

**MINUTES OF DAY 1 OF THE 48TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
AND ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020
ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP AND PORCUPINE APP**

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Anthony D’Orazio, Chair of the Interim State Committee. The Chair issued welcoming remarks. A roll call of voting members was conducted. 47 of 53 Members of the State Committee were present at the time of roll call; Andrew Hollister later entered the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael F. Madrid, Judicial District 1
Ilya Schwartzburg, Judicial District 1
Tucker C. Coburn, Judicial District 2
Matthew I. Morgan, Judicial District 2
Gary S. Popkin, Judicial District 2
William Cody Anderson, Judicial District 3
Jay A. Carr, Judicial District 3
Todd G. Haggerty, Judicial District 3
Lora L. Newell, Judicial District 3
Robert M. Arrigo, Judicial District 4
Frederick A. Cole, Jr., Judicial District 4
Nathan B. Dunn, Judicial District 4
John A. Janes, Judicial District 4
Brandon G. Lyon, Judicial District 4
Karyn A. Keniry-Thompson, Judicial District 4
Maria V. Borell, Judicial District 5
Milva E. Dordal, Judicial District 5
Craig A. Miles, Judicial District 5
Sean S. Stevens, Judicial District 5
Mark S. Braiman, Judicial District 6
Timothy M. O’Connor, Judicial District 6
Christopher M. Olenski, Judicial District 6
Richard F. Purtell, Judicial District 6
Thomas D. Quiter, Judicial District 6
Dustin D. Tait, Judicial District 6
Steven G. Becker, Judicial District 7
Kari Bittner, Judicial District 7
Anthony D’Orazio, Judicial District 7
James M. Dayton, Judicial District 7
Mark E. Glogowski, Judicial District 7
Andrew C. Hollister, Judicial District 7
Sean C. Phelan, Judicial District 7
James P. Russell, Judicial District 7
Kevin A. Wilson, Judicial District 7
Erin M. Becker, Judicial District 8
Francis Law, Judicial District 8
Kathleen M. Ligammari, Judicial District 8
Andrew M. Kolstee, Judicial District 8
Peyton D. Kunselman, Judicial District 8
F. Patrick Mahoney, Jr., Judicial District 8
Duane J. Whitmer, Judicial District 8

Daniel P. Donnelly, Judicial District 9
Pietro S. Geraci, Judicial District 9
Robert J. Greibesland, Judicial District 9
Anthony W. Pellegrino, Judicial District 9
William K. Schmidt, Judicial District 9
Deepak Bansal, Judicial District 10
Gary L. Donoyan, Judicial District 10
Kenneth Epstein, Judicial District 10
Carmen Horan, Judicial District 10
Bobby K. Kalotee, Judicial District 10
Satinder Kaur, Judicial District 10
Mahavir Singh, Judicial District 10
Michael A. Arcati, Judicial District 11
Gabrielle S. Cordova, Judicial District 11
Irwin Mark Weinblatt, Judicial District 11
Aaron A. Commey, Judicial District 12
Enmanuel H. Torres, Judicial District 12
Richard Bell, Judicial District 13
Susan B. Overeem-Cummings, Judicial District 13

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark N. Axinn, Judicial District 1
Gilbert L. Mildonnet, Judicial District 2
Shawn Hannon, Judicial District 5
Eric A. Cooper, Judicial District 7
Nicholas P. Phelps, Jr. Judicial District 8
Tara L. Scrivano, Judicial District 8

OBSERVERS

Jeffrey D. Motta, Member, Chair, Convention Committee
Stephen Minogue, 2nd Vice-Chair, Interim State Committee
Rebecca Lau, Candidate for Judicial District 1
Jared C. Ey, Candidate for Judicial District 5
David E. Fite, Candidate for Judicial District 5
Anthony Verna III, Candidate for Judicial District 9
Jose D. Garcia, Candidate for Judicial District 11
Ryan K. Hallahan, Candidate for Judicial District 11
Paul M. Grindle, Candidate for Member-At-Large
Jonathan H. Gunther, Chair, Nassau Co. LP Exec. Comm.
Kenneth J. Mulvena, Vice-Chair, Queens Co. LP
Michelle E. Verna
Jeremy “Spike” Cohen, Vice Presidential Nominee
Caryn Ann Harlos, Parliamentarian
Timothy “TJ” Ferreira, Porcupine Administrator

Rules Subcommittee Chair Andrew Kolstee issued a report. Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adopt the “Special Rules of Order for the Organization Meeting of the Libertarian Party of New York” (Exhibit 1) as recommended by the Interim State Committee on August 30, 2020 including the amendments recommended by the Rules Subcommittee** passed 37-0 without debate.

Motion by Bobby Kalotee to **suspend the Special Rules of Order to move the filling of vacancies to the end of the agenda** was seconded by Patrick Mahoney and debated. Kalotee withdrew his motion and the Chair allowed it without objection.

Andrew Kolstee, Chair of the Credentials Subcommittee issued a report (**Exhibit 2**). The following individuals were submitted to the Credentials Subcommittee to fill vacancies in the State Committee. Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **enter the following candidates into nomination to fill vacancies on the State Committee:**

Rebecca Lau, nominated by Christopher Olenski to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 1
Matthew Morgan, nominated by Gary Popkin to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 2
Maria Borell, nominated by Christopher Olenski, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 5
Milva Dordal, nominated by Lora L. Newell, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 5
Jared Ey, nominated by Christopher Olenski, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 5
Shawn Hannon, nominated by Lora L. Newell, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 5
David Fite, nominated by Thomas Quiter, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 5
Katrina Martin, nominated by Christopher Olenski, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 5
Craig Miles, nominated by William Cody Anderson, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 5
Sean Stevens, nominated by William Cody Anderson, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 5
Anthony D’Orazio, nominated by Mark Braiman , to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 7
Anthony Pellegrino, nominated by William K. Schmidt, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 9
Anthony Verna, nominated by William Cody Anderson, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 9
Brianna Coyle, nominated by Mark Braiman, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 11
Romo Hallahan, nominated by Thomas Quiter, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 11
Jose Garcia, nominated by Thomas Quiter, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 11
Irwin Mark Weinblatt, nominated by Ilya Schwartzburg, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 11
Aaron Commey, nominated by Daniel P. Donnelly, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 12
Enmanuel Torres, nominated by Daniel P. Donnelly, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 12
Richard Bell, nominated by Mark E. Glogowski, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 13
Susan Overeem-Cummings, nominated by Ilya Schwartzburg, to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 13

Christopher Olenski made a request for information regarding the eligibility of David Fite, concerning his enrollment as a Libertarian in Judicial District 5 and enrollment as a Democrat in Judicial District 2. His most recent enrollment was as a Libertarian in Judicial District 5 on September 16, 2020. The Chair ruled that since David Fite was not enrolled as a Libertarian at the time of the submission of his candidacy, his nomination will have to be made on the floor and his inclusion in the report of the Credentials Subcommittee is invalid.

Andrew Kolstee's motion to enter the aforesaid candidates into nomination excluding David Fite was debated and passed 42-0.

The Chair opened the floor to additional nominations to fill vacancies.

Gary Popkin **nominated David Fite to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 5**. David Fite accepted the nomination.

Peyton Kunselman **nominated Devin Balkind to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 1**. Devin Balkind declined the nomination.

Matthew Morgan spoke on his candidacy to fill a vacancy in Judicial District 2.

The order of candidate speeches to fill the six vacancies in Judicial District 5 was determined by a roll of the Chair's twenty-sided die as follows: Craig Miles (1), Jared Ey (3), Maria Borell (4), Katrina Martin (7, 18, 3), Milva Dordal (7, 18, 9), Shawn Hannon (15), David Fite (16, 6), and Sean Stevens (16, 14). Craig Miles spoke on his candidacy. Jared Ey spoke on his candidacy. Maria Borrell spoke on her candidacy. Milva Dordal spoke on her candidacy. Stephen Minogue spoke on the candidacy of Shawn Hannon. David Fite spoke on his candidacy. Sean Stevens spoke on his candidacy.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee **to hold the elections to fill vacancies for each Judicial District after each set of candidate speeches** was seconded by Dustin Tait, debated, and passed 40-1.

The Chair ruled that Katrina Martin is ineligible for the vacancy as she has not accepted the nomination.

In the first round of voting for the six vacancies in Judicial District 5 on the State Committee, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for up to 6)	Votes	Percentage
Milva Dordal	39	92.29%
Maria Borell	35	83.33%
Shawn Hannon	35	83.33%
Craig Miles	33	78.57%
Sean Stevens	30	71.43%
David Fite	19	45.24%
Jared Ey	16	38.10%
None of the Above (NOTA)	1	2.38%
Stephen Minogue (write-in)	1	2.38%
Reuben (write-in)	1	2.38%
Harambe (write-in)	1	2.38%
Anyone but fite (write-in)	1	2.38%
Ron Paul (write-in)	1	2.38%
Total Votes	213	
Total Voters	42	

Craig Miles, Maria Borrell, Milva Dordal, Shawn Hannon, and Sean Stevens were elected to fill vacancies in Judicial District 5 on the State Committee.

In the second round of voting for the vacancy in Judicial District 5 on the State Committee, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for up to 1)	Votes	Percentage
NOTA	15	37.50
David Fite	14	35.00%
Jared Ey	10	25.00%
Dulap Nelson (write-in)	1	2.50%
Total Votes	40	
Total Voters	40	

Since no candidate received a majority, including NOTA, the Chair ruled that Jared Ey is dropped from the ballot and a third round of voting will commence.

In the third round of voting for the vacancy in Judicial District 5 on the State Committee, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
David Fite	20	48.78%
NOTA	20	48.78%
Dulap Nelson (write-in)	1	2.44%
Total Votes	41	
Total Voters	41	

Since no candidate received a majority, the vacancy in Judicial District 5 has not been filled after round three.

Motion by Christopher Olenski **to leave the seat in Judicial District 5 vacant to be filled by the State Committee at a later date**, was seconded by Dustin Tait, debated, and passed 37-4, with 2 abstentions.

The order of candidate speeches to fill the vacancy in Judicial District 9 was determined by a roll of the Chair's twenty-sided die as follows: Anthony Pellegrino (4) and Anthony Verna (6). Anthony Pellegrino spoke on his candidacy. Anthony Verna spoke on his candidacy.

In the first round of voting for the vacancy in Judicial District 9 on the State Committee, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
Anthony Pellegrino	29	72.5%
Anthony Verna	10	25%
NOTA	1	2.5%
Total Votes	40	
Total Voters	40	

Anthony Pellegrino was elected to fill the vacancy in Judicial District 9 on the State Committee

The order of candidate speeches to fill the vacancy in Judicial District 11 was determined by a roll of the Chair's twenty-sided die as follows: Irwin Mark Weinblatt (4), Jose Garcia (12), Brianna Coyle (15), and Romo Hallahan (20).

Irwin Mark Weinblatt spoke on his candidacy. Jose Garcia declined his nomination. Romo Hallahan spoke on his candidacy. Brianna Coyle spoke on behalf of her candidacy via submitted video.

In the first round of voting for the vacancy in Judicial District 11 on the State Committee, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
Irwin Mark Weinblatt	26	60.47%
Brianna Coyle	14	32.56%
Romo Hallahan	2	4.65%
NOTA	1	2.33%
Total Voters	43	
Total Votes	43	

Irwin Mark Weinblatt was elected to fill the vacancy in Judicial District 11 on the State Committee.

Motion by Peyton Kunselman **to suspend the Special Rules of Order to allow the candidates in uncontested races to fill vacancies to speak for 1 minute** failed due to lack of a second.

For the uncontested vacancies, the Chair ruled that the five ballots will be opened at the same time and there was no objection.

In the first round of voting for the vacancy in Judicial District 1 on the State Committee, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
Rebecca Lau	20	50.00%
NOTA	19	47.50%
“Doers, not downers” (write-in)	1	2.50%
Total Voters	40	
Total Votes	40	

The Chair ruled that Rebecca Lau was elected to fill the vacancy in Judicial District 1. Peyton Kunselman appealed the ruling of the Chair. Frederick Cole spoke in favor of the appeal, indicating that a majority requires 50% plus one, not 50%. The ruling of the Chair was overturned 29-14.

Motion by Pietro Geraci **to leave the seat in Judicial District 1 vacant to be filled by the State Committee at a later date**, was seconded by Christopher Olenski, debated, and passed 32-11.

In the first round of voting for the vacancy in Judicial District 2 on the State Committee, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
Matthew Morgan	36	87.80%
NOTA	5	12.20%
Total Votes	41	
Total Voters	41	

Matthew Morgan was elected to fill the vacancy in Judicial District 2 on the State Committee.

In the first round of voting for the vacancy in Judicial District 7 on the State Committee, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
Anthony D’Orazio	37	86.05%
NOTA	6	13.95%
Total Votes	43	
Total Voters	43	

Anthony D’Orazio was elected to fill the vacancy in Judicial District 7 on the State Committee.

In the first round of voting for the two vacancies in Judicial District 12 on the State Committee, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 2)	Votes	Percentage
Aaron Commey	36	87.80%
Enmanuel Torres	28	68.29%
NOTA	6	14.63%
“Christopher Olenski” (write-in)	1	2.44%
“Your mom” (write-in)	1	2.44%
Total Votes	41	
Total Voters	72	

Aaron Commey and Enmanuel Torres were elected to fill the vacancies in Judicial District 12 on the State Committee.

In the first round of voting for the two vacancies in Judicial District 13 on the State Committee, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 2)	Votes	Percentage
Richard Bell	34	79.07%
Susan Overeem-Cummings	34	79.07%
NOTA	4	9.30%
“Debra Altman” (write-in)	1	2.33%
“Luke Wenke” (write-in)	1	2.33%
“Harambe” (write-in)	1	2.33%
Total Votes	75	
Total Voters	43	

Richard Bell and Susan Overeem-Cummings were elected to fill the vacancies in Judicial District 13 on the State Committee.

The meeting stood in recess beginning at 12:55 p.m. and reconvened at 2:02 p.m.

Since the Special Rules of Order called for all business pertaining to the adoption of the Rules of the Libertarian Party except a final vote, the Chair ruled to allow for one hour of discussion of the Rules of the Libertarian Party, without objection.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to adopt the Rules of the Libertarian Party (Exhibit 3) as adopted by the Interim State Committee on August 30, 2020, including the amendments recommended by the Rules Subcommittee (Exhibit 4) passed 51-1 without debate.

Motion by Daniel Donnelly to insert the following sentence at the end of Article 9.2.1.1: “Upon establishment of a County Organization, the duly elected Chair shall replace the County Contact as the State Committee's point person in a given county.” The motion was seconded by Timothy O’Connor and passed 46-6 without debate.

Motion by Christopher Olenski to strike “as defined in Article 7.6 and five (5) Members-At-Large elected by” and insert “as defined in Article 7.6, five (5) Members-At-Large, and a Political Director elected by” in Article 7.2. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Motion by Robert Arrigo and seconded by Pietro Geraci to amend Article 13 and Article 14 as follows:

Insert “a majority weighted vote of” after “made by” and strike “at a joint meeting” in Article 13.8.

Strike the entirety of Article 13.8.1: “The joint meeting must occur no later than seven (7) days after petitioning begins. The Chair of any two of the County Affiliates may collectively call the meeting by giving at least a seven (7) days notice to all the other Chairs in the multi-county district.”

Insert a new Article 13.8.1: “The weighted vote shall be defined as the number of votes received by the Libertarian Party’s Candidate for Governor on the Libertarian Party line, in the previous election for the office of Governor of the State of New York. Each County Affiliate will receive a weighting based on the number of votes received for the Libertarian Party Gubernatorial candidate within its portion of the political division.”

Strike the entirety of Article 13.8.2: “Each County Affiliate shall be entitled to send a delegation to a joint meeting to select a candidate. The delegation shall consist of two delegates from each County Affiliate plus an additional delegate for every 100 enrolled Libertarians residing within that district in each county. There shall be no proxy voting. This meeting may be held remotely. Each attendee shall have one vote. If seven calendar (7) days notice is given, a quorum is whatever number of enrolled Libertarians is present when the meeting is called to order.”

Insert a new Article 13.8.2: “The approvals must be separately communicated by each County Affiliate to the State Committee.”

Strike the entirety of Article 13.8.3: “A majority vote is required at the joint meeting in order to nominate or designate a multi-county candidate enrolled in the Libertarian Party. Such a joint meeting is prohibited from nominating or designating a candidate not enrolled in the Libertarian Party; see Article 14 for procedures such candidates must follow.”

Strike the following in Article 14.4: “Each county which has a recognized County Affiliate where all or part of the county lies within the geographic boundaries of the office shall be entitled to send a delegation to a joint authorizing meeting. Majority vote of the delegation shall authorize a non-Libertarian candidate, except as provided for in 14.4.3. The delegations shall be determined as outlined in 14.4.2.”

Insert the following at the end of Article 14.4: “Where the geographic boundary of a public office other than statewide or New York City-wide cross into counties where there is more than one County Affiliate in existence, then nominations selection of a non-enrolled libertarian to be a candidate for a that office shall be made by a majority weighted vote of the affected County Affiliates.”

Strike the entirety of Article 14.4.1: “The joint meeting must occur no later than seven (7) days after petitioning begins. The Chair of any one of the County Affiliates

may call the meeting by giving at least a seven (7) days notice to all the other Chairs in the multi-county district.”

Insert a new Article 14.4.1: “The weighted vote shall be defined as the number of votes received by the Libertarian Party’s Candidate for Governor on the Libertarian Party line, in the previous election for the office of Governor of the State of New York. Each County Affiliate will receive a weighting based on the number of votes received for the Libertarian Party Gubernatorial candidate within its portion of the political division.”

Strike the entirety of Article 14.4.2: The delegation shall consist of two delegates from each County Affiliate plus an additional delegate for every 100 enrolled Libertarians residing within that district in each county. There shall be no proxy voting. Remote participation in this meeting shall be allowed. Each attendee shall have one vote. If a timely notice is given as outlined in Article 14.4.4, a quorum is whatever number of enrolled Libertarians is present when the meeting is called to order.

Renumber Article 14.4.3 to Article 14.4.2 and strike “vote of the delegation” and insert “majority of weighted vote for the given election district.”

Insert a new Article 14.4.3: “The approvals must be separately communicated by each County Affiliate to the State Committee, along with a statement from each County Chair to the effect that they know of no enrolled Libertarian interested in and eligible for the position. Such notification must be received by the Secretary of the State Committee by the Friday prior to the vote by the State Committee on whether to issue the Certificate of Authorization.”

Robert Arrigo’s motion was debated and passed 39-11, with 2 abstentions.

Motion by Daniel Donnelly and seconded by Mark Glogowski to amend Articles 13 and 14 as follows:

Strike “of Enrolled Libertarians” in the title of Article 13 “Nominations of Enrolled Libertarians for Public Office”

Add a new section to Article 13: “Anyone seeking to be a candidate of the Libertarian Party must be enrolled as a Libertarian or obtain proof of a pending change in enrollment to Libertarian.”

Strike the entirety of Article 14 “Nominations of Non-Libertarians for Public Office”

Daniel Donnelly’s motion was debated and failed 35-13, with 1 abstention.

Motion by Daniel Donnelly to **insert the following sentences at the end of Article 9.2.2:**
“Every duly chartered County Organization or County Committee every year will transmit to the State Committee documentation of all public meetings held. Such documentation will include record of what notices were dispatched to constituents, when said notices were dispatched and through which mediums, said meetings' Agendas and attendance records. Upon receipt and review of such satisfactory documentation, the State Committee will dispatch to the County Organization or County Committee in question an embossed charter, renewed for the following calendar year.” The motion was seconded by Dustin Tait and debated.

Motion by Pietro Geraci to **amend the motion by inserting the following alternative sentences at the end of Article 9.2.2:** **“Every duly chartered County Organization or County Committee will make available upon request by the State Committee documentation of all public meetings held. Such documentation will include record of what notices were dispatched to constituents, when said notices were dispatched and through which mediums, said meetings' Agendas and attendance records.”** The motion was seconded by Christopher Olenski and debated.

Motion by Mark Braiman **to refer the amendment to Article 9.2.2 to the Rules Committee** was seconded by Christopher Olenski, debated, and passed 41-8.

Mark Braiman called for Orders of the Day and the Chair ruled that the time has expired for the Rules Subcommittee report.

The convention stood at ease at 3:22 p.m. to allow a special guest to address the convention. Libertarian Party Vice Presidential Nominee Spike Cohen addressed the convention. Business resumed at 3:37 p.m.

The Chair passed the gavel to Stephen Minogue, 2nd Vice-Chair of the Interim State Committee.

Peyton Kunselman **nominated Anthony D’Orazio for the position of Chair**, and he accepted the nomination.

James Dayton **nominated William Cody Anderson for the position of Chair**, and he accepted the nomination.

Anthony D’Orazio spoke on his candidacy.

William Cody Anderson spoke on his candidacy.

In the first round of voting for Chair, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
William Cody Anderson	28	57.14%
Anthony D’Orazio	19	38.78%
NOTA	1	2.04%
Ron Paul (write-in)	1	2.04%
Total Votes	49	
Total Voters	49	

William Cody Anderson was elected Chair.

William Cody Anderson addressed the convention.

Nominations were opened for the position of 1st Vice-Chair.

William Cody Anderson **nominated Anthony D’Orazio for the position of 1st Vice-Chair**, and he accepted the nomination.

Anthony D’Orazio **nominated Tucker Coburn for the position of 1st Vice-Chair**, and he accepted the nomination.

Robert Arrigo **nominated Duane Whitmer for the position of 1st Vice-Chair**, and he declined the nomination.

Daniel Donnelly **nominated Susan Overeem-Cummings for the position of 1st Vice-Chair**, and she accepted the nomination.

The order of candidate speeches for the position of 1st Vice-Chair was determined by a roll of the Recording Secretary’s twenty-sided die as follows: Tucker Coburn (8), Susan Overeem-Cummings (13), Anthony D’Orazio (14).

Tucker Coburn spoke on his candidacy via submitted video. Susan Overeem Cummings spoke on her candidacy. Anthony D’Orazio spoke on his candidacy.

In the first round of voting for 1st Vice-Chair, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
Anthony D'Orazio	33	67.35%
Susan Overeem-Cummings	9	18.37%
Tucker Coburn	7	14.29%
NOTA	0	0.00%
Ron Paul (write-in)	1	2.04%
Total Votes	49	
Total Voters	49	

Anthony D'Orazio was elected 1st Vice-Chair.

Stephen Minogue passed the gavel back to Anthony D'Orazio.

Nominations were opened for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair.

Andrew Kolstee **nominated Duane Whitmer for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair**, and he accepted the nomination.

Peyton Kunselman **nominated Pietro Geraci for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair**, and he accepted the nomination.

Pietro Geraci **nominated Peyton Kunselman for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair**, and he accepted the nomination.

Kathleen Ligammari **nominated Kenneth Epstein for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair**, and he accepted the nomination.

Peyton Kunselman **nominated Tucker Coburn for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair**, and he accepted the nomination.

Dustin Tait **nominated Susan Overeem-Cummings for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair**, and she accepted the nomination.

The order of candidate speeches for the position of 1st Vice-Chair was determined by a roll of the Recording Secretary's twenty-sided die as follows: Susan Overeem-Cummings (2), Duane Whitmer (3), Tucker Coburn (4), Pietro Geraci (11), Kenneth Epstein (14), and Peyton Kunselman (18).

Duane Whitmer spoke on his candidacy. Susan Overeem-Cummings spoke on her candidacy. Pietro Geraci spoke on his candidacy. Kenneth Epstein spoke on his candidacy. Peyton Kunselman spoke on his candidacy.

In the first round of voting for 2nd Vice-Chair, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
Duane Whitmer	24	51.06%
Kenneth Epstein	8	17.02%
Tucker Coburn	4	8.51%
Pietro Geraci	4	8.51%
Susan Overeem-Cummings	4	8.51%
Peyton Kunselman	2	4.26%
NOTA	0	0.00%
“Ron Paul” (write-in)	1	2.13%
Total Votes	47	
Total Voters	47	

Duane Whitmer was elected 2nd Vice-Chair.

James Dayton **nominated Andrew Kolstee for the position of Secretary**, and he accepted the nomination.

Robert Arrigo **nominated Frederick Cole for the position of Secretary**, and he declined the nomination.

In the first round of voting for Secretary, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
Andrew Kolstee	41	93.18%
NOTA	3	6.82%
Total Votes	44	
Total Voters	44	

Andrew Kolstee was elected Secretary.

Andrew Kolstee **nominated Lora Newell for the position of Treasurer** and she accepted the nomination.

In the first round of voting for Treasurer, the results were as follows:

Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
Lora Newell	40	90.91%
NOTA	3	6.82%
“Charlene Sevillo Torre” (write-in)	1	2.27%
Total Votes	44	
Total Voters	44	

Lora Newell was elected Treasurer.

Bobby Kalotee **nominated Deepak Bansal for the position of Member-At-Large** and he accepted the nomination.

Bobby Kalotee **nominated Kenneth Epstein for the position of Member-At-Large** and he accepted the nomination.

William Cody Anderson **nominated Robert Arrigo for the position of Member-At-Large** and he accepted the nomination.

Andrew Kolstee **nominated Paul Grindle for the position of Member-At-Large** and he accepted the nomination.

Duane Whitmer **nominated Pietro Geraci for the position of Member-At-Large** and he accepted the nomination.

Erin Becker **nominated Steven Becker for the position of Member-At-Large** and he accepted the nomination.

Timothy O’Connor **nominated Richard Purtell for the position of Member-At-Large** and he accepted the nomination.

Daniel Donnelly **nominated William Schmidt for the position of Member-At-Large** and he accepted the nomination.

Robert Arrigo **nominated Frederick Cole for the position of Member-At-Large** and he declined the nomination.

Duane Whitmer **nominated Thomas Quiter for the position of Member-At-Large** and he previously accepted the nomination the nomination.

Robert Greibesland **nominated Daniel Donnelly for the position of Member-At-Large** and he accepted the nomination.

Dustin Tait **nominated Christopher Olenski for the position of Member-At-Large** and he accepted the nomination.

Dustin Tait **nominated Susan Overeem-Cummings for the position of Member-At-Large** and she accepted the nomination.

Dustin Tait **nominated Maria Borrell for the position of Member-At-Large** and she accepted the nomination.

The order of candidate speeches for the position of Members-At-Large was determined by a roll of the Recording Secretary's twenty-sided die as follows: William Schmidt (2), Susan Overeem-Cummings (4), Pietro Geraci (5, 8), Thomas Quiter (5, 13), Richard Purtell (6), Robert Arrigo (7), Deepak Bansal (10), Steven Becker (13), Christopher Olenski (14, 4), Paul Grindle (14, 5), Maria Borell (15), Daniel Donnelly (18), and Kenneth Epstein (19). Each candidate spoke on his or her candidacy, with Thomas Quiter speaking via submitted video.

In the first round of voting for Members-At-Large, the results were as follows:

JD	Candidate (vote for up to 5)	Votes	Percentage
4	Robert Arrigo	33	66.00%
6	Richard Purtell	31	62.00%
9	William Schmidt	24	48.00%
9	Pietro Geraci	20	40.00%
10	Paul Grindle	20	40.00%
7	Steven Becker	19	38.00%
5	Maria Borell	15	30.00%
9	Daniel Donnelly	14	28.00%
6	Thomas Quiter	12	24.00%
10	Kenneth Epstein	10	20.00%
6	Christopher Olenski	10	20.00%
13	Susan Overeem-Cummings	9	18.00%
10	Deepak Bansal	7	14.00%
	NOTA	0	0.00%
	"#neverquiter" (write-in)	1	2.00%
	Total Votes	225	
	Total Voters	50	

Robert Arrigo and Richard Purtell were elected Members-At-Large. Thomas Quiter and Christopher Olenski, members representing Judicial District 6, were dropped from the ballot as Richard Purtell, a member of Judicial District 6, was elected.

In the second round of voting for Members-At-Large, the results were as follows:

JD	Candidate (vote for up to 3)	Votes	Percentage
9	William Schmidt	21	42.86%
10	Paul Grindle	21	42.86%
5	Maria Borell	20	40.82%
7	Steven Becker	18	36.73%
9	Pietro Geraci	15	30.61%
9	Daniel Donnelly	13	26.53%
10	Deepak Bansal	9	18.37%
10	Kenneth Epstein	9	18.37%
13	Susan Overeem-Cummings	8	16.33%
	NOTA	0	0.00%
8	“Peyton Kunselman” (write-in)	1	2.04%
	“Olenski’s mustache” (write-in)	1	2.04%
	Total Votes	136	
	Total Voters	49	

None of the candidates were elected Member-At-Large, since no candidate received a majority. Susan Overeem-Cummings was dropped from the ballot.

In the third round of voting for Members-At-Large, the results were as follows:

JD	Candidate (vote for up to 3)	Votes	Percentage
9	William Schmidt	23	46.94%
10	Paul Grindle	20	40.82%
7	Steven Becker	18	36.73%
5	Maria Borell	18	36.73%
9	Daniel Donnelly	16	32.65%
9	Pietro Geraci	16	32.65%
10	Kenneth Epstein	10	20.41%
10	Deepak Bansal	9	18.37%
	NOTA	0	0.00%
11	“Larry Sharpe” (write-in)	1	2.04%
	“Olenski’s mustache again” (write-in)	1	2.04%
	Total Votes	132	
	Total Voters	49	

None of the candidates were elected Member-At-Large, since no candidate received a majority. Deepak Bansal was dropped from the ballot.

In the fourth round of voting for Members-At-Large, the results were as follows:

JD	Candidate (vote for up to 3)	Votes	Percentage
9	William Schmidt	21	44.68%
10	Paul Grindle	21	44.68%
7	Steven Becker	17	36.17%
5	Maria Borell	17	36.17%
9	Pietro Geraci	15	31.91%
9	Daniel Donnelly	14	29.79%
10	Kenneth Epstein	12	25.53%
	NOTA	0	0.00%
11	“Brianna Coyle” (write-in)	1	2.13%
	“Mustache”	1	2.13%
	“Kolstee’s Beard” (write-in)	1	2.13%
	Total Votes	120	
	Total Voters	47	

None of the candidates were elected Member-At-Large, since no candidate received a majority. Kenneth Epstein was dropped from the ballot.

In the fifth round of voting for Members-At-Large, the results were as follows:

JD	Candidate (vote for up to 3)	Votes	Percentage
5	Maria Borell	24	51.06%
10	Paul Grindle	24	51.06%
9	William Schmidt	22	46.81%
9	Pietro Geraci	17	36.17%
7	Steven Becker	16	34.04%
9	Daniel Donnelly	12	25.53%
	NOTA	1	2.13%
11	“Brianna Coyle” (write-in)	1	2.13%
	“Get on with it” (write-in)	1	2.13%
	Total Votes	118	
	Total Voters	47	

Maria Borell and Paul Grindle were elected Members-At-Large.

In the sixth round of voting for Members-At-Large, the results were as follows:

JD	Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
9	William Schmidt	16	34.78%
9	Pietro Geraci	11	23.91%
7	Steven Becker	8	17.39%
9	Daniel Donnelly	5	10.87%
	NOTA	5	10.87%
8	“Charles J. Flynn” (write-in)	1	2.17%
	Total Votes	46	
	Total Voters	46	

None of the candidates were elected Member-At-Large, since no candidate received a majority. Daniel Donnelly was dropped from the ballot.

In the seventh round of voting for Members-At-Large, the results were as follows:

JD	Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
9	Pietro Geraci	17	41.46%
9	William Schmidt	16	39.02%
7	Steven Becker	6	14.63%
	NOTA	1	2.44%
8	“Charles J. Flynn” (write-in)	1	2.44%
	Total Votes	41	
	Total Voters	41	

None of the candidates were elected Member-At-Large, since no candidate received a majority. Steven Becker was dropped from the ballot.

In the eighth round of voting for Members-At-Large, the results were as follows:

JD	Candidate (vote for 1)	Votes	Percentage
9	Pietro Geraci	23	51.11%
9	William Schmidt	17	37.78%
	NOTA	5	11.11%
	Total Votes	45	
	Total Voters	45	

Pietro Geraci was elected Member-At-Large.

Motion by Pietro Geraci **to adjourn to 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 26, 2020** was seconded by Dustin Tait and passed without objection.

The first day of the organization meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee
Recording Secretary

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Special Rules of Order of the Libertarian Party of New York for the Organization Meeting of September 26-27, 2020

As adopted by the State Committee on September 26, 2020.

Rule 1. **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 and adoption of the Special Rules of Order of the Organization Meeting.
- (e) Filling of vacancies on the State Committee.
- (f) Supplemental 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.
- (f) Report of Resolutions Subcommittee.
- (g) Adjournment.

Rule 2. **CONVENTION COMMITTEE.**

Rule 2.1. The Interim State Committee shall appoint a special Convention 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 may appoint assistants for the facilitation of their responsibilities. The Convention Committee and its subcommittees shall cease to exist upon the adjournment of the Organization Meeting.

Rule 2.2. The State Committee shall ratify the Convention Committee appointments.

Rule 3. **PRESIDING OFFICER.**

Rule 3.1. The Chair of the Libertarian Party, or if unable to fulfill his duties, the 1st Vice-Chair or subsequently, the 2nd Vice-Chair, shall be the presiding officer until a Temporary Chair is chosen by the members of the State Committee.

Rule 3.2. If the presiding Chair accepts a nomination for any office, the current 1st Vice-Chair or 2nd Vice-Chair shall preside over the election of that office.

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Rule 4. **CREDENTIALS.** The Secretary of the Libertarian Party, acting as the Chair of the Credentials Subcommittee, directly after the opening ceremonies of the business meeting, shall call the roll of the elected members of the State Committee.

Rule 5. **IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS.** 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 Subcommittee upon registration. Division votes, whether simple or counted, shall be taken by members' standing and display of such voting member indicia. For meetings held by teleconference, voting members shall be identified within the platform or platforms used to conduct the meeting.

Rule 6. **DEBATE.**

Rules 6.1. No member shall speak in debate on the same question a second time until every other member who wishes to speak had the opportunity to do so.

Rule 6.2. No member shall speak in debate on the same question more than twice or longer than three (3) minutes in total without permission of the convention granted by a two-thirds vote without debate.

Rule 7. **FILLING OF VACANCIES.** Vacancies on the State Committee shall be done in a manner as described in this Rule and in accordance with the Party Rules.

Rule 7.1. Nominations for vacancies in the State Committee may be submitted by any member of the State Committee. If such nominations are received by the Credentials Subcommittee at least seven (7) days in advance of the organization meeting, the Credentials Subcommittee shall distribute the names of the nominees and any statement regarding their candidacy of no more than two hundred words to all members of the newly elected State Committee at least five (5) days in advance of the organization meeting. Once the filling of vacancies begins, the Credentials Subcommittee shall present the nominations they received and all such qualified candidates that accepted the nomination shall be entered into nomination. Subsequent nominations may be made on the floor of the Organization Meeting, prior to the election to fill such vacancies. The Chair shall request that each nominee confirm that they are qualified to fill the vacancy and accept the nomination in order to be entered into nomination to fill the vacancy they seek.

Rule 7.2. For each district, the ballot shall contain all the names of the eligible nominees and identify the number of vacancies in the district. Each ballot shall contain NOTA as a candidate.

Rule 7.3. The election shall be held with approval voting and candidates with the most votes shall be elected to fill the vacancy or vacancies as long as they have received a majority of the vote of the voting members. If there is a tie in which two or more candidates have received a majority of the vote of the voting members and at least one vacancy still exists, an instant run-off vote shall occur. If NOTA receives a majority of the votes, there will be a new round of nominations and a new election, in which all of the nominated candidates who were outpolled by NOTA are ineligible.

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Rule 7.4. Members of the Libertarian Party chosen to fill vacancies on the State Committee shall not be allowed to participate in the meeting until acceptance by the State Committee of the subsequent report of the Credentials Subcommittee, scheduled to occur after the filling of vacancies; and in particular may not nominate, speak, or vote in any contested election for filling additional vacancies.

Rule 8. **ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF PARTY RULES.**

Rule 8.1. All proposed amendments of the Party Rules must be in writing submitted to the Rules Subcommittee at least seven (7) days in advance. The submission may include a rationale of up to 500 words. There shall be no debate on an amendment until the language has been proposed in writing and a copy thereof has been provided or displayed to all members of the State Committee.

Rule 8.2. Amendments that involve the modification of more than 10 words must be submitted in writing to the Rules Subcommittee at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting. The Rules Subcommittee shall distribute the proposed amendments to all members of the State Committee.

Rule 8.3. Any discussion opposing the adoption of any Party Rules altogether shall be out of order.

Rule 8.4. Once the portion of the agenda pertaining to the adoption of Party Rules begins, the only discussion in order is amendments, and these must be taken up in the order that the Rules Subcommittee received them, except for the following:

Rule 8.4.1. The version of the Rules recommended by the Interim State Committee shall be the base set of Rules considered as the first motion during that portion of the agenda. All other motions pertaining to the adoption of the Party Rules shall be considered as amendments to that motion. No motion to divide this base set of Rules shall be in order.

Rule 8.4.2. If discussion on an amendment has begun, any recognized speaker may also discuss alternative proposed amendments that deal with the same issues and may use that text to propose a substitution to the current amendment.

Rule 8.4.3. If a member of the State Committee proposes more than one amendment, their subsequent proposals shall be taken up only after every other member's first proposed amendment has been considered.

Rule 8.4.4. The Rules Subcommittee shall have the authority to correct the numbering and references to article sections and paragraph numbers within the text.

Rule 8.5. Amendments that involve the modification of 10 words or fewer are allowed from the floor and must be submitted to the Rules Subcommittee in writing before consideration by the body.

Rule 8.6. Debate on each amendment shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. Each speaker is limited to one (1) minute at a time. The Chair shall alternately recognize those speakers in favor of and opposed to the amendment.

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Rule 8.7. Once an amendment to the Rules has been proposed in writing and seconded, no motion to divide that amendment shall be in order.

Rule 8.8. After 12:15 p.m., no further amendments to the Rules will be considered. As soon as the current speaker's time is up, the question shall be called on any amendments then being considered.

Rule 8.9. At 12:30 p.m., all debate on the Rules shall cease, and the Chair shall proceed immediately to a roll-call vote on the full version of the Party Rules then before the State Committee. If the adoption of the proposed full version of the Party Rules fails, then the most recent version of the Party Rules as adopted by the Interim State Committee of the Libertarian Party shall be adopted unamended as the Party Rules by default.

Rule 9. ELECTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Rule 9.1. GENERAL.

Rule 9.1.1. Nominations of all officers and Members-At-Large shall only be in order during the Organization Meeting in accordance with the agenda.

Rule 9.1.2. **ELECTIONS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS.** All elections of the Executive Committee shall be conducted as a secret ballot using an electronic system that batches the ballots of in-person and teleconferencing participants together.

Rule 9.1.3. **NONE OF THE ABOVE ("NOTA") AS A CANDIDATE.** All elections shall have NOTA as an option. On all elections for the Executive Committee, the choice of None of the Above ("NOTA") is automatically recognized as included and valid. If NOTA receives a majority of the votes, there will be a new round of nominations and a new election, in which all of the nominated candidates who were outpolled by NOTA are ineligible.

Rule 9.2. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** Officers shall be elected individually in the following order: Chair, 1st Vice-Chair, 2nd Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. In order to be elected to an officer position, the candidate must receive a majority of votes cast. If an insufficient number of candidates receive a majority on any given ballot, then the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be removed from the ballot; a tie for smallest number of votes shall require a new ballot.

Rule 9.3. ELECTION OF MEMBERS-AT-LARGE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Rule 9.3.1. Members-At-Large of the Executive Committee shall be elected by majority vote in a single election. There shall be no more than one Member-At-Large elected from a Judicial District. Only the candidate with the highest number of votes from a Judicial District shall be elected.

Rule 9.3.2. If fewer than five candidates receive a number of votes equal to or greater than a majority of the number of ballots cast, another round of voting shall immediately occur. For any Judicial District where a candidate was successfully elected, all remaining candidates in that Judicial District shall be

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dropped. When no candidate receives a number of votes equal to or greater than a majority of the number of ballots cast, the candidate with the lowest number of votes of all the remaining candidates will be dropped.

Rule 9.3.3. Subsequently rounds of voting shall be conducted until five Members-At-Large of the Executive Committee have been elected by a number of votes equal to or greater than a majority of the number of ballots cast, in which each are from a different Judicial District.

Rule 10. CANDIDATE SPEECHES.

Rule 10.1. Candidates for Chair shall each be allowed five minutes to speak; candidates for all other Party offices shall each be allowed three (3) minutes to speak. Candidates to fill vacancies on the State Committee shall be allowed one minute to speak. Candidates may cede their time only to other members of the State Committee to speak on their behalf during their allotted time. Speeches will not be allowed for uncontested positions, in which candidates are only running against NOTA.

Rule 10.2. 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.

Rule 11. **ENDORSEMENTS OF CANDIDATES.** Endorsements of candidates for public office shall be made in the same manner as elections for Party office, except that endorsements shall require a two-thirds (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 12. **PLATFORM.** When discussing the Platform, the previously adopted Platform shall be the base on which amendments, additions, or deletions shall be offered. Such changes to the Platform shall require a vote in accordance with the Rules of the Libertarian Party.

Rule 13. RESOLUTIONS.

Rule 13.1. A resolution offered by an individual member shall be submitted by the maker and the seconder – each of whom shall be a member of the State Committee – and shall be sent by email directly to the Resolutions Subcommittee and the desk of the Recording Secretary.

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Rule 13.2. The Resolutions Subcommittee may convene during the main meeting to consider resolutions. Each member who offers a resolution shall be given an opportunity to explain it to the Resolutions Subcommittee if he so requests.

Rule 13.3. The Resolutions Subcommittee shall review all resolutions in the order they were submitted, and shall amend the text of each resolution to the satisfaction of the member that submitted the resolution, while satisfying formatting requirements, grammar, clarity, etc. The Resolutions Subcommittee shall present a report to the State Committee of all resolutions in the order they deem appropriate.

Rule 14. **PERMANENT RECORD.** 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 15. **ANNOUNCEMENTS.** 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.

Rule 16. **SUSPENSION OF SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER.** These Special Rules of Order may only be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

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Report of the Credentials Subcommittee of the Libertarian Party of New York for the Organization Meeting of September 26-27, 2020

The State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York consists of 68 according to their Judicial District. The following 53 individuals were duly elected to the State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York:

Judicial District 1

- Mark Axinn
- Michael Madrid
- Ilya Schwartzburg

Judicial District 2

- Tucker Coburn
- Gary Popkin
- Gilbert Mildonnet

Judicial District 3

- William Cody Anderson
- Jay A. Carr
- Todd Haggerty
- Lora L. Newell

Judicial District 4

- Robert M. Arrigo
- Frederick A. Cole, Jr.
- Nathan B. Dunn
- John A. Janes
- Brandon Lyon
- Karyn A. Keniry-Thompson

Judicial District 6

- Mark Braiman
- Timothy O'Connor
- Christopher Olenski
- Rich Purtell
- Thomas Quiter
- Dustin Tait

Judicial District 7

- Steven G. Becker
- Kari Bittner
- Eric A. Cooper
- James M. Dayton
- Mark E. Glogowski
- Andrew C. Hollister
- Sean C. Phelan
- James P. Russell
- Kevin Wilson

Judicial District 8

- Erin M. Becker
- Francis Law
- Kathleen M. Ligammari
- Andrew M. Kolstee
- Peyton D. Kunselman
- F. Patrick Mahoney, Jr.
- Nicholas P. Phelps, Jr.
- Tara Scrivano
- Duane J. Whitmer

Judicial District 9

- Daniel P. Donnelly
- Pietro S. Geraci
- Robert J. Greibesland
- William K. Schmidt

Judicial District 10

- Deepak Bansal
- Gary Donoyan
- Kenneth Epstein
- Carmen Horan
- Bobby K. Kalotee
- Satinder Kaur
- Mahavir Singh

Judicial District 11

- Michael Arcati
- Gabrielle Cordova

Joseph Candela II, who was elected to the State Committee as a member of Judicial District 9, vacated his seat as he changed his enrollment to a party other than the Libertarian Party.

There are 15 vacancies on the State Committee: one (1) in Judicial District 1, one (1) in Judicial District 2, six (6) in Judicial District 5, one (1) in Judicial District 7, one (1) in Judicial District 9, one (1) in Judicial District 11, two (2) in Judicial District 12, and two (2) in Judicial District 13.

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The following names were submitted to the Credentials Subcommittee as candidates to fill the vacancies on the State Committee:

Judicial District 1 (1 vacancy available)

- Rebecca Lau, submitted by Christopher Olenski

Judicial District 2 (1 vacancy available)

- Matthew Morgan, submitted by Gary Popkin

Judicial District 5 (6 vacancies available)

- Maria Borell, submitted by Christopher Olenski
- Milva Dordal, submitted by Lora L. Newell
- Jared Ey, submitted by Christopher Olenski
- David Fite, submitted by Thomas Quiter
- Shawn Hannon, submitted by Lora Newell
- Katrina Martin, submitted by Christopher Olenski
- Craig Miles, submitted by William Cody Anderson
- Sean Stevens, submitted by William Cody Anderson

Judicial District 7 (1 vacancy available)

- Anthony D'Orazio, submitted by Mark Braiman

Judicial District 9 (1 vacancy available)

- Anthony Pellegrino, submitted by William K. Schmidt
- Anthony Verna, submitted by William Cody Anderson

Judicial District 11 (1 vacancy available)

- Brianna Coyle, submitted by Mark Braiman
- Romo Hallahan, submitted by Thomas Quiter
- Jose Garcia, submitted by Thomas Quiter
- Irwin Mark Weinblatt, submitted by Ilya Schwartzburg

Judicial District 12 (2 vacancies available)

- Aaron Commey, submitted by Daniel P. Donnelly
- Enmanuel Torres, submitted by Daniel P. Donnelly

Judicial District 13 (2 vacancies available)

- Richard Bell, submitted by Mark E. Glogowski
- Susan Cummings, submitted by Ilya Schwartzburg

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Statements from Candidates Nominated to Fill Vacancies

Matthew Morgan – Judicial District 2

“My name is Matthew Morgan, I am the chair of the Brooklyn Libertarian Party. I feel compelled to join the state committee based upon my motivation to help grow the movement in the community, the state, and beyond. To grow a movement it takes people who truly care about the cause and are willing to work with others to make that happen. My responsibilities to the committee will hold a priority in my life, and I will fulfill them with integrity and to the best of my ability. I thank the committee for their consideration of my nomination.”

Millie Dordal – Judicial District 5

Greetings everyone! My name is Millie Dordal, and I have been involved with the Onondaga County local affiliate since its inception in 2015. At the inaugural convention I was voted Treasurer of the chapter, and served for a year. I was elected as State Representative the following year. After a vacancy opened, I also assumed the role of Secretary, and have occupied those roles to this day.

As a member of the Onondaga County group, I helped obtain the contracts for the New York State Fair, and also worked to register new voters, promote our party and support candidates during the yearly event. I was a member of the vetting committee for local candidates, and am currently the director the membership committee. During this time I also did fundraising and worked for the campaigns of Alex Merced, Gary Johnson, Larry Sharpe and other local representatives.

I have been a member of the Interim State Committee for the past year, even though several personal circumstances prevented me from being as involved as I intended for a few months, I have since returned to active duty, and committed to working in the County Development Committee of our newly elected State Committee, if voted in today.

My commitment and desire to grow the New York Libertarian Party has never been stronger. I would be humbled and honored if you gave me the opportunity to continue to represent our region as a member of JD5 in the State Committee. Thank you very much for your continued support and participation in this convention.

PS. Please join the newly created FB group by Lora Newell and myself: “Libertarian Women of New York”

Jared Ey – Judicial District 5

I am an Air Force veteran trying to live simple life in the 1000 Islands area. I have absolutely zero political aspirations, yet recognize that however reluctant I may be getting involved, the only hope to restore individual liberty and freedom is for each of us to get involved. If you are looking for a vocal cheerleader or for someone interested in debating nuances between different factions within the LP, I am NOT your guy. If you are looking for someone more deliberate, and interested in liberty based solutions, you should consider me.

David Fite – Judicial District 5

Hello! My name is David Fite and I am running to fill a vacancy in the 5th Judicial District. After joining the LP in Onondaga County, I worked to get a chapter in Oswego County, but work took me to NYC before I could complete my mission. In NYC I was an active member of multiple County Chapters and ran for New York City Council in 2019. Now after a year of campaigning full time for various candidates and traveling around the country, I am returning to upstate to help bring liberty to Central New York. My main two goals, regardless of the outcome of this election, are to have a County Committee in all 62 Counties and to have solid down ballot wins coming from all of them. I look forward to working with

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Libertarians across the state and country to achieve these goals. I am asking for your vote for a LPNY that engages voters, works TOGETHER, and wins!

Sean Stevens – Judicial District 5

I have been a Libertarian since 2008. I have run for office 3 times as a Libertarian only candidate. I have kept all the social media accounts, email accounts open and running for the Oswego County non-official Libertarian chapter, I was the Temporary County Chair for 2 years. I have a strong desire to help and mentor other candidates with a different but proven approach to break out of the typical Libertarian stereo type and secure votes, I received 35% of the vote last election as a straight Libertarian candidate in a republican dominate area, with an all republican council for over 10 years. I have a great understanding for my district and the needs for my area.

Anthony D’Orazio – Judicial District 7

I am currently seeking to fill the vacancy in JD7. I have been a longtime Libertarian, voting this way since 1996. I am a lifetime member of the national LP. I've also twice been a Libertarian candidate - in 2016 for Congress and in 2018 for East Rochester Town Justice. I served as vice-chair of the Monroe County Libertarian Party from 2017 until earlier this year. I served on the FLP's state committee at large from 2017 until 2019, as vice chair of the FLP in 2019, as first vice chair of the ISC from 2019 until April 15th of this year, and chair of the ISC from April 15th until the present. I led the 2019 candidate vetting process, when we had more Libertarians running than we ever had previously. I know what this job entails, because I've been doing it for years. I know that job 1 of this committee is to get out the vote to preserve our ballot access, and job 2 is to grow the party in enrollment and financially. I am committed to all these goals.

Anthony Pellegrino – Judicial District 9

Members of the State Committee and Fellow Libertarians,

In a year when a voice for limited government is needed the most, the Libertarian Party faces a disadvantage. Donald Trump has positioned himself as the small "L" libertarian in the race against Joe Biden. The coalition on the Left represents mob rule and mandates, not to mention the economic planning and military adventurism we have come to expect, while Trump flaunts the regulations he's cut, and the taxes he has lowered. While the Democrats "cancel" every-day Americans and cozy up to neocons, Trump condemns censorship and foreign intervention. And the Republican Party has followed his lead. This leaves our Party with fewer practical distinctions than in prior elections.

Monumental change has taken place in our country, but principles must remain the same. We are Libertarians because we understand the transcendence of human rights. To change our stances drastically is to forsake our principles and reject "libertarianism." Right now, there is an effort being made to change the Libertarian Party into something that is not libertarian.

I think of myself as a man who embraces change, but if we pivot on fundamental issues, we do so at our peril. If we embrace universal basic income, a system of taxation and wealth redistribution, what other coercion will we justify? If we embrace Medicare-for-all, we are rejecting the wisdom of laissez faire economics. More government solutions to government-created problems. I'm not here to convince you these are bad ideas. I am running to appeal to the libertarians that if we embrace the ideologies of the day, we will lose voters to the Republican Party and lure in activists who entertain nonvoluntary policies.

I sometimes fail to appreciate just how many small-L libertarians are in this country. We are united, occasionally, but only when we stand on principle. Our failure as a Party is not when we fail to appeal to a certain demographic or to social justice. We are here as a check against the statist duopoly every time the threat of tyranny resurfaces. We fail when we turn our backs on that mission.

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In 2018 I served on the State Committee as Finance Director and helped our Party raise over twenty thousand extra dollars in donations to secure ballot access and shortly after I crafted our very first budget as an organization. As Events Director for Larry Sharpe's campaign, I threw together countless profitable events, including comedy show fundraisers and the election night party, on top of phone banking and canvassing. Since then, I founded the George Washington Liberty Caucus and I chair several meetings each month with our members. If I am elected to represent Judicial District 9, I will bring my skills and my determination to the State Committee and we will create a more successful Libertarian Party.

Anthony Verna – Judicial District 9

I am Anthony Verna and I am running for the seat on the State Committee from Judicial District 9. As someone who has been registered as a Libertarian in both New York over the last 5 years and New Jersey over the previous 10 years, I have seen our party grow by leaps and bounds. I want to help continue that growth.

1. In order to continue growth, we must narrowly target the issues that are easily winnable and show that we can win those issues as a party. This can begin with the government overreach that the State of New York habitually exhibits and demonstrate: from confusing executive orders (whose power derives from the state Assembly forgoing its duties as a lawmaking power), to the state entering industries that are not needed, to wasting taxpayer money on pet projects that do not help the state economy. The Libertarian Party of New York can easily find wins in the state which can help to grow the party and show others that we are the beacon of liberty that we say we are.
2. I want to help elevate the discourse at the state committee level. As an attorney who litigates mostly on the federal level, I understand what it takes to find solutions and get multiple parties on the same page as it is a part of my law practice on most days. Being a part of the State Committee means understanding that everyone who comes to the party has an idea of what “liberty” truly means, where to begin with adding more liberty to our quotidian lives, and how our solutions to these problems, which the State of New York has brought upon itself, could differ. I do not want to argue or fight with others in the party – I want to discuss and come to a consensus so that we can, as a party, bring the message to the State of New York.
3. As secretary of the Westchester County party, I have helped to bring a mix of views and ideas in our meetings, with meetings being a mix of the need to govern and do party business and have guest speakers that further the cause of liberty.

Jose Garcia – Judicial District 11

I'm interested in filling the vacancy for state committee because I've got a fire burning all up in me. It's always been there and these past few years I was able to give it a name, the torch of Liberty if you will. As a lifelong New Yorker, and son to first generation Hispanics, I was a democrat by default. I first woke up to the Liberty movement through my admiration of the First Amendment and what I perceived as a lack of free speech on campuses. I'm sure we've all seen them, leftist smashed by Ben Shapiro! Jordan Peterson defends far left activists! I was finding it odd that those I would have seen as peers had a disconnect when it came to allowable opinion. Slowly the lifelong Democrat was agreeing with Conservatives, the more I pulled at the strings and went down youtube rabbit holes, podcasts I found the Liberty movement. This election cycle I took it upon myself to volunteer for the first time to get signatures for Jacob Hornberger to appear on the ballot. I had never worked on a campaign in the past because I guess being a Democrat was never a choice. Now for the first time I chose my party affiliation and I ain't ever going back. I want to be as involved as I can to help move the party forward here in Queens, in NY and further on a national level. I'd be honored to be given the opportunity to assist in any way I can. Thank you.

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Romo Hallahan – Judicial District 11

Hi. I'm Romo Hallahan and I am running to fill the JD11 State Committee vacancy. You may not know me personally, but I have been a member of the LPNY since 2009 and a consistent Libertarian voter. I am running with the goal to lessen toxicity and expand the community. Queens and the Boroughs have often been overlooked by the State party, and even Statewide candidates. On the State Committee I would vote to make sure that the rules and the platform speak to voters of the city without sacrificing foundational principles of libertarianism. There are nearly 1 million unenrolled potential Libertarian members in NYC. I want to change the longtime propaganda view that we are just "Republicans who like weed". Often called "Not the Usual libertarian" and an avowed thick libertarian I would be an asset on the State Committee to expand on how we can reach out to younger and more left leaning voters. We can do this by honesty, transparency, and going forth with empathy as an important part of party structure and outreach. Libertarianism and the Party is a big tent and I plan to make sure all 3 rings of this circus get to play.

Enmanuel Torres – Judicial District 12

I was nominated to state committee I will accept the nomination and what I wanna say is we need more urban out reach especially for Larry to win come 2022. We have to focus on the 5 boroughs HEAVY especially now that ppl are fed up with Cuomo. Nows the time to execute.

Richard Bell – Judicial District 13

Having served as judicial district 13 representative on the Interim State Committee I'm now seeking to continue serving the LPNY as judicial district 13 representative on the new State Committee. It's been an amazing experience to watch the growth in the Libertarian Party over the past few decades. Most of all, thanks to candidate Larry Sharpe, the LPNY finally won ballot access in 2018. It's never been an easy road to travel for the libertarian party in New York state and having suddenly won ballot access in 2018 we find almost just as suddenly we could lose ballot access as we approach the coming election cycles. Having gotten to know so many of the active LPNY members I'm confident we will have the representation and quality of candidates necessary to maintain LPNY ballot access.

Susan Overeem-Cummings – Judicial District 13

I, Susan Overeem-Cummings would like to represent the LPNY as a member of the state committee. I am committed to libertarianism and understand the amount of work involved in being a committeeman. Of the many things I have tried or accomplished in my life being an officer of the libertarian party has honestly been the greatest honor. I believe libertarianism and libertarian philosophy to have the ability to reduce violence and increase human stability. I believe that Libertarians committed to this philosophy should be celebrated and honored as the thought leaders they are. Choose me as your representative. I hope to earn your support long term.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew M. Kolstee
Chair, Credentials Subcommittee

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RULES OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY

As amended at a meeting of the Interim State Committee held on August 30, 2020.

Article 1. Name

The name of this party shall be the Libertarian Party.

Article 2. Symbol

The symbol for the Libertarian Party shall be:



Article 3. Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the Libertarian Party shall be the State of New York.

Article 4. Principles and Objectives

4.1. The Libertarian Party is a political party which has as its primary objective the extension of individual liberty to its furthest limits. To that end the party affirms the following principles as embodied in the party platform.

4.1.1. Each individual possesses the inalienable right to life, liberty and justly acquired property.

4.1.2. No person or institution, public or private has the right to initiate the use of force or fraud against another.

4.1.3. Individuals are entitled to choose their own lifestyles so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the lives of others.

4.1.4. The only moral purpose of government is the preservation of individual rights.

4.1.5. The voluntary exchange of goods and services is essential for a free and prosperous society of diverse beliefs.

4.2. In recognition of the fact that the initiation of force by government has been the chief instrument for the expropriation of individual rights and freedom, the Libertarian Party enters the political arena for the avowed purpose of eliminating the intervention of government in moral, social and economic affairs by functioning as a libertarian political entity separate and distinct from all other political parties or movements and moving public policy in a libertarian direction as a political party that elects Libertarians to office.

Article 5. Membership

Members in the Libertarian Party shall consist of registered voters who have enrolled in the Libertarian Party as provided by statute.

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Article 6. Interim State Committee

6.1. **INTERIM STATE COMMITTEE.** Until a State Committee is elected by the enrolled voters of the Libertarian Party in accordance with these rules, the provisions of the Election Law, and the elected State Committee members hold an organizational meeting, adopt rules, and elect officers, an Interim State Committee shall exercise all of the powers of the State Committee and Executive Committee as set forth herein and by applicable law.

6.2. **COMPOSITION.** The Interim State Committee shall consist of the 21 individuals and the Interim Chair detailed in Exhibit A, or their successor as provided for in Article 7.

6.3 CREATION AND FIRST MEETING

6.3.1. The first official meeting of the Interim State Committee shall occur occurred after February 7, 2019.

6.3.2. Notice of the first meeting shall occur no less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting. The Interim State Committee members may waive this requirement upon unanimous approval.

6.3.3. The time of the first meeting and subsequent meetings shall not conflict with any State Committee meeting of the Free Libertarian Party, Inc.

6.3.4. An Interim Chair of the Interim State Committee shall call the first meeting to order, preside over a vote for adopting the rules, and conduct the election of the Chair of the Interim State Committee.

6.3.5. Following the election of the Chair, the Interim Chair shall no longer be a member of the Interim State Committee. This shall not be considered a vacancy.

6.4 MEETINGS

6.4.1 The Interim State Committee shall meet in person or by teleconference at least monthly, with no less than two (2) meetings to be held in person each year, excepting *force majeure*. Meetings held in person must be held within the State of New York.

6.4.2. Meetings of the Interim State Committee shall be called by one of the following:

6.4.2.1. The Chair.

6.4.2.2. Majority vote of the Officers of the Interim State Committee.

6.4.2.3. A request in writing signed by one third (1/3) of the Interim State Committee members, given to the Chair or Secretary.

6.5. OFFICERS

6.5.1 There shall be a Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, elected at the first meeting.

6.5.2 In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the 1st Vice Chair selected by the Interim State Committee shall succeed as the Interim State Committee's Chair.

6.5.3 In the event of a vacancy in the office of 1st Vice Chair, the 2nd Vice Chair shall succeed as the Interim State Committee's 1st Vice Chair. A new 2nd Vice Chair shall be elected per 6.6.

6.6. **VACANCIES.** Vacancies on the Interim State Committee shall be filled by a majority vote of the Interim State Committee in a manner determined solely by the Interim State Committee.

6.7. **TERMS OF OFFICE.** The terms of all officers shall expire upon the election of their successors.

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6.8. **PROCEDURAL MATTERS.** The Interim State Committee shall be governed by the rules set forth for the governance of the State Committee and State Executive Committee in Articles 7 and 8.

6.9. **NOMINATIONS.** Nominations of all officers elected in State Conventions shall be from the floor, no nominating committee being permitted. Nomination of officers elected by the State Committee shall be from the floor in Committee meetings. Members may nominate themselves, but all nominations must be seconded.

6.10. **QUORUM.** A quorum for all Interim State Committee decisions shall consist of a majority of Interim State Committee members.

Article 7. State Committee

7.1. **AUTHORITY.** The State Committee shall be the highest governing body of the Libertarian Party in the State of New York. It shall have full authority to set policies and goals for the Libertarian Party, establish committees, raise and allocate financial resources, and hire staff.

7.2. **UNIT OF REPRESENTATION.** The unit of representation for the State Committee shall be the New York State Judicial District.

7.3. **REPRESENTATION.** Each Judicial District shall be entitled to two voting members on the State Committee, plus one additional voting member for every four-hundred active enrolled Libertarians in the district, up to a maximum of five (5) members, and one additional voting member for every four thousand votes for the most recent Libertarian Gubernatorial candidate in the district, up to a maximum of five (5) members. The maximum number of State Committee members from a Judicial District shall be twelve (12) voting members.

7.4. **ELECTIONS.** Members of the State Committee shall be elected by enrolled Libertarians at the primary elections in even numbered years. Members must reside in the Judicial District that they represent and shall be elected At-Large within that Judicial District.

7.5. ELECTION OF STATE COMMITTEE OTHER THAN PRIMARY

7.5.1. If at any time the Libertarian Party is unable to hold a primary election for the purpose of electing a new State Committee, the current State Committee shall serve until a new State Committee is duly elected in the succeeding even-numbered year. In this case, the representation and manner of election of the State Committee shall be conducted in accordance with Article 7.5.2 instead of Article 7.3 and Article 7.4. The representatives must be registered voters enrolled in the Libertarian Party residing in the county for which they represent.

7.5.2. The State Committee shall consist of two representatives from each County Affiliate elected as provided in Article 7.5.3. This appointment shall be provided in writing to the Executive Committee no later than thirty (30) days prior to the convention in order to be credentialed to vote at the convention.

7.5.3. Each county shall elect two representatives at a convention open to all enrolled Libertarians in their county.

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7.6. OFFICERS

7.6.1. **TITLES.** The State Committee shall elect a Chair, a 1st Vice Chair, a 2nd Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer at their first meeting. All officers shall be considered ex-officio members of the State Committee.

7.6.2. DUTIES.

7.6.2.1. **CHAIR.** The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the State Committee. The Chair shall perform such duties as usually pertain to the office of Chair and shall perform such other duties as are assigned to the Chair by the State Committee.

7.6.2.2. **VICE-CHAIRS.** The 1st and 2nd Vice-Chairs shall act as assistants to the Chair. The 1st Vice-Chair shall preside in the absence of the Chair and shall assume all the duties of the Chair in the event the Chair is unable to execute the duties of the Chair. The 2nd Vice-Chair shall assume such duties in the event that the 1st Vice-Chair is unable to execute such duties.

7.6.2.3. **SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall keep an accurate and complete record of the proceedings of all meetings of the State Committee and shall keep these records up-to-date and in order in the master book containing the official minutes of the LPNY. At meetings of the State Committee and the Executive Committee, the Secretary shall present the minutes of the previous respective meeting for approval. In all elections and roll call votes at the State conventions, the Secretary shall call the roll of the registered members and shall keep an accurate tally of such votes. The Secretary with unanimous consent may dispense with a roll call vote. The Secretary may appoint assistants for this purpose and, in contested elections, with the consent of a majority of the members of the State Committee present and voting shall appoint an Elections Board which shall include one representative of each contestant in question plus one additional member, so that the Board shall consist of an odd number of persons.

7.6.2.4. **TREASURER.** The Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designated agent, shall receive and give receipts for all monies paid to the LPNY and shall deposit the same in such bank or banks as shall have been designated by the State Committee. The Treasurer shall present a written report at each meeting of the State Committee or at any other time when so requested by the State Committee. The Treasurer shall, at the discretion of the State Committee, present the financial records of the LPNY for audit by such auditor(s) as the State Committee shall specify. Expenditures of funds shall be made only in accordance with regulations established by the State Committee.

7.6.3. **NONE OF THE ABOVE.** In all elections of the Libertarian Party, the choice of "None of the Above" (NOTA) is automatically recognized as included and valid. This option is to be explicitly mentioned as valid when listing the candidates for the election. If NOTA receives a majority of the votes, there will be new nominations and a new election, in which all of the candidates who were out-pollled by NOTA are ineligible. On ballots with the ability to vote for two or more candidates, where one or more candidates are supported, the designation of NOTA on the ballot will be ignored.

7.7. **VACANCIES.** If a vacancy occurs on the Executive Committee or the State Committee, the position shall be filled in accordance with this section. Vacancies occur by death, resignation, removal, relocation out of state, or change of party enrollment to a choice other than Libertarian.

7.7.1. **CHAIR.** Should a vacancy exist in the office of Chair, the 1st Vice Chair shall serve as Acting Chair until the election of a new Chair at the next meeting of the full State Committee. If the 1st Vice Chair declines to serve as Acting Chair, the 2nd Vice Chair shall serve as Acting Chair until the election of a new Chair at the next meeting of the full State Committee. If the 2nd Vice Chair declines to serve as

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Acting Chair, the State Committee shall elect a new Chair at its next meeting and the 1st Vice Chair shall serve as Acting Chair until the new Chair is elected.

7.7.2. 1ST VICE CHAIR. Should a vacancy exist in the office of 1st Vice Chair, the 2nd Vice Chair shall serve as the 1st Vice Chair for the remainder of the term.

7.7.3. OTHER OFFICERS. Should a vacancy exist in the office of 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy, subject to ratification by a vote of the State Committee. The individual selected shall serve for the remainder of the term of the office vacated. If the ratification fails, the State Committee shall fill the vacancy.

7.7.4. AT-LARGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. Should a vacancy exist in an At-Large Executive Committee Member position, the position shall be vacant until filled by a majority vote of the State Committee at their next scheduled meeting.

7.7.5. STATE COMMITTEE MEMBER. Should a vacancy exist on the State Committee, the position shall be vacant until filled by a majority vote of the State Committee. Nominations for filling any vacancy may be submitted to the Secretary at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting in which the filling of the vacancy shall be considered. Once the filling of vacancies begins, the Credentials Subcommittee shall present the nominations they received. Subsequent nominations may be made on the floor prior to the election to fill such vacancies. The Chair shall request that each nominee is qualified to fill the vacancy, and accept the nomination in order to be entered into nomination to fill the vacancy they seek.

7.8. TERM. All State Committee members shall serve until the conclusion of the Organizational 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.

7.8.1. OFFICER TERMS. Officer terms expire upon the conclusion of the Organizational Meeting.

7.9. SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION. A member or officer of the State Committee may be removed from the State Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State Committee for disloyalty to the party or corruption in office, after notice and hearing upon written charges, to be heard by the State Committee.

7.10. QUALIFICATIONS. To be eligible for election or appointment to the State Committee, each candidate must be an enrolled member of the Libertarian Party residing within the jurisdiction from which such member is elected or appointed.

7.11. MEETINGS.

7.11.1. ORGANIZATION MEETING. This section outlines the procedures for the organization meeting as required in 2-112 of Election Law.

7.11.1.1. MEETING TO BE HELD IN PERSON.

7.11.1.1.1. The first meeting of each newly elected State Committee must be held in person with a provision for limited remote participation as described in 7.11.5.2.

7.11.1.1.2. If *force majeure* prevents all members of the State Committee from attending at the time and location the meeting is called, remote participation with full parliamentary privileges is acceptable and Article 7.11.5.2 shall be ignored.

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7.11.1.2. **VOTING MEMBERS.** The State Committee elected at the preceding primary election shall be the voting members of the Organization Meeting.

7.11.1.3. **CONVENTION COMMITTEE.** The State Committee shall appoint a special Convention 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 may appoint assistants for the facilitation of their responsibilities. The Convention Committee and its subcommittees shall cease to exist upon the adjournment of the organization meeting.

7.11.1.4. **FILLING OF VACANCIES.** Any member of the newly elected State Committee may submit nominations for filling any vacancies on the State Committee. If such nominations are received by the Credentials Subcommittee at least seven (7) days in advance of the organization meeting, the Credentials Subcommittee shall distribute the names of the nominees and any statement regarding their candidacy of no more than two hundred words to all members of the newly elected State Committee at least five (5) days in advance of the organization meeting. Once the filling of vacancies begins, the Credentials Subcommittee shall present the nominations they received. Subsequent nominations may be made on the floor of the Organization Meeting, prior to the election to fill such vacancies. The Chair shall request that each nominee confirm that they are registered for the Organization Meeting, are qualified to fill the vacancy, and accept the nomination in order to be entered into nomination to fill the vacancy they seek.

7.11.1.5. **AMENDMENTS OF RULES.** Any member of the newly elected State Committee may submit amendments to the Rules of the Libertarian Party. Such amendments must be received by the Rules Subcommittee at least seven (7) days in advance of the organization meeting. The Rules Subcommittee must distribute the full text of any proposed amendment to all members of the newly elected State Committee at least five (5) days in advance of the organization meeting.

7.11.1.6. **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 and adoption of the Special Rules of Order of the Organizational Meeting.
- (e) Filling of vacancies on the State Committee.
- (f) Supplemental 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 of Platform.
- (j) Report of Resolutions Subcommittee.
- (k) Adjournment.

7.11.2. **OTHER MEETINGS.** The State Committee shall meet in person or by teleconference at least quarterly, with two (2) meetings to be held in person per year, excepting *force majeure*. In even numbered years, an early convention to nominate statewide candidates, and an in-person organizational meeting in September fulfill the in-person meeting requirement. Meetings held in person must be held within the State of New York.

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7.11.3. **CALLING OF MEETINGS.** In addition to regularly scheduled meetings, meetings of the state committee may be called by one of the following:

7.11.3.1. The Chair.

7.11.3.2. Majority vote of the Executive Committee.

7.11.3.3. A request in writing signed by one third (1/3) of the State Committee members, given to the Chair or Secretary. The request may be in email form, sent to the originator, the Chair, and the Secretary, indicating support of the call for a meeting.

7.11.4. NOTIFICATION

7.11.4.1. Seven calendar days notice shall be given. A waiver of notice whether signed before or after a meeting, or attendance without protesting a lack of notice, shall preclude any objection on this ground.

7.11.4.2. Email notice will be sufficient if sent to the email address provided to the Secretary for this purpose. If consent is given, notice by telephone only may be given in-person and cannot be given by leaving a message. Alternatively, notice given by a text message will be sufficient if acknowledged as having been received.

7.11.4.3. When notice is given, and documents need to be transmitted with the notice, such documents can be made available online, in any fashion agreed to, for those members who agreed to receive notices by email, text, or telephone.

7.11.4.4. The time and place for all meetings of the Libertarian Party of New York shall be publicized in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested parties. This notice shall be provided by the Chair or the Chair's designee.

7.11.4.5. Any place in these Rules where written notice of a meeting is required, providing notice via electronic means is sufficient to satisfy the notice requirement. If anyone would prefer to receive such notices via the U.S. mail, they must contact the Chair to request their preference be honored, and such notice may be provided as a courtesy, at the discretion of the Chair.

7.11.5. MEETINGS HELD IN-PERSON

7.11.5.1. Only the State Committee may approve meetings to be held in-person at dates, times, and locations to be determined by the State Committee.

7.11.5.2. At all meetings of the State Committee, teleconferencing is permitted; teleconferencing members shall have the same rights and privileges as those attending in-person, with the following clarifications and exceptions:

7.11.5.2.1. Teleconferencing members shall be counted towards quorum.

7.11.5.2.2. Teleconferencing members shall be allowed a vote on all main motions and amendments to main motions, as well as elections for any officer(s) whose term extends beyond the end of that particular meeting.

7.11.5.2.3. Teleconferencing members shall be allowed to speak on all main motions and amendments to main motions, with the exception that they may not make main motions unless these have been communicated to the Secretary via email at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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7.11.5.2.4. Teleconferencing members may nominate and accept nominations and speak on nominations for all non-temporary officers and At-Large Executive Committee members on whose election they are entitled to vote.

7.11.5.2.5. Teleconferencing members may interrupt to make a point of order that quorum is not present, to request a roll call vote on any main motion or any amendment thereto, but not on any other type of motion.

7.11.5.2.6. Teleconferencing members may not make any other interrupting motions or points of privilege or order; or request information, make a parliamentary inquiry, or call for the orders of the day; and may specifically not make any of the following procedural motions: to adjourn or recess; to set a time for adjournment or recess; to amend the agenda; to postpone a matter, lay it on the table or take it from the table; or amend the Rules; to suspend or amend the rules; to appeal the decision of the Chair; to divide a question; to call the question; to extend or limit debate; to reconsider a question; to rescind or amend something previously adopted. All votes on these motions must be from the floor, unless a roll-call vote is called from the floor.

7.11.5.2.7. Teleconferencing members may not nominate, speak for or against, or take part in the election of a Temporary Chair, Temporary Secretary, or any other officer whose duties extend only for the duration of a convention or other in-person meeting.

7.12. **QUORUM.** A quorum for all State Committee decisions shall consist of a majority of State Committee members.

Article 8. Executive Committee

8.1. **AUTHORITY.** The Executive Committee shall carry on the duties and exercise the powers of the State Committee when it is not in session or stands in recess. The Executive Committee shall, in any county where no County Affiliate has been organized pursuant to these rules and the Election Law, exercise and discharge within such counties all of the powers, functions, and duties of a County Affiliate as permitted by these rules or by law. Any action of the Executive Committee may be overruled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State Committee.

8.2. **MEMBERSHIP.** The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the State Committee as defined in Article 7.6 and five (5) Members-At-Large elected by the State Committee at the first meeting of each newly elected State Committee. There shall be no more than one (1) Member-At-Large from a single Judicial District. Within three days after election a certificate stating the names and post office addresses of such officers shall be filed with the New York State Board of Elections as required by law.

8.3. **PRESIDING OFFICER.** The Chair shall be the Presiding Officer for the purpose of signing and filing documents as provided by law.

8.4. **TERM.** All Executive Committee members shall be elected at the first State Committee meeting following the primary election in even numbered years and shall serve a term of two (2) years or until their successors are duly elected as provided herein or by statute. Executive Committee members who move out of their State Committee district but within the State of New York may keep their offices until the end of their term.

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8.5. **MEETINGS.** Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held in-person or by teleconference and shall be open to observation by all members of the State Committee, with the exception of Executive Session.

8.6. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

8.6.1. The Executive Committee shall conduct all votes and actions in open session. The reasons for moving to Executive Session must be stated in the minutes of the Executive Committee.

8.6.2. Executive Session may only be used for discussion of personnel matters, contractual negotiations, pending or potential litigation, or political strategy requiring confidentiality, specifically excluding discussions of qualifications of candidates.

8.7. **VOTING.** Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote. There shall be no proxy voting. Voting on any issue before the Executive Committee may be conducted through electronic means or written ballot.

8.8. **QUORUM.** Quorum at meetings of the Executive Committee shall consist of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee. A quorum for online voting or for special meetings called shall consist of two thirds (2/3) of the Executive Committee members.

Article 9. Committees

9.1. **GENERAL.** The State Committee may create standing or special committees and appoint their members and chair, as it sees fit. The chair of each committee shall serve until the end of the first Executive Committee meeting following the organization meeting, or until their resignation, removal, or reappointment as chair.

Article 10. County Affiliates

10.1. **GENERAL PROVISIONS.** No more than one (1) County Affiliate shall be recognized by and affiliated with the Libertarian Party for each county. The Affiliate will officially represent the registered voters enrolled in the Libertarian Party in the county and shall exercise all of the powers of the County Committees as set forth herein and not prohibited by applicable law. The County Affiliate shall be organized around one of two structures:

- A. County Organization, or
- B. County Committee

10.1.1. All preexisting County Affiliates shall continue to be recognized. In those counties where an insufficient number of Election District delegates were elected at primary, or where no election district delegates to the County Committee were elected at primary, the County Organization shall adopt Rules and elect officers and meet the requirements set forth in Articles 10.3.2. and 10.3.3. in these rules for the formation of a County Organization, otherwise they shall cease to exist on March 1, 2021. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall certify by a majority vote that such requirements have been met.

10.2. COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

10.2.1. In any county where an insufficient number of Election District delegates were elected to form a County Committee, a County Organization may be formed and affiliated in those counties when a

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convention is held to adopt county rules consistent with Article 10.2 and elect officers. Quorum at the convention shall be 3% of the enrolled Libertarians residing in the county or nine (9), whichever is less, but no convention shall be considered valid unless at least four (4) enrolled Libertarians residing in the county are present.

10.2.1.1. **COUNTY CONTACTS.** The State Committee may appoint a County Contact for the purpose of establishing a point person to organize a County Organization. The County Contact shall have a term of six (6) months, subject to renewal by the State Committee.

10.2.2. Upon a majority vote of the Executive Committee of the State Committee, the group that met the criteria in Article 10.3 shall become an affiliated County Organization.

10.3. **AFFILIATION CRITERIA.** To qualify to be an affiliated County Organization, a County Organization must provide documentation to the Executive Committee of the following:

10.3.1. A convention held in accordance with Article 10.2.1 at which county rules consistent with these Rules were adopted and the county officers and any Election District delegates were elected. The convention may be held in-person, by video conference, or a combination thereof.

10.3.2. An election of officers elected through single non-transferable votes and a provision in their rules to hold a convention or special meeting to elect officers no less than once every two years.

10.3.3. A provision in the county rules for membership meetings to be held no less often than once per quarter, open to all county members and announced as provided in Article 7.11 of these rules.

10.3.4. **NOTIFICATION.** Notice of the convention must be made to all enrolled Libertarians in the county by one or more of the following options.

10.3.4.1. The first notice is to be sent to the mailing address, email address, and/or telephone number on record at the County Board of Elections. The expense of mailing can be reduced by sending a notice by telephone but cannot be given by leaving a message. Any notice given by a text message should be acknowledged as having been received. The first notice must also include a clear statement of how notice of subsequent meetings will be provided.

10.3.4.2. Subsequent notification shall be sufficient if it is posted on the County Organization's Facebook page.

10.4. RULES GOVERNING COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS.

10.4.1. **MEMBERS.** Voting members of the County Organizations shall be members of the Libertarian Party as defined in Article 5, who are appointed Election District delegates under Article 10.4.5. and are present at a given meeting of the affiliated County Organization. Officers are voting members of the County Organization by virtue of their office, but no individual may cast more than one vote.

10.4.2. **OFFICERS.** Each County Organization shall elect a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

10.4.3. VACANCIES

10.4.3.1. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the Vice Chair shall succeed as the Chair of the County Organization.

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10.4.3.2. All other vacancies on the County Organization shall be filled by a majority vote of the County Organization in a manner determined solely by the County Organization.

10.4.4. **AUTHORITY.** Until a County Committee is elected in a given county by the enrolled voters of the Libertarian Party in accordance with the Election Law, a County Organization shall exercise all of the powers of a County Committee in their respective county as set forth herein and not prohibited by applicable law.

10.4.5. **ELECTION DISTRICT DELEGATES.** The County Organization shall appoint no more than two (2) enrolled members of the Libertarian Party to represent each Election District in their county. Any enrolled member of the Libertarian Party shall be appointed as an Election District delegate as long as there is a vacancy. An election shall be held if there are more candidates than Election District delegate positions. County Organizations shall determine the manner in which Election District delegates are appointed. Such appointment is not intended to be subject to Election Law 2-104.

10.5. CONSTITUTED COUNTY COMMITTEES

10.5.1. When the number of Election District delegates elected at primary is sufficient to meet Election Law requirements, and an organizational meeting is held, the County Affiliate shall be referred to as a Libertarian County Committee. No County Committee shall be recognized unless elected, organized, and constituted in accordance with the Election Law.

10.5.2. County Committee Rules. County Committees shall adopt rules that are consistent with these Rules and Election Law.

Article 11. Judicial Committee

11.1. **ORGANIZATION.** The purpose of the Judicial Committee is to adjudicate disputes within the Libertarian Party and hear appeals of disciplinary decisions.

11.1.1. **COMPOSITION.** The Judicial Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members elected by the State Committee at the first meeting of the full State Committee following the organization meeting for a term of two (2) years. Each member must receive at least two-thirds (2/3) of the vote to be elected.

11.1.2. **ELIGIBILITY.** Members of the Judicial Committee must be enrolled Libertarians who are not members of the Executive Committee.

11.1.3. **OFFICERS.** The members of the Judicial Committee present at the first meeting of the State Committee subsequent to its election shall meet to elect a Chair, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary.

11.2. MEETINGS.

11.2.1. Meetings may be called by the State Committee for the purpose of conducting a hearing as described in Article 12.

11.2.2. Meetings may also be called for the purpose of issuing an opinion on a matter in dispute, by the Executive Committee or by a petition declaring the issue in dispute signed by at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the State Committee submitted to the Secretary or Chair of the Judicial Committee; the Chair of the Judicial Committee shall set the hour and location of any such meeting, which shall be held within

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thirty (30) days and may be held by teleconference, and the Secretary shall issue to the members the call of the meeting at least five (5) days in advance.

11.3. **QUORUM.** Quorum shall consist of five (5) members.

11.4. **VOTING.** The votes of the members of the Judicial Committee shall count equally. Opinions, dissents and concurrences issued by the Judicial Committee shall be signed by the members who support them.

11.5. **VACANCIES.** Vacancies on the Judicial Committee shall be filled by the State Committee. In the event that the Chair is not present or otherwise relinquishes the chair at a meeting, the Vice-Chair of the Judicial Committee shall preside. If neither the Chair nor the Vice-Chair is available, the Secretary shall preside. If neither the Chair nor the Vice Chair nor the Secretary is available, the members present shall select a chair pro tem to preside.

11.6. **REMOVAL OF MEMBERS.** Members of the Judicial Committee may be removed as outlined in the provisions of Article 12 by the full State Committee.

Article 12. Removal of Officers and Affiliation

12.1. General.

12.1.1. Affiliation with a County Organization may be revoked in accordance with this article.

12.1.2. Any officer of a County Organization or member of the State Committee may be removed from office in accordance with this article and Article 2-116 of Election Law.

12.2. **PROCEDURE**

12.2.1. With a two-thirds (2/3) vote, the State Executive Committee may request a hearing be held by the State Committee for the purpose of removing an officer of a County Organization or an officer or member of the State Committee, or revoking the affiliation of a County Organization.

12.2.2. Upon review of the request for a hearing, a majority vote of the State Committee shall be required to approve a hearing.

12.2.3. Following a hearing as approved in Article 12.2.2, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State Committee is required to remove a State Committee officer or member, a county officer, or to revoke a county affiliation.

12.3. **CAUSE FOR REMOVAL.** In general, disloyalty to the party and corruption in office are grounds for removal of any officer of a County Affiliate. The following are some specific grounds upon which a hearing should be called, and if substantiated, are grounds for removal of the officer or officers involved:

12.3.1. The failure to adopt county rules consistent with Article 10.

12.3.2. Failure to appoint an enrolled Libertarian as an Election District Delegate who volunteered for an open position as a member of the County Organization, with the exception that an enrolled Libertarian who was previously removed from the County Organization for cause.

12.3.3. The failure to hold timely meetings open to all voters enrolled in the Libertarian Party.

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- 12.3.4. The creation, and/or submission of fraudulent documents to anyone, which misrepresents the individual's identity, party position, office, or authority.
- 12.3.5. Using the party's financial resources in support of a candidate not enrolled in the Libertarian Party and not elected at the primary.
- 12.3.6. Using party resources and/or official titles in support of a candidate not enrolled in the Libertarian Party for which a fraudulent certificate of authorization was filed.
- 12.3.7. Using party resources and/or official titles in support of a candidate not enrolled in the Libertarian Party for which an enrolled Libertarian is running for the same office.
- 12.3.8. acts of libel or slander
- 12.3.9. engaging in conduct or speech that reflects egregiously negative on the Libertarian Party.
- 12.3.10. failure to remain continuous enrollment in the Libertarian Party.
- 12.3.11. any failure to convene under Article 14 occurs.
- 12.4. The list provided in 12.3 is non-exhaustive.

Article 13. Delegates to Libertarian National Conventions

13.1. **AUTHORITY.** The selection of delegates to the Libertarian Party National Convention shall be governed by the rules of the National Libertarian Party, the rules of the Libertarian Party, and the New York State Election Law. The State Committee shall have the authority **to** decide in a timely manner a process to implement the selection of delegates to the Libertarian National Convention.

13.2. **ELIGIBILITY.** Delegates to Libertarian National Conventions must be enrolled in the Libertarian Party, a Bylaws Sustaining Member (BSM) of the National Libertarian Party, and a resident in the State of New York.

13.3. **QUALIFICATION OF AT-LARGE DELEGATES.** To be elected as an At-Large delegate to the National Convention prior to the January 1 of the year of the convention, the individual must:

- (a) be a registered voter enrolled in the Libertarian Party for previous two years, and
- (b) be a bylaws Sustaining Member of the national party for the previous two years, and
- (c) be an Officer or Member of the State Committee or an Officer or Election District delegate of a County Affiliate.

13.4. All delegates shall be free to vote their conscience.

13.5. PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING CONVENTIONS.

13.5.1. **CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DELEGATES.** At least one (1) delegate from each New York State Congressional District is to be elected at the Presidential Primary in any year when such a primary takes place. All remaining delegates are to be elected At-Large by the State Committee one month before petitions for the Presidential Primary begins. Vacancies shall be filled thereafter in accordance with these Rules.

13.5.2. **DELEGATE SLATES.** All Presidential candidates filing petitions of nomination must choose and submit a slate of delegates to the Board of Elections in a timely manner. An enrolled Libertarian may appear on the slate of delegates of more than one Presidential candidate. No person shall be listed on a slate of delegates without the person's permission.

13.5.3. Should an individual selected by the State Committee to be an At-Large delegate to the National Convention then become a New York State Congressional District Delegate elected at the Presidential

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primary, the newly elected New York State Congressional District Delegate shall cease to be an At-Large delegate and the State Committee shall elect another individual to be the At-Large delegate.

13.5.4. If the State Board of Elections has not certified the winner of a Presidential Primary and a corresponding slate of Congressional Delegates at least 30 days prior to the scheduled National Convention, the State Committee shall have the authority to select all delegates in a manner it determines is appropriate.

13.6. **NON-PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING CONVENTIONS.** The State Committee shall have the authority to select all delegates in a manner it determines is appropriate no later than three (3) months before the National Convention.

Article 14. Nominations of Enrolled Libertarians for Public Office

14.1. **PRIME DIRECTIVE.** It shall be the highest responsibility for the State Committee and all County Affiliates to notify all enrolled Libertarians about the offices up for election and to identify and cultivate enrolled Libertarian candidates.

14.2. **CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS.** Libertarian Party candidates will be limited to those people who are enrolled members of the Libertarian Party except as provided in Article 15.

14.3. STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.

14.3.1. Candidates for statewide office shall be nominated at a special open meeting of the State Committee in accordance with these Rules and Election Law.

14.3.2. When multiple candidates are vying for nomination for a single position, voting shall continue in the usual manner until one individual receives a majority of the votes cast. Subsequently, a runoff vote of that candidate versus “None of the Above” shall be held.

14.3.3. It shall take a majority of those voting to nominate.

14.3.4. Any candidate receiving more than 25% of the vote shall be encouraged to contact the Board of Elections and demand in writing to be placed on the primary ballot as per Election Law 6-104-2. Such demand shall be made not later than seven days after such meeting and may be withdrawn in the same manner within fourteen days after such meeting.

14.3.5. The Executive Committee of the State Committee shall constitute the committee to fill any vacancy in such designations that may occur after the State Committee has adjourned. Only enrolled Libertarians shall be eligible to fill such vacancies.

14.4. **NEW YORK CITY CANDIDATES.** Nominations for offices in New York City to be filled at an election for all the voters of New York City shall be made as per Election Law 6-120-3. When such designation or nomination is for an office to be filled by all the voters of the City of New York, such authorization must be by a majority vote of those present at a joint meeting of the executive committees of each of the County Affiliates of the party within the City of New York, provided a quorum is present at such meeting, unless such a convention passes by two-thirds (2/3) an enabling resolution consistent with these Rules authorizing some person or group other than such convention to make such nominations on behalf of the party.

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14.5. CANDIDATES IN UNORGANIZED COUNTIES. All nominations for public office where the geographic boundaries for such office lie wholly within a county or counties in which there is no County Affiliate, shall be made by the State Committee.

14.6. CANDIDATES IN MULTI-COUNTY DISTRICTS. The authority of the State Committee whether directly or by enabling resolution, shall not extend to selecting any candidates for public office where a portion of the geographic boundaries lie within a county where there is already a County Affiliate, with the exception that candidates for public offices which encompass the entire state or entirely in New York City shall be nominated as detailed earlier in this article.

14.7. CANDIDATES WITHIN ORGANIZED COUNTIES. Where a political district overlaps only one County Affiliate, selection of candidates shall be made by that County Affiliate.

14.8. ENROLLED LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES IN MULTI-COUNTY DISTRICTS WITH TWO OR MORE COUNTY AFFILIATES. Where the geographic boundary of a public office other than statewide or New York City-wide cross into counties where there is more than one County Affiliate in existence, then selection of an enrolled Libertarian to be a candidate for a that office shall be made by the affected County Affiliates at a joint meeting.

14.8.1. The joint meeting must occur no later than seven (7) days after petitioning begins. The Chair of any two of the County Affiliates may collectively call the meeting by giving at least a seven (7) days notice to all the other Chairs in the multi-county district.

14.8.2. Each County Affiliate shall be entitled to send a delegation to a joint meeting to select a candidate. The delegation shall consist of two delegates from each County Affiliate plus an additional delegate for every 100 enrolled Libertarians residing within that district in each county. There shall be no proxy voting. This meeting may be held remotely. Each attendee shall have one vote. If seven calendar (7) days notice is given, a quorum is whatever number of enrolled Libertarians is present when the meeting is called to order.

14.8.3. A majority vote is required at the joint meeting in order to nominate or designate a multi-county candidate enrolled in the Libertarian Party. Such a joint meeting is prohibited from nominating or designating a candidate not enrolled in the Libertarian Party; see Article 14 for procedures such candidates must follow.

14.9. SUPREME COURT NOMINATIONS. Party nominations for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court shall be made by the Judicial District Convention, as per Election Law 6-106.

14.10. JUDICIAL DISTRICT CONVENTION.

14.10.1. JUDICIAL DISTRICT DELEGATES. Each Judicial District shall be entitled to a number of Judicial District Delegates and an equal number of Judicial District alternates equivalent to the number of Judicial District State Committee members per Judicial District as stated in Article 7.3 of these Rules.

14.10.2. CRITERIA. Delegates to the Judicial District Convention and alternate members of the Judicial District Convention shall be elected by enrolled Libertarians at the primary elections in even numbered years. Members and alternates must reside in the Judicial District that they represent and shall be elected At Large within that Judicial District.

14.10.3. VOTING BODY. The duly elected Judicial District Delegates must attend the Judicial District conventions and the Judicial District alternates must be invited to attend. When a duly elected delegate is

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not present at the opening of the convention, immediately after the convening of the convention the Judicial District Delegate's position shall be assigned by the convention to one of the alternates. Alternates shall be selected in this order: The district alternate with the largest number of votes received and if equal then by lot, or if no alternate exists for the district, substitution with an alternates from another district can be made in an ordered declining sequence of the number of votes received. Once the substitution is made, the Judicial District Delegate from that district must appeal to the convention to have the alternate dismissed in order to be reinstated.

14.11. ELECTORS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. Party nominations of candidates for the office of elector of president and vice president of the United States, one for each congressional district and two at large, shall be made by the State Committee, as is required in Election Law 6-102.

14.12. CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION. The State Committee has the sole authority to issue certificates of nomination when such are allowed by Election Law. That authority may not be transferred. The State Committee shall issue certificates of nomination for all candidates selected in accordance with these Rules within 15 days of notification of the selection of the candidate. A certificate of nomination may only be issued to an enrolled member of the Libertarian Party.

14.13. SPECIAL ELECTIONS. Article 14 shall govern special elections in any political subdivision. Any vacancy in such nominations shall be filled by the making and a filing of a certificate of nomination issued by the State Committee.

14.14. CONVENTIONS. Conventions to select candidates shall be held no earlier than 21 days and no later than four (4) days before petitioning for the statewide office starts.

Article 15. Nominations of Non-Libertarians for Public Office

15.1. NON-LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES.

15.1.1. Anyone seeking to be the Libertarian Party's candidate in any subdivision in New York State who is not an enrolled member of the Libertarian Party must make a request for a Certificate of Authorization and will be subject to approval, as provided by these Rules and Election Law.

15.1.2. Candidates not enrolled in the Libertarian Party shall never be given authorization or nomination to run for a statewide office.

15.2. NON-LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES IN UNORGANIZED COUNTIES. The State Committee shall determine by majority vote whether to issue a Certificate of Authorization for any candidate in a district with no overlapping County Affiliates.

15.2.1. Non-Libertarian candidates in such districts must make the request to the Secretary of the State Committee at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the petitioning period.

15.2.2. If the State Committee is notified that an enrolled Libertarian is running for the same office within the first seven (7) days of petitioning, no Certificate of Authorization shall be given to a non-Libertarian candidate without a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State Committee.

15.2.3. An initial vote on authorizations must be held prior to the 14th day of the petitioning period.

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15.3. NON-LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES WITHIN ORGANIZED COUNTIES. Non-Libertarian Candidates for an office whose geographical boundaries are wholly in a single organized county may approve candidates per their rules with the exception as outlined in Article 15.3.1. Constituted county committees shall be exempt from Article 15.3.1.

15.3.1. If the County Affiliate is notified that an enrolled Libertarian is running for the same office within the first seven (7) days of petitioning, no approval to issue a Certificate of Authorization shall be given to a non-Libertarian candidate without a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members of the County Affiliate as defined in their rules.

15.3.2. An initial vote on approving authorizations must be held prior to the 14th day of the petitioning period.

15.3.3. If the approval is made by a recognized County Affiliate and not by a constituted County Committees, upon objection by a State Committee member who represents the Judicial District in which the county affiliate is located, the State committee may vote to override and cancel said nomination by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State committee.

15.3.4. The approval of a candidate for a Certificate of Authorization must be submitted to the State Committee prior to the 14th day of the petitioning period.

15.4. NON-LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES IN MULTI-COUNTY DISTRICTS. Each county which has a recognized County Affiliate where all or part of the county lies within the geographic boundaries of the office shall be entitled to send a delegation to a joint authorizing meeting. Majority vote of the delegation shall authorize a non-Libertarian candidate, except as provided for in 15.4.3. The delegations shall be determined as outlined in 15.4.2.

15.4.1. The joint meeting must occur no later than seven (7) days after petitioning begins. The Chair of any one of the County Affiliates may call the meeting by giving at least a seven (7) days notice to all the other Chairs in the multi-county district.

15.4.2. The delegation shall consist of two delegates from each County Affiliate plus an additional delegate for every 100 enrolled Libertarians residing within that district in each county. There shall be no proxy voting. Remote participation in this meeting shall be allowed. Each attendee shall have one vote. If a timely notice is given as outlined in Article 15.4.4, a quorum is whatever number of enrolled Libertarians is present when the meeting is called to order.

15.4.3. If any County Affiliate is notified that an enrolled Libertarian is running for the same office within the first seven (7) days of petitioning, or prior to the meeting, no approval shall be given to a non-Libertarian candidate without a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegation.

15.4.4. Notification Requirements. Any interested non-Libertarian Candidates must notify a recognized county organization or constituted county committee chair at least 7 days prior to the start of the petitioning period to be considered for authorization. Once notified of the interested candidate, the county chair must notify, within 3 days, the state committee secretary and the other county organization chairs or county committee chairs who's county is wholly or in part contained within the geographical boundaries of the office of the interested candidate.

15.4.5. If the approval is made by recognized county organizations and not solely by constituted committees, upon objection by a state committee member who represents the Judicial District in which the office is located, the state committee may vote to override and cancel said authorization by two-thirds

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vote of the state committee. Otherwise, the state committee shall issue such authorization as approved by the joint meeting.

15.5. PROHIBITION AGAINST ACCOMMODATIONS.

15.5.1. CALL FOR CANDIDATES. No action shall be taken to support a non-Libertarian candidate for a position until the enrolled Libertarians are notified of the positions up for election by the County Affiliate in a district with one County Affiliate or a major of the County Affiliates in a district with more than one County Affiliate.

15.5.1.1. Notice must be posted on the County Affiliate's website or social media pages, if such exists. If such does not exist, notification must be made by one of the following: e-mail, United States Postal Service, or public notice.

15.5.1.2. If three weeks pass from the date of notification without a response from an enrolled member of the Libertarian Party seeking the particular office, the County Affiliate may proceed with considering candidates not enrolled in the Libertarian Party.

15.5.2. No actions may be taken to withdraw any Libertarian Party candidate without due cause, or to deliberately leave a vacancy on the Libertarian line when an enrolled member of the party wishes to run for office on that line.

15.6. Multiple Certificates of Authorization may be issued by the State Committee for the same office.

Article 16. Party Funds in Primary Elections

The Libertarian Party and County Affiliates are prohibited from expending funds in support of a specific candidate in a primary election, except when the primary involves a candidate not enrolled in the Libertarian Party, in which funds may be expended for the purpose of supporting the enrolled Libertarian Party candidate.

Article 17. Platform

Considerations of any proposed platform amendment shall be as follows:

17.1. Any amendment, addition, or deletion to the platform shall be considered separately, plank by plank. Any such amendment must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State Committee members.

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

17.3. Amendments to the Platform shall be placed on the agenda of the full State Committee at least twice per year.

Article 18. Resolutions

To provide the Libertarian Party with a means of expressing its opinion on issues of public concern, resolutions may be passed by two thirds (2/3) vote of the State Committee.

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Article 19. Loans

No loans may be made by the Libertarian Party to any member of the State Committee or to any officer thereof.

Article 20. Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order (11th edition) shall govern all meetings of the State Committee and Executive Committee in so far as they are applicable and not inconsistent with these rules.

Article 21. Amendments

21.1. These rules may be amended by a majority vote of the full State Committee. An advanced notice of any proposed rules amendment, as specified by Election Law 2-114, is required.

21.2. Amendments to these Rules must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting in which the amendments shall be voted upon.

Article 22. Exclusivity

22.1. These rules shall be the exclusive rules of the State Committee of the Libertarian Party.

22.2. These rules supersede and replace any document previously filed by the Party, and shall remain in effect until such time that the State Committee of the Libertarian Party adopts new or amended Rules and files such Rules with the New York State Board of Elections. No other rules shall be effective unless approved in writing by the State Committee.

Article 23. Severability

Any provision of these rules that is adjudged to be invalid or otherwise rendered inoperative by a court or competent jurisdiction shall not affect the validity of any other provision of these rules.

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Report of the Rules Subcommittee of the Libertarian Party of New York for the Organization Meeting of September 26-27, 2020

Part I. Recommendations of the Rules Subcommittee

This is a report of the Rules Subcommittee. The following amendments to the Rules of the Libertarian Party of New York have been proposed as recommended by the members of the Rules Subcommittee, consisting of Andrew Kolstee as Chair, with Cody Anderson, Mark Braiman, Pietro Geraci, Mark Glogowski, and Christopher Olenski as members.

- Strike the entirety of Article 6 "Interim State Committee" and renumber accordingly.¹
- Strike "LPNY" and insert "Libertarian Party" in Article 6.6.2.3 and Article 6.6.2.4.
- Strike "registered" and insert "voting" in Article 6.6.2.3.
- Strike "Credentials Subcommittee" and insert "Secretary" in Article 6.7.5.
- Strike "they" in Article 6.7.5.
- Insert "Article" after "as described in" in Article 6.11.1.1.1
- Strike "If force majeure, prevents all members of the State Committee from attending at the time and location the meeting is called, remote participation with full parliamentary privileges is acceptable and Article 6.11.5.2. shall be ignored" and insert "If, as a result of force majeure, no member of the State Committee is able to attend at the time and location the meeting is called, remote participation with full parliamentary privileges shall be permitted and Article 6.11.5.2. shall be ignored." In Article 6.11.1.1.2.
- Insert a new Article 6.11.1.1.3. "If an individual member of the State Committee is unable to attend at the time and location the meeting is called due to a government mandate, remote participation with full parliamentary privileges shall be permitted and Article 7.11.5.2 shall be ignored."
- Capitalize "Organization Meeting" in Article 6.11.1.3.
- Strike "AMENDMENTS" and insert "AMENDMENT" in Article 6.11.1.5.
- Strike "Organizational" and insert "Organization" in Article 6.11.1.6.
- Strike "Discussion of Platform" and insert "Discussion and consideration of Platform amendments" in Article 6.11.1.6.(i).
- Strike "around one of two structures: A. County Organization, or B. County Committee" and insert as either a County Organization as outlined in Article 9.2. or as a Constituted County Committee as outlined in Article 9.5." in Article 9.1.
- Insert a new Article 11.4 directly after the section entitled CAUSE FOR REMOVAL: "11.4. ABANDONMENT OF POSITION. Any member of the State Committee who has previously failed to attend or participate in two (2) consecutive properly called meetings and has evinced no other intent to continue in office may be removed following a hearing by the State Committee for having abandoned the position; for this vote, the member or members in question need not be counted for quorum purposes."
- Strike "14.14. CONVENTIONS. Conventions to select candidates shall be held no earlier than 21 days and no later than four (4) days before petitioning for the statewide office starts." and insert "This meeting shall be held no earlier than 21 days and no later than four (4) days before petitioning for the statewide office starts." In Article 13.3.1.
- Strike "Any candidate receiving more than 25% of the vote shall be encouraged to contact the Board of Elections and demand in writing" and insert "The State Committee shall notify any candidate receiving more than 25% of the vote of their right" in Article 13.3.4.
- Strike "Such demand shall be made" and insert "To secure this right, the candidate must contact the Board of Elections" in Article 13.3.4.
- Insert "(7)" and "(14)" after each number is spelled out in Article 13.3.4.
- Strike "for a that" and insert "for that" in Article 13.8
- Insert "Article" after "except as provided for in" in Article 14.4.
- Insert "Article" after "shall be determined as outlined in" in Article 14.4.

¹ All proposed amendments subsequent to Article 6 are renumbered as if Article 6 was deleted; if the proposal to strike Article 6, all existing renumbering shall stay.

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Part II. Amendments Submitted by Members of the State Committee

The following additional amendments to the Rules of the Libertarian Party of New York have been submitted by Members of the State Committee.

Red = Proposed deletions | Green = Proposed insertions | Blue = Comments/Notes

Donnelly Amendment A – submitted by Daniel Donnelly

~~10.2.1.1.~~ **9.2.1.1. COUNTY CONTACTS.** The State Committee may appoint a County Contact for the purpose of establishing a point person to organize a County Organization. The County Contact shall have a term of six (6) months, subject to renewal by the State Committee. **Upon establishment of a County Organization, the duly elected Chair shall replace the County Contact as the State Committee's point person in a given county.**

Olenski Amendment A – submitted by Christopher Olenski

~~8.2.~~ **7.2. MEMBERSHIP.** The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the State Committee as defined in Article 7.6, **and** five (5) Members-At-Large, **and a Political Director** elected by the State Committee at the first meeting of each newly elected State Committee. There shall be no more than one (1) Member-At-Large from a single Judicial District. Within three days after election a certificate stating the names and post office addresses of such officers shall be filed with the New York State Board of Elections as required by law.

Arrigo Amendment A1 – submitted by Robert Arrigo

This amendment is in regard to selecting candidates in multi-county districts. The proposed amendments, in both articles proposes that instead of a joint meeting of the affected County Affiliates that each county instead votes separately on a particular candidate for a particular office based on a weighed vote.

~~14.8.~~ **13.8. ENROLLED LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES IN MULTI-COUNTY DISTRICTS WITH TWO OR MORE COUNTY AFFILIATES.** Where the geographic boundary of a public office other than statewide or New York City-wide cross into counties where there is more than one County Affiliate in existence, then selection of an enrolled Libertarian to be a candidate for ~~a~~ that office shall be made by **a majority weighted vote of** the affected County Affiliates ~~at a joint meeting.~~

~~14.8.1.~~ **13.8.1.** ~~The joint meeting must occur no later than seven (7) days after petitioning begins. The Chair of any two of the County Affiliates may collectively call the meeting by giving at least a seven (7) days notice to all the other Chairs in the multi-county district. The weighted vote shall be defined as the number of votes received by the Libertarian Party's Candidate for Governor on the Libertarian Party line, in the previous election for the office of Governor of the State of New York. Each County Affiliate will receive a weighting based on the number of votes received for the Libertarian Party Gubernatorial candidate within its portion of the political division. [Example: If the Libertarian candidate for Governor receives 100 votes within the county portion of an Assembly district, that county will vote with a weight of 100. 1,000 votes will vote with a weight of 1000 and so on.]~~

~~14.8.2.~~ **13.8.2.** ~~Each County Affiliate shall be entitled to send a delegation to a joint meeting to select a candidate. The delegation shall consist of two delegates from each County Affiliate plus an additional delegate for every 100 enrolled Libertarians residing within that district in each county. There shall be no proxy voting. This meeting may be held remotely. Each attendee shall have one vote. If seven calendar (7) days notice is given, a quorum is whatever number of enrolled Libertarians is present when the meeting is called to order. The approvals must be separately communicated by each County Affiliate to the State Committee.~~

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~~14.8.3. 13.8.3.~~ A majority vote is required at the joint meeting in order to nominate or designate a multi-county candidate enrolled in the Libertarian Party. Such a joint meeting is prohibited from nominating or designating a candidate not enrolled in the Libertarian Party; see Article 14 for procedures such candidates must follow.

~~15.4. 14.4. NON-LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES IN MULTI-COUNTY DISTRICTS.~~ Each county which has a recognized County Affiliate where all or part of the county lies within the geographic boundaries of the office shall be entitled to send a delegation to a joint authorizing meeting. Majority vote of the delegation shall authorize a non-Libertarian candidate, except as provided for in 15.4.3. The delegations shall be determined as outlined in 15.4.2. **Where the geographic boundary of a public office other than statewide or New York City-wide cross into counties where there is more than one County Affiliate in existence, then nominations selection of a non-enrolled libertarian to be a candidate for a that office shall be made by a majority weighted vote of the affected County Affiliates.**

~~15.4.1. 14.4.1.~~ The joint meeting must occur no later than seven (7) days after petitioning begins. The Chair of any one of the County Affiliates may call the meeting by giving at least a seven (7) days notice to all the other Chairs in the multi-county district. **The weighted vote shall be defined as the number of votes received by the Libertarian Party's Candidate for Governor on the Libertarian Party line, in the previous election for the office of Governor of the State of New York. Each County Affiliate will receive a weighting based on the number of votes received for the Libertarian Party Gubernatorial candidate within its portion of the political division. [Example: If the Libertarian candidate for Governor receives 100 votes within the county portion of an Assembly district, that county will vote with a weight of 100. 1,000 votes will vote with a weight of 1,000 and so on.]**

~~15.4.2.~~ The delegation shall consist of two delegates from each County Affiliate plus an additional delegate for every 100 enrolled Libertarians residing within that district in each county. There shall be no proxy voting. Remote participation in this meeting shall be allowed. Each attendee shall have one vote. If a timely notice is given as outlined in Article 15.4.4, a quorum is whatever number of enrolled Libertarians is present when the meeting is called to order.

~~15.4.3. 14.4.2.~~ ...no approval shall be given to a non-Libertarian candidate without a two-thirds (2/3) ~~vote of the delegation;~~ **majority of weighted vote for the given election district.**

14.4.3. The approvals must be separately communicated by each County Affiliate to the State Committee, along with a statement from each County Chair to the effect that they know of no enrolled Libertarian interested in and eligible for the position. Such notification must be received by the Secretary of the State Committee by the Friday prior to the vote by the State Committee on whether to issue the Certificate of Authorization.

Coburn Amendment A – submitted by Tucker Coburn

Strike “of Enrolled Libertarians” in the title of Article 13 “Nominations of Enrolled Libertarians for Public Office”

Add a new section to Article 13:

Anyone seeking to be a candidate of the Libertarian Party must be enrolled as a Libertarian or obtain proof of a pending change in enrollment to Libertarian.

Completely strike the entirety of Article 14 “Nominations of Non-Libertarians for Public Office”

Donnelly Amendment B – submitted by Daniel Donnelly

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Article 9.3.3 requires that County Organizations hold meetings at least quarterly, yet no provision is made to verify that County Organizations are holding these meetings according to protocol. Insert the following in Article 9.2.2:

~~10.2.2.~~ **9.2.2.** Upon a majority vote of the Executive Committee of the State Committee, the group that met the criteria in Article 10.3 shall become an affiliated County Organization. **Every duly chartered County Organization or County Committee every year will transmit to the State Committee documentation of all public meetings held. Such documentation will include record of what notices were dispatched to constituents, when said notices were dispatched and through which mediums, said meetings' Agendas and attendance records. Upon receipt and review of such satisfactory documentation, the State Committee will dispatch to the County Organization or County Committee in question an embossed charter, renewed for the following calendar year.**

Arrigo Amendment B – submitted by Robert Arrigo

~~15.2.2.~~ **14.2.2.** If the State Committee is notified that an enrolled Libertarian is running for the same office **thirty (30) days or more prior to the start** ~~within the first seven (7) days of the~~ petitioning **period**, no Certificate of Authorization shall be given to a non-Libertarian candidate without a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the State Committee.

~~15.3.1.~~ **14.3.1.** If the County Affiliate is notified that an enrolled Libertarian is running for the same office **thirty (30) days or more prior to the start** ~~within the first seven (7) days of the~~ petitioning **period**, no approval to issue a Certificate of Authorization shall be given to a non-Libertarian candidate without a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members of the County Affiliate as defined in their rules.

~~15.4.3.~~ **14.4.2.** If any County Affiliate **containing the political division** is notified that an enrolled Libertarian is running for the same office **thirty (30) days or more prior to the start** ~~within the first seven (7) days of the~~ petitioning **period**, ~~or prior to the meeting~~, no approval shall...

Donnelly Amendment C – submitted by Daniel Donnelly

Strike the entirety of Article 10 (Judicial Committee) as superfluous.

Arrigo Amendment C – submitted by Robert Arrigo

~~15.5. PROHIBITION AGAINST ACCOMMODATIONS.~~

~~15.5.1. CALL FOR CANDIDATES. No action shall be taken to support a non-Libertarian candidate for a position until the enrolled Libertarians are notified of the positions up for election by the County Affiliate in a district with one County Affiliate or a major of the County Affiliates in a district with more than one County Affiliate.~~

~~15.5.1.1. Notice must be posted on the County Affiliate's website or social media pages, if such exists. If such does not exist, notification must be made by one of the following: e-mail, United States Postal Service, or public notice.~~

~~15.5.1.2. If three weeks pass from the date of notification without a response from an enrolled member of the Libertarian Party seeking the particular office, the County Affiliate may proceed with considering candidates not enrolled in the Libertarian Party.~~

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~~15.5.2. No actions may be taken to withdraw any Libertarian Party candidate without due cause, or to deliberately leave a vacancy on the Libertarian line when an enrolled member of the party wishes to run for office on that line.~~

Donnelly Amendment D – submitted by Daniel Donnelly

Replace Article 14 with the following:

Article ~~15~~. 14. Nominations of Non-Libertarians for Public Office

14.1. The Libertarian Party and all its County Affiliates shall approve no candidate who is not an enrolled member in the Libertarian Party.

14.2. A new registrant in the Libertarian Party will become eligible for approval upon the first day new enrollments are disclosed to the public by the New York State Board of Elections, or the Board of Elections of the county wherein said registrant is domiciled.

Respectfully submitted,
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