

**Minutes of the 2006 Annual Convention  
of the Libertarian Party of New York  
held on April 29, 2006  
at the Best Western Albany Airport Inn,  
200 Wolf Road, Albany, New York**

The convention was called to order by Chair John Clifton at 11:40

The Chair appointed Secretary Blay Tarnoff to chair the meeting WITHOUT OBJECTION.

The acting chair appointed Bonnie Scott to take the minutes of the morning session WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Credentials Committee Chair Bonnie Scott reported the delegate count to be 42.

**Approval of the minutes of previous Annual Convention was assigned to the State Committee WITHOUT OBJECTION.**

*[Secretary's note: the following minutes are based almost exclusively on the notes taken by Bonnie Scott during the meeting.]*

Gary Donoyan moved to amend the proposed agenda to switch the order of endorsements for Governor and Lt. Governor. The motion FAILED.

Gary Treistman moved to let Vincent Divito speak. The motion PASSED.

Thomas Stevens moved to adopt the agenda. The motion PASSED.

The convention was declared in recess until 14:00.

*[Secretary's note: the following minutes are based almost exclusively on the notes taken by Joseph Dobrian during the meeting.]*

The convention was reconvened at 14:18.

The acting chair appointed Joseph Dobrian to take the minutes of the afternoon session WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Credentials Committee Chair Bonnie Scott reported the delegate count to be 43

Nominations for Attorney General:  
Tom Stevens, by Sam Sloan  
Chris Garvey, by Chris Padgett

Sam Sloan moved to suspend the rules to allow the candidates time to speak. The motion FAILED.

First ballot:  
Chris Garvey 22

Tom Stevens 19

Second ballot:

Chris Garvey

**Chris Garvey was endorsed** unanimously as the nominee for Attorney General on the second ballot.

Nominations for Comptroller:

John Cain of Rockland County, by Richard Cooper

**John Cain was endorsed** unanimously as the nominee for Comptroller on the first ballot.

Chris Garvey moved to suspend the rules and to appoint a **committee with power to endorse a candidate for Lieutenant Governor consisting of Richard Cooper, Audrey Capozzi, and Chris Garvey** in lieu of endorsing a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. The motion PASSED 28-13.

Nominations for Governor:

William Weld, by Audrey Capozzi

Donald Silberger, by Mark Axinn

Sam Sloan, by himself

First ballot:

William Weld 23

Donald Silberger 16

NOTA 2

Sam Sloan 1

Second ballot:

William Weld 24

Donald Silberger 15

NOTA 2

Third ballot:

William Weld 34

NOTA 9

**William Weld was endorsed** by two-thirds majority as the nominee for Governor on the third ballot.

Don Silberger made brief remarks of concession WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Nominations for U.S. Senate:

Jeffrey Russell, by Bill McMillen

Alden Link, by Jim Harris

Steve Greenfield, by John Clifton

First ballot:

Jeffrey Russell 22  
Steve Greenfield 15  
Alden Link 4

Second ballot:

Jeffrey Russell 27  
Steve Greenfield 15

Third ballot:

Jeffrey Russell

**Jeffrey Russell was endorsed unanimously as the nominee for Attorney General** on the third ballot.

Chris Garvey moved to pass the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York shall constitute an Endorsement committee with the power to endorse, by a three-quarters majority of those voting, candidates for elective office between Conventions and the power to appoint, by a simple majority of those voting, the Committee to Fill Vacancies which appears on nominating petitions per the Election Law.

A motion was made to amend the resolution by changing the phrase "three-quarters" to "simple". The motion to amend the resolution PASSED.

Nic Leobold moved to amend the resolution by changing the first instance of the phrase "simple" to "two-thirds". The motion to amend the resolution PASSED.

The resolution PASSED unanimously, reading in its final form:

**Be it resolved that the State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York shall constitute an Endorsement committee with the power to endorse, by a two-thirds majority of those voting, candidates for elective office between Conventions and the power to appoint, by a simple majority of those voting, the Committee to Fill Vacancies which appears on nominating petitions per the Election Law.**

The convention was declared in recess until 16:00.

The convention was reconvened at 16:15.

Nominations for Chair of the State Committee:

Joseph Dobrian, by Tom Stevens  
Richard Cooper, by Chris Garvey

First ballot:

Richard Cooper 20  
Joseph Dobrian 16  
NOTA 1

**Richard Cooper was elected Chair** on the first ballot.

Nominations for Vice Chair of the State Committee:

Gary Triestman, by Tom Stevens  
Sam Sloan, by Tom Stevens  
Gary Donoyan, by Jim Lesczynski  
Joseph Dobrian, by Mark Axinn  
M. Carling, by John Clifton  
Nic Leobold, by himself

Norma Siegel moved to suspend the rules to allow all candidates to speak. The motion PASSED.

The rules were suspended to allow nominations and elections for Treasurer and Secretary to proceed during the voting for Vice Chair WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Nominations for Treasurer of the State Committee:

Gary Popkin, by Sam Sloan

**Gary Popkin was elected Treasurer** unanimously on the first ballot.

Nominations for Secretary of the State Committee:

Blay Tarnoff, by Mark Axinn

**Blay Tarnoff was elected Secretary** on the first ballot, with one vote cast for NOTA.

Voting for Vice Chair resumed.

First ballot:

Joseph Dobrian 20  
Gary Donoyan 18  
M Carling 16  
Gary Triestman 6  
Sam Sloan 5  
Nic Leobold 3

**Joseph Dobrian was elected Vice Chair** on the first ballot.

Second ballot:

M Carling 14  
Gary Donoyan 13  
Gary Triestman 4  
Sam Sloan 3

A motion was made to suspend the rules to allow William Weld to speak for 10 minutes after the election of Vice Chair was to be complete. The motion PASSED unanimously.

A motion was made to amend the agenda to consider Bylaws amendments prior to consideration of resolutions. The motion PASSED.

Voting for Vice Chair resumed.

Third ballot:

M Carling 18  
Gary Donoyan 13  
Gary Triestman 2

**M Carling was elected Vice Chair** on the third ballot.

William Weld addressed the convention and promised a vigorous campaign.

Nominations for At-large member of the State Committee:

Gary Triestman, by Tom Stevens  
Nic Leobold, by Mark Axinn  
Gary Donoyan, by M. Carling  
Estelle Edwards, by Vicki Kirkland  
Chris Garvey, by Gary Donoyan  
Audrey Capozzi, by M. Carling  
Sam Sloan, by himself  
Don Silberger, by Gary Donoyan  
Eric Sundwall, by Gary Donoyan

First ballot:

Eric Sundwall 26  
Chris Garvey 25  
Audrey Capozzi 23  
Gary Donoyan 23  
Donald Silberger 21  
Estelle Edwards 17  
Gary Triestman 14  
Sam Sloan 8  
Nic Leobold 6  
NOTA 1

**Eric Sundwall, Chris Garvey, Audrey Capozzi, Gary Donoyan, and Donald Silberger were elected At-large member** on the first ballot.

The following Bylaws amendment was considered:

Replace Article II B. with the following:

B. Direct State Membership

1. Dues for Direct State Membership shall be set annually by majority vote of the Committee, at the NYLP Annual Convention. In the event the Committee does not set dues amounts, the dues rate will remain the same as the previous year.

There shall be 5 levels of membership, each with its own dues rate:

- a. Amicus Member
- b. Student Members
- c. Regular members

d. Lifetime Member

Member Levels Status Definitions:

A New York State Libertarian Party Member:

A legal entity that/who is associated and/or affiliated with the New York State Libertarian Party so as to publicly express its/his concurrence with libertarian principles and Libertarian political goals, and who has one of the following status':

1. An Amicus Member

- a. Shall be a resident in New York State.
- b. Shall otherwise have no performance, financial, or notice duties owed from or to the New York State Libertarian Party.

2. A Student Member

- a. Must currently attend or be actively enrolled in an education or training program
- b. Shall be a resident of New York State.
- c. Pays annual dues as set by the NYLP Committee
- d. Is entitled to all NYLP benefits, privileges, and notices.

3. Regular Member

- a. Pays annual dues as set by the NYLP Committee
- b. Is entitled to all NYLP benefits, privileges, and notices.

4. Lifetime Member

- a. Pays a single amount as set by the NYLP Committee
- b. Is not required to pay further dues, and retains all entitlements of a Regular or Lifetime Member

A one-year membership in the LPNY shall be for the remaining part of the calendar year in which dues are paid; except that dues collected subsequent to September 1 will be in effect for the remainder of that year through December 31 of the following year.

**The motion to amend the Bylaws FAILED** to achieve a two-thirds majority by a vote of 12-10.

Nic Leibold moved to pass the following resolution:

**The LPNY endorses Mark Greenstein for those who can vote in the Democrat primary for U.S. Senate on September 12.**

The resolution PASSED by a two-thirds majority.

John Clifton moved to pass the following resolution:

**The LPNY endorses State Senate Bills S5938 and S5961-A (authored by Sen John A. DeFrancisco) to end eminent domain abuse in New York State.**

The resolution PASSED by a two-thirds majority.

John Clifton moved to pass the following resolution:

**The LPNY supports retaining contiguous unity of New York, New Jersey, and New England States for purposes of regional representation to the national LP.**

The resolution PASSED by a two-thirds majority.

Mark Axinn moved to pass the following resolution:

**The LPNY recognizes and applauds the fine work by Gary Popkin on "Hardfire".**

The resolution PASSED by a two-thirds majority.

The convention was adjourned at 17:45.

Respectfully submitted, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006,  
Blay Tarnoff, Secretary, Libertarian Party of New York