New York Libertarian Party State Committee Minutes: April 25, 1999

Present: Jim Harris*, Brad Arter*, Blay Tarnoff*, Caryn Cohen*, Dave Harnett*, Don Silberger*, Jan-Erik Janson, Elliot Werner, Audrey Capozzi*, Bonnie Scott*, Lloyd Wright*, Norma Siegel, Jason Gagnon, Rich Cooper, Dan Conti, David Nolan, Bruce Martin, Doug Greene, Barry Loberfeld *voting member

(This was the first meeting of the newly elected State Committee, held at the end of the New York State Libertarian Convention. Members did not make formal reports.)

Points of Discussion:

Dave H. suggested that we decrease the frequency of the newsletter to 4x/year.

Members who have e-mail may want to opt out of their subscription and get the newsletter on the Web.

We need an accounting of the State Convention from Audrey C. and Jim H., including items donated from members. We need to start thinking about the location of the convention for next year.

Discussion was held regarding party mail. The use of a forwarding service for \$2-300/year was discussed, as well as possibly having an address in Albany.

The issue of whether we need new letterhead was raised?

Bonnie S. will look into online fundraising and will start an LPNY Committee discussion list.

Dave H. suggested that we each think about the three most important things to work on as a party to advance LP ideas.

At-large members and Vice-Chairs should think about specific areas to concentrate on. Dave Doctor and Blay T. would like to organize Manhattan. Matt Siegel is working on organizing Brooklyn.

Don S. suggested that we forward press releases from National to the media, while Bonnie S. indicated that we shouldn't duplicate National's efforts.

Some discussion was held regarding Roy Innis' future involvement with the party; this discussion will continue on e-mail.

Old Business:

Publications Committee: We need to follow through with this committee. Doug Greene suggested that "boilerplate" brochures will not win elections; that we must gear literature to individual elections. He suggested a readers' survey in Free NY to find out what people read.

Budget Committee: It was suggested that we will likely have enough money for the next petition drive. Jason Gagnon suggested that we use college libertarians to help, from places like NYU, New Paltz, Bard, and Columbia.

We need to notify the bank and the National LP to switch our address to Audrey C.'s PO Box.

Caryn was asked to contact National with the names of the new State Committee members.

We need to set the date for the next State Convention and for upcoming State Committee meetings.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 5, at the Sloatsburg Rest Area.

New York Libertarian Party State Committee Agenda: Saturday, June 5, 1999

Sloatsburg Rest Area 10:00 General Discussion 11:00 Business Meeting

- 1. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting
- 2. Treasurer's Report
- 3. Old Business
- a. Authorize bank signature cards
- b. Approve \$50 reimbursement to Scott Campbell for gun show OPH
- c. Approve \$46 reimbursement to Audrey Capozzi for LPNY PO Box
- d. Authorize spending limit for chair
- e. Review LPNY and convention financial reports
- f. Review budget, especially newsletter costs
- g. Discuss newsletter
- h. Appoint newsletter editor
- i. Discuss 1999 candidates
- j. Discuss By-laws proposal "tabled" by state convention
- k. Discuss Success 99 schedule
- l. Discuss 1999 picnic
- m. Discuss Publications Committee

- n. Other Old Business
- o. Set next meeting (August 21)
- 4. New Business