

Minutes for the Regular Meeting
The Interim State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York
Held on the evening of Sunday March 10, 2019 by teleconference.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by Jim Rosenbeck, Chairman.

The Chairman determined there was a quorum to proceed.

The Secretary moved to waive the reading of previous minutes and approve as written. This was approved without objection.

Chairman Report

Over the prior few weeks Mr. Rosenbeck spoke with several attorneys about party rules. They included Mr. Axxin; Cathy Stewart, Vice-President of Independentvoting.org; and Harry Kresky. The Chairman stressed the need for hiring independent counsel from outside the party to advise us on how to move forward.

The Chairman recommended speaking with LPNY, Inc. about the mutual benefit of hiring an independent lawyer to give advice on rules. He asked about objections to him preceding to contact the LPNY and sharing information to that end.

The Chairman then answered questions from IC members.

Rules Sub Committee Report

Mr. Cole spoke to the Rule Committee's very limited charge and how any major rules revisions should wait until 2020 when new state committee is elected. However, there was an urgent need to clarify who certifies nominations.

Mr. Cole moved to insert the following wording into the party rules:

“13.1.7. CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION. The authority to issue certificates of nomination in 2019 is reserved by and for the Interim State Committee. That authority may not be transferred. The Interim State Committee shall issue certificates of nomination for all duly-nominated candidates in 2019 within 15 days of receipt of the nomination by the Interim State Committee.”

Mr. Popkin offered an amendment, seconded by Mr. Gallaudet, to strike that wording and replace it with the following:

“13.1.7. CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION.

13.1.7.1 The authority to issue certificates of nomination in 2019 is reserved by and for the Interim State Committee. That authority may not be transferred.

The Interim State Committee shall issue a certificate of nomination for each candidate it nominates.

13.1.7.2 A certificate of nomination for each candidate nominated by a convention of members pursuant to Rule 13.1.2, by an Interim County Organization pursuant to Rule 13.1.5, or by a joint meeting pursuant to Rule 13.1.6, shall be issued by the Chair and Secretary of the Interim State Committee, forthwith and without any voting by the Interim State Committee.”

The amendment was defeated by a vote of 7-9-1.

The original motion passed 11-5-1.

Mr. Cole then moved to strike “and the designation of their state committee members” from article 11.4.3. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Candidate Vetting Committee Report

Mr. D’Orazio spoke about possible candidates for special election for Ulster County Executive. Two candidates were spoken to by the committee. Mr. D’Orazio did not recommend any candidate for nomination.

Interim County Outreach Report

Mr. Potwora reported that a new person in Rockland County is working towards holding a convention. Orleans and Livingston Counties are also continuing their work. Mr. Potwora sent a message out to the chairs of chapters to determine their intentions with regards to becoming ICOs. There are several groups ready to organize, but they are waiting for a rules template.

Convention Committee Report

Mr. D’Orazio spoke about the joint convention with the corporation to be held the weekend of May 4 at the Radisson Airport in Henrietta. A roll was taken to determine how many IC members would be present for the event and an in-person IC meeting to be held that weekend.

Mr. D’Orazio raised the question of whether the in-person IC meeting should be open to observers and if so, who. This question was to be raised under Old Business during the next meeting.

County Rules Template Committee

Dr. Glogowski spoke to his rules template as used by Monroe County, which could be used for any upstate county organization and remain valid past 2020. The template is based on one used by the Bronx County Conservative Party.

New Business

Mr. McDermott spoke about party unity. He moved that all members of the State Committee of the Free Libertarian Party, Inc. be invited to attend and observe, in a non-participatory manner at the discretion of the chair, the regular meetings of the IC when those meetings are called, but executive sessions may be held including only IC members.

Seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion passed 10-7

The Chairman sent a list of rules concerns to the Rules Committee and moved that the rules subcommittee be empowered to suggest additional rules changes for sections 9, 10, and 11. There was no objection. The motion was seconded by Steve Minogue and passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Gallaudet mentioned moving IC meetings to a different day.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30