolled in the Libertarian Party as provided by statute, unless otherwise provided in these Rules.~~

~~5.2. Membership Under Unrecognized Party Status. If at any time the Libertarian Party is not a recognized political party under New York State Election Law, the members of the Libertarian Party shall be defined as any of the following, provided that such voter is not enrolled in another political party: (a) voters enrolled in the Libertarian Party as listed by the New York State Board of Elections, the New York City Board of~~

~~Elections, and/or individual County Boards of Elections and (b) voters as registered as a member of the Libertarian Party of New York through a membership form provided by the Libertarian Party of New York.~~

5.1. **GENERAL.** The membership of the LPNY shall consist of individuals who are registered voters in the State of New York who either 1) are enrolled in the “Libertarian Party” in the records of the New York State Board of Elections; or 2) are enrolled with no party or blank in the records of the New York State Board of Elections but have registered with the LPNY for the purpose of being an official member of the LPNY. Any reference to “LPNY Members” hereinafter shall mean members of the LPNY as defined in this section.

**Proposal A3 as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party without objection.**

~~5.2.1. Voting Eligibility.~~ **VOTING ELIGIBILITY.** LPNY Members ~~of the Libertarian Party~~ must provide an **working** email address to be able to vote in any election or meeting ~~for the purposes of conducting business~~ of the ~~Libertarian Party~~ LPNY.

~~5.2.2. Availability of Information.~~ **AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.** The membership list including name, date of birth, county, and zip code for each LPNY ~~m~~Member shall be available upon request to other LPNY ~~m~~Members. Individual LPNY ~~m~~Members may choose upon registration to indicate that any other information be omitted from general distribution to other LPNY ~~m~~Members. Other information not requested for omission shall be included with the requested ~~member~~ list of LPNY **Members** upon request.

~~5.2.3. Restrictions on Party Use of Email Addresses of Members.~~ **RESTRICTIONS ON PARTY USE OF EMAIL ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS.** The email address provided by a LPNY ~~m~~Member for voter eligibility purposes may **also** be used ~~exclusively~~ for providing notice and mechanisms for participation in meetings and party elections, and for ~~member~~ solicitation of signatures for Libertarian candidate petitions, **but not for other purposes** unless the LPNY ~~m~~Member explicitly indicates their email address may be used for other LPNY purposes.

Motion by Paul Grindle to **recommend Proposal R1 as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Daniel Castello and debated.

#### 11.6. REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.

11.6.1. **GENERAL.** Two or more County Affiliates may form a voluntary regional association. In such cases, each County Affiliate must agree to the association's rules. The association's rules and the minutes of each County Affiliate voting to join the association shall be filed with the Secretary of the State Committee.

11.6.2. **UNORGANIZED COUNTIES WITHIN AN ASSOCIATION.** If an association includes an unorganized county, the State Committee must vote whether or not to relinquish jurisdiction over that county to the association, except the appointment of County Contacts. If an unorganized county is included in a proposed association and has an appointed County Contact at the time of the proposed association, the County Contact must approve in writing to the Secretary that they approve of such association.

11.6.3. **WITHDRAWAL FROM ASSOCIATION.** If a County Affiliate votes to disassociate with the regional association, the county's name shall automatically be removed from the association's rules. If after disassociation only one County Affiliate remains, the State Party shall no longer recognize the association.

**Proposal R1 was amended as follows, with inserted text as indicated in purple** without objection.

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County Affiliate, they shall remain a member of the regional association unless they vote to withdraw.

**Proposal R1 was amended as follows, with inserted text as indicated in purple and struck text as indicated in orange** without objection.

**11.6.2. UNORGANIZED COUNTIES WITHIN AN ASSOCIATION.** A proposed regional association may include an unorganized county as long as notice of such is posted on the LPNY website and newsletter at least thirty (30) days in advance of a meeting of the State Committee to approve delegating authority over the county.

**11.6.2.1. STATE COMMITTEE DELEGATING AUTHORITY.** If an association includes an unorganized county, the State Committee must vote whether or not to ~~relinquish jurisdiction~~ delegate authority over that county to the association, except the appointment of County Contacts.

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**11.6.2.3. NEW COUNTY AFFILIATES.** If at any time an unorganized county within a regional association becomes an official County Affiliate, they shall remain a member of the regional association unless they vote to withdraw.

The original motion to **recommend Proposal R1 as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party as amended** passed by voice vote.

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A public hearing was scheduled for Sunday, February 5, 2023 followed by a meeting of the Rules Committee at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Karyn Thompson to **adjourn** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed without objection.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:36 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,  
Chair