

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY APRIL 19, 2022 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

William Cody Anderson, Chair  
Anthony D’Orazio, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair  
Duane J. Whitmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair  
Andrew M. Kolstee, Secretary  
Lora L. Newell, Treasurer  
Gabrielle S. Cordova, Member-At-Large  
Pietro S. Geraci, Member-At-Large  
Paul M. Grindle, Member-At-Large  
Richard F. Purtell, Member At-Large

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Robert M. Arrigo, Member-At-Large

**OBSERVERS**

Brian L. Wells, Judicial District 4  
Mark S. Braiman, Judicial District 6  
Christopher M. Olenski, Judicial District 6  
Steven G. Becker, Judicial District 7  
Sean C. Phelan, Judicial District 7  
Michael R. Rebmann, Judicial District 8  
Robert J. Cocomello, Judicial District 9  
Justin N. Carman, Albany County Vice-Chair  
Mario Verna, Columbia County Treasurer  
Christian J. Vondras, Orange County Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 p.m. by William Cody Anderson, Chair. Secretary Andrew Kolstee conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **waive reading and approve the minutes of the February 12, 2022 Meeting of the Executive Committee** was seconded by Anthony D’Orazio and passed by voice vote.

Anthony D’Orazio was **appointed Delegation Chair for the Libertarian Party of New York for the 2022 Libertarian National Convention** without objection.

Motion by Duane Whitmer to **authorize an expenditure of three thousand two hundred and twenty-six dollars (\$3,226.00) for a booth at the New York State Fair for August 24 to**

**September 5, 2022** was seconded by Anthony D’Orazio and debated. Motion by Pietro Geraci to **postpone consideration of the motion for seven (7) days in order to approach the Larry Sharpe for Governor campaign in consideration of sharing expenses for the state fair booth** was seconded by Richard Purtell and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Lora Newell to **approve the Region 8 Agreement (Exhibit 1)** was seconded by Duane Whitmer, debated, and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **authorize an expenditure of up to fifteen hundred (\$1,500) for Election Runner and postage to conduct contested elections for the State Committee in accordance with Article 6.4.2.8 of the Rules of the Libertarian Party** passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **retroactively renew the appointment of Christopher Lyndaker as County Contact of Lewis County as of April 10, 2022, for a three-month term set to expire on July 10, 2022** was seconded by Richard Purtell and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **retroactively renew the appointment of Jennifer O’Connor as County Contact of Rensselaer County as of April 4, 2022, for a three-month term set to expire on July 4, 2022** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Steven Greene as County Contact of Warren County for a three-month term set to expire on August 3, 2022** was seconded by Gabrielle Cordova and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Anthony D’Orazio to **demote resigned Delegates to the Libertarian National Convention Fredy Calvache, Romo Hallahan, Brandon Lyon, and Arthur Sintef and place them on the bottom of the Alternate Delegates list and promote Alexander Gordon, Matthew Morgan, Joseph Sabin, and Joseph Terwilliger as Delegates to the Libertarian National Convention** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and debated.

Motion by Lora Newell to **amend the motion by striking “on the bottom of the Alternate Delegates list” and inserting “as Alternate Delegates in accordance with their rank”** was seconded by Andrew Kolstee and passed 5-3 after a roll call vote, with Gabrielle Cordova, Paul Grindle, Andrew Kolstee, Lora Newell, and Richard Purtell voting in favor and Anthony D’Orazio, Pietro Geraci, and Duane Whitmer voting against.

The original motion to **demote resigned Delegates to the Libertarian National Convention Fredy Calvache, Romo Hallahan, Brandon Lyon, Arthur Sintef and place them as Alternate Delegates to the Libertarian National Convention in accordance with their rank**

**and promote Alexander Gordon, Matthew Morgan, Joseph Sabin, and Joseph Terwilliger as Delegates to the Libertarian National Convention** was considered.

Motion by Anthony D’Orazio to **divide the question by considering the demotion and promotion of Delegates to the Libertarian National Convention separately from the placement of the resigned Delegates in the Alternate Delegates list** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed by voice vote.

The motion to **demote resigned Delegates to the Libertarian National Convention Fredy Calvache, Romo Hallahan, Brandon Lyon, Arthur Sintef and promote Alexander Gordon, Matthew Morgan, Joseph Sabin, and Joseph Terwilliger as Delegates to the Libertarian National Convention** passed by voice.

The motion to **place the resigned Delegates to the Libertarian National Convention as Alternate Delegates in accordance with their rank** was considered. Andrew Kolstee raised a point of order in that the delegation cannot be amended without a vote at a meeting of the full State Committee and the Chair subsequently ruled the motion out of order accordingly.

Motion by Pietro Geraci to **censure Christopher Olenski for conduct on social media** was withdrawn.

Motion by Paul Grindle to **reorganize the Public Engagement Committee into the Outreach Committee, to be chaired by Anthony D’Orazio and the Communications Committee, to be chaired by individual to be determined by the State Committee in a future meeting** was seconded by Andrew Kolstee and debated. Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **postpone consideration of the motion to the next meeting of the Executive Committee** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Duane Whitmer to **remove Anthony D’Orazio as Chair of Public Engagement Committee** was rendered unnecessary upon the subsequent verbal resignation of Anthony D’Orazio as Chair of the Public Engagement Committee.

Motion by Lora Newell to **enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing active litigation** was seconded by Richard Purtell and passed without objection.

The meeting entered Executive Session at 9:49 p.m.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adjourn Executive Session** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed without objection.

Executive Session was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Gabrielle Cordova announced that she has been hired as the new Development Director of the National Libertarian Party.

Andrew Kolstee announced that he will host an open forum on petitioning will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2022.

Andrew Kolstee requested that we hold a special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Zoom meeting at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first meeting of the Libertarian Party of New York, which can also rally people for petitioning. There was no objection to hold the event.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adjourn** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,  
Secretary

## Exhibit 1 (page 1 of 2)

### Agreement of Voluntary Association of States for Regional Representation to The Libertarian National Committee.

This Agreement, once signed, shall serve to bind the participating affiliate parties into a Representative Region for the purpose of representation to the Libertarian National Committee(LNC). The Following terms shall constitute the total agreement, and shall outline the process and procedures for the selection of representatives to the National Committee to serve on behalf of the Region. The Numbered identity of the Region shall be determined by the Secretary of the LNC following the submission and acceptance of all regional agreements during the 2022 National Convention process. The states invited to participate in, and reconstitute their existing regional agreement are those who were party to the 2020-2022 "LNC Region 8." (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey.)

The following terms shall govern the selection of regional representation to the LNC:

1. The Delegates of the Region 8 states shall elect via an electronic vote, no later than the first saturday following the conclusion of business of the first sitting of the 2022 Libertarian National Convention, both a primary representative and an alternate representative to the Libertarian National Committee.
2. The Regional Representative shall be responsible for publishing regular reports to the National Committee detailing the operations and activities of their constituent affiliate parties, as well as representing the interests of their constituent affiliates during deliberations and votes of the National Committee.
3. The method of electing these representatives shall be separate electronic ballots conducted via OpaVote, and determined by ranked choice voting (RCV). The Election for Alternate shall not begin until the conclusion of the election of the Primary Representative. Once a ballot has been started, each Delegate shall have 48 hours to vote, via a secure link they will receive via email.
4. Primary Representative, and Alternate Representative, to accommodate the greatest representation among the state Parties, shall be residents of different states.
5. The State Chairs shall provide the incumbent Regional Representative (Rich Bowen, NJ) with an updated and accurate list of email addresses for all Delegates to participate in this election. The incumbent Representative shall be responsible for the administration and reporting of the election results.

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6. State Chairs shall be responsible for communicating to their delegates the process by which representatives shall be selected as per this agreement.
7. The Primary Representative and Alternate Representative are both subject to recall and removal, by a vote of No Confidence among the Chairs of the affiliate state parties bound to the regional agreement. A vote of no confidence among the 8 state Chairs shall be considered to have passed if at least 4 state chairs vote in the affirmative to remove.
8. A vacancy in the position of the Primary Representative shall be filled by the promotion of the Alternate Representative to Primary Representative.
9. A Vacancy in the position of Alternate Representative shall be filled by polling the 8 state chairs via approval voting among those candidates nominated from within the region in a manner to be chosen by those chairs.
10. Should a simultaneous vacancy occur in both the Primary and alternate Representatives, the procedures outlined for the replacement of an alternate representative shall be used to fill both positions.
11. The term of this agreement shall be from the conclusion of the first sitting of the 2022 Libertarian National Convention, until the conclusion of the 2024 Libertarian National Convention.

The Undersigned State Chair agrees to commit their Affiliate State Party to be bound as part of this regional agreement for the duration of the term set forth in its conditions. Upon the commitment of Enough State Affiliates to constitute a Minimum of 10% of the total sustaining Membership of The Libertarian Party, this agreement shall be considered Valid.

State Affiliate: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Chair's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Chair's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_