

**Minutes of the Special Convention of the Free Libertarian Party, Inc.
held on Sunday, November 10, 2019 at Brother's Bistro, 188 N. Union St., Olean, NY**

The convention was called by the State Committee of the Free Libertarian Party, Inc. at its meeting of August 4, 2019. Convention personnel were as follows:

Chair	Mark Glogowski
Recording Secretary	Andrew Kolstee
Credentials Committee Chair	Michele Ball
Chair of Committee on Standing Rules	Matt Peterson-Volz
Program Committee Chair	Andrew Kolstee
Resolutions Committee Chair	Duane Whitmer
Convention Arrangements Committee Chair	Luke Wenke
Sergeant-at-Arms	Sean Phelan

The convention was called to order by Chair Mark Glogowski at 9:34 a.m.

Luke Wenke, Conventions Arrangements Chair and Chair of the Cattaraugus County Libertarian Party, issued welcoming remarks.

Chair Mark Glogowski issued welcoming remarks and initiated a brainstorming session focused on the decision on the fate of the Free Libertarian Party, Inc.

Jeff Motta called a pointed of order to initiate the initial reports.

Andrew Kolstee was **appointed Secretary pro temp** without objection due to the resignation of Secretary William Schmidt on November 1, 2019.

Andrew Kolstee issued a Credentials Committee report on behalf of Credentials Committee Chair Michele Ball. The report of the Credentials Committee showed 31 members entitled to vote and 15 members who may be permitted to vote. Motion by Jim Rosenbeck to **seat the aforesaid 15 members and add them to roll of voting members** was adopted as amended without debate, bringing the roll to 46 voting members.

Andrew Kolstee issued a report of the Committee on Standing Rules on behalf of Committee on Standing Rules Chair Matt Peterson-Volz. Motion by Deborah Kerr-Rosenbeck to **adopt the standing rules (Exhibit 1) and waive reading** passed without debate.

Program Committee Chair Andrew Kolstee presented the proposed program. Motion by Deborah Kerr-Rosenbeck to **adopt the program (Exhibit 2) with minor adjustments to the timing** passed without debate.

The convention returned to the brainstorming session led by Chair Mark Glogowski.

Andrew Kolstee issued a supplemental Credentials Committee report on behalf of Credentials Committee Chair Michele Ball. The report of the Credentials Committee showing 46 members entitled to vote due to the addition of 1 member and the departure of 1 other member. Resolutions Committee Chair Duane Whitmer issued a report.

Motion by Mark Potwora to dissolve the Free Libertarian Party, Inc. corporation was debated.

An amendment by Fred Cole to set a deadline for filing dissolution paperwork by January 31, 2020 was debated and passed.

The original motion by Mark Potwora to **dissolve the Free Libertarian Party, Inc. corporation by filing paperwork by January 31, 2020** was debated and passed as amended by voice vote.

The convention broke for lunch at 11:12 a.m.

The following Presidential candidates addressed the convention: Ken Armstrong, Sam Robb, Max Abramson, Daniel Christmann, Jedi Smith, and Vermin Supreme.

Duane Whitmer, candidate for United States House of Representatives for District 27 addressed the convention.

Vice Chair Kari Bittner addressed the convention.

Jim Rosenbeck, Chair of the Interim State Committee, addressed the convention.

The convention resumed for business at 1:16 p.m.

Chair Mark Glogowski addressed the convention.

Andrew Kolstee announced the results of the Presidential straw poll from the prior evening's debate: Ken Armstrong with 21 votes, Vermin Supreme with 10 votes, Dan Behrman with 7 votes, Adam Kokesh with 2 votes, Max Abramson with 1 vote, Dan Christmann with 1 vote, Jedi Hill with 1 vote, Sam Robb with 1 vote, Arvin Vohra with 1 vote, NOTA with 3 votes, 2 blank votes, and 4 scattered votes.

Treasurer Duane Whitmer issued a Treasurer's report.

Motion by Cody Anderson to transfer the entire Free Libertarian Party, Inc. treasury to the Interim State Committee was debated. Motion by Cody Anderson to amend the motion to send \$5,000 to the Interim State Committee was withdrawn. Motion by Andrew Kolstee to amend the motion to allocate the necessary funds to provide for the cost of dissolution. Motion by Jim Rosenbeck to amend the motion allocate up to \$1,000 for members who joined under the assumption of joining the proposed Libertarian Advocates of New York. The amendments passed by voice vote.

The original motion by Cody Anderson to **transfer the entire Free Libertarian Party, Inc. treasury to the Interim State Committee except for the cost of dissolution and membership fees up to \$1,000 for those who joined since May 4, 2019 under the assumption of joining the proposed Libertarian Advocates of New York (LANY)** was debated and passed as amended by voice vote.

The convention was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee, Secretary pro tem
December 2, 2019

Exhibit 1

New York LIBERTARIAN SUMMIT

Olean, NY • November 9-10, 2019

Saturday, November 9, 2019: Presidential Debate

7:00 PM Presidential Debate at Olean High School

Sunday, November 10, 2019: Free Libertarian Party, Inc. Special Convention

8:30 AM Credentials
9:00 AM Welcome (Luke Wenke, Chair of the Cattaraugus County Libertarian Party)
9:05 AM Call to Order/Chair's Remarks (Mark Glogowski)
9:15 AM Credentials Committee Report (Michele Ball)
Standing Rules Committee Report (Matt Peterson-Volz)
Program Committee Report (Andrew Kolstee)
9:30 AM Brainstorming Session: Future of the Free Libertarian Party, Inc.
11:00 AM Resolutions Committee Report (Duane Whitmer)
*Resolution to dissolve the corporation
*Resolution to convert the corporation into an activist group
11:20 AM Break to get lunch
11:35 AM Lunch speakers
11:35 AM Presidential candidates
12:35 PM Duane Whitmer, Candidate for U.S. House District 27
12:55 PM Kari Bittner, FLP Vice-Chair
1:15 PM Jim Rosenbeck, Interim State Committee Chair
1:35 PM Resume business (based on results of morning session)
2:50 PM Final remarks (Mark Glogowski)
3:00 PM Adjourn for FLP State Committee Meeting
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4:00 PM Adjournment of FLP State Committee Meeting and NY Libertarian Summit

*The following resolution was passed by the State Committee for consideration at this special convention:

"Whereas the Free Libertarian Party of New York has accomplished its mission to gain ballot access, the policy of this committee shall be as follows:

- 1. Pursue the option of dissolution and present a resolution to dissolve the corporation to the general membership at the November 2019 Convention, and*
- 2. Pursue the option of reorganization into an advocacy organization and present a resolution to reorganize the corporation to the general membership at the November 2019 convention, as well as to present bylaws to be adopted that would be suitable for such reorganization."*

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Exhibit 2

STANDING RULES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2019 SPECIAL CONVENTION OF THE FREE LIBERTARIAN PARTY, INC.

Rule 1. The Credentials Committee, directly after the opening ceremonies of the business meeting, shall report the number of delegates registered as present with proper credentials who are entitled to vote and the names of other members in good standing registered as present with proper credentials who may be permitted to vote. The members in the latter category may be added to the roll of voting members at any time unless three members in the former category object.

Rule 2. To facilitate identification, seating and voting, members and others shall be required to retain and display upon request the wristbands, voting cards or other indicia issued by the Credentials Committee upon registration. Division votes, whether simple or counted, shall be taken by members' standing and display of such voting member indicia.

Rule 3. A resolution offered by an individual member shall be in writing, signed by the maker and the seconder – each of whom shall be a voting member of the convention – and shall be sent directly to the desk of the Recording Secretary.

Rule 4.

- (a) All resolutions except those proposed by the State Committee or by another committee, and all recommendations made in reports of officers or committees of the convention that are not in the form of resolutions, shall be referred without debate to the Resolutions Committee; resolutions proposed by the State Committee or by another committee shall be presented by the proposing committee directly to the convention.
- (b) Each member who offers a resolution shall be given an opportunity to explain it to the Resolutions Committee if he so requests.
- (c) The Resolutions Committee shall prepare suitable resolutions to carry into effect recommendations referred to it, and shall submit to the convention, with the Committee's own recommendation as to appropriate action, these and all other resolutions referred to the Committee, except questions which the Committee by a vote of two-thirds of its members may decide not to report.
- (d) The convention by a majority vote may suspend this Rule 4 and may immediately consider a question, or may order the Resolutions Committee to report a question at a certain time, even if the Committee had voted not to report it.

Rule 5. No member shall speak in debate on the same question more than twice or longer than five minutes in total without permission of the convention granted by a two-thirds vote without debate.

Rule 6. Candidates seeking endorsement for the highest public office shall each be allowed five minutes to speak; candidates seeking endorsement for all other public offices shall each be allowed three minutes to speak; candidates seeking endorsement for any public office shall also each be allowed one nominating speech and one seconding speech of one minute each. Candidates for Chair shall each be allowed three minutes to speak; candidates for all other Party offices shall each be allowed one minute to speak.

Rule 7. Endorsements of candidates for public office shall be made in the same manner as elections for Party office, except that endorsements shall require a 2/3 majority. Each office shall be filled with one election, even if that office has more than a single position to be filled. Each election shall consist of a series of ballots. In each ballot, voters may vote for as many candidates as there are positions for the office still open or "None of the Above". If None of the Above achieves a majority, a new election shall be held for the open positions still remaining and the candidates who were outpolled by None of the Above shall be ineligible; otherwise, those who achieve the requisite majority shall be recognized as elected, in order of their vote totals and in order of the length of term. The candidate receiving the fewest votes shall be eliminated from succeeding ballots. Ties shall be resolved by a separate ballot.

Rule 8. All reports and other material for the permanent record or printed proceedings shall be typewritten and, immediately on presentation, shall be sent to the Recording Secretary in electronic form.

Rule 9. Notices for announcement to the convention shall be in writing, signed by the person (or a proper representative of the persons) under whose authority the announcement is issued, and shall be sent to the desk of the Recording Secretary.