

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Richard F. Purtell, Member At-Large

**OBSERVERS**

Patricia M. Berthod, Judicial District 5  
Craig L. Colwell, Judicial District 6  
Christopher M. Olenski, Judicial District 6  
Steven G. Becker, Judicial District 7  
James M. Dayton, Judicial District 7  
Jeffrey J. Denecke, Judicial District 10  
Fredy Omar Calvache, Judicial District 12

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by William Cody Anderson, Chair. Secretary Andrew Kolstee conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **waive reading and approve the minutes of the July 18, 2021 Meeting of the State Committee, the July 19, 2021 Meeting of the Executive Committee, the July 26, 2021 Meeting of the Executive Committee, and the August 16, 2021 Meeting of the Executive Committee** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed by voice vote.

Lora Newell issued a Treasurer’s report in writing. Motion by Anthony D’Orazio to **accept the Treasurer’s Report (Exhibit 1)** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed by voice vote.

IT Committee Chair Andrew Kolstee issued a report in writing. Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **accept the IT Committee Report (Exhibit 2)** passed by voice vote.

Rules Committee Chair Paul Grindle issued a report. The committee will address a concern regarding the difference between the Judicial Committee and Judicial Conventions. Motion by Paul Grindle to **accept the Rules Committee Report** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed by voice vote.

Local Affiliate Development Committee Chair Robert Arrigo issue a report. There is a financial burden for the requirement of unorganized counties sending mailers. Andrew Kolstee's brought up an idea that he discussed with Duane Whitmer regarding incentivizing counties through matching funds from the State Committee's treasury.

Fundraising Committee Co-Chair Gabrielle Cordova issued a report. 16 people are registered for the Larry Sharpe fundraising event on September 25, 2021, including Daniel Fishman.

Empire State Freedom Summit Planning Committee Co-Chair Gabrielle Cordova issue a report. 1 person is registered for the event so far. The planning committee meets on a weekly basis. Speakers so far are Spike Cohen, Larry Sharpe, Pat Ford, and Caitlin Cloven. Paul Grindle inquired on the possibility of holding a Libertarian Left vs. Right debate. A fundraiser will be held at the Rail Line with a Roaring Twenties theme. Vendor tables and sponsorships are available along pricing. Andrew Kolstee indicated that a portal page will be created with all information on the event.

Motion by Paul Grindle to **accept the Fundraising Committee Report and the Empire State Freedom Summit Planning Committee Report** was seconded by Duane Whitmer and passed by voice vote.

Public Engagement Committee Chair Anthony D'Orazio issued a report. The 18-day State Fair booth was effectively staffed throughout the event. Press releases were paused during the fair while one press release was issued today. A spreadsheet of all press release campaigns so far was presented and reviewed. Motion by Paul Grindle to **accepted the Public Engagement Committee report** was seconded by Gabrielle Cordova and passed by voice vote.

Candidate Support Committee Chair Duane Whitmer issued a report. He has drafted a plan and will be reaching out to find committee members. Motion by Anthony D'Orazio to **accept the Candidate Support Committee report** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed by voice vote.

2022 National Convention Delegate Selection Committee Co-Chair Lora Newell issued a report. The committee has built a framework for the rubric. Motion by Paul Grindle to **accept the 2022 National Convention Delegate Selection Committee Report** was seconded by Gabrielle Cordova and passed by voice vote.

The Chair announced that Mark Braiman resigned as Chair of the Platform Committee today. Motion by Lora Newell to **appoint Karyn Keniry-Thompson as Chair of the Platform Committee** was seconded by Andrew Kolstee, debated, and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **appoint Fredy Omar Calvache as County Contact of Bronx County for a three-month term set to expire on December 13, 2021** was seconded by Paul Grindle, debated, and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Zachary Remian as County Contact of Clinton County for a three-month term set to expire on December 26, 2021** was seconded by Lora Newell passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **appoint Christian Beachler as County Contact of Greene County for a three-month term set to expire on December 13, 2021** was seconded by Anthony D’Orazio and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **accept the resignation of Kristen Edwards as County Contact of Herkimer County on August 24, 2021** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **appoint Joseph Sabin as County Contact of Herkimer County for a three-month term set to expire on December 13, 2021** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Jeffrey Sherk as County Contact of Jefferson County for a three-month term set to expire on December 25, 2021** was seconded by Paul Grindle, debated, and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **retroactively renew the appointment of William Koller as County Contact of Niagara County as of August 23, 2021, for a three-month term set to expire on November 23, 2021** was seconded by Robert Arrigo and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of William Evans as County Contact of Seneca County for a three-month term set to expire on December 25, 2021** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **retroactively renew the appointment of Angela Einwachter as County Contact of Steuben County as of August 23, 2021, for a three-month term set to expire on November 23, 2021** was seconded by Anthony D’Orazio and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Lyza Feint as County Contact of Tompkins County for a three-month term set to expire on December 25, 2021** was seconded by Lora Newell and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **renew the appointment of Adam Allen as County Contact of Wyoming County for a three-month term set to expire on December 26, 2021** was seconded by Paul Grindle and passed by voice vote.

Motion Lora Newell to **authorize an expenditure of two thousand six hundred eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$2,608.75) to pay James Ostrowski for legal expenses** was seconded by Paul Grindle and passed by voice vote.

Motion Lora Newell to **authorize an expenditure of up to one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250.00) to pay Michael Kuzma for legal expenses** was seconded by Andrew Kolstee and passed by voice vote.

Pietro Geraci requested a discussion on public relations and press releases. Anthony D’Orazio invited members to attend a meeting of the Public Relations Subcommittee of the Public Engagement Committee.

Motion by Anthony D’Orazio to **constitute a Policy Committee for the purpose of developing public policy of the Libertarian Party of New York** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and debated. Motion by Paul Grindle to **postpone the discussion on the creation of a Policy Committee until the next meeting of the Executive Committee** was seconded by Robert Arrigo and passed by voice vote.

Motion by Lora Newell to **adjourn** was seconded by Duane Whitmer and passed by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,  
Secretary

## Exhibit 1

### LPNY Treasurer's Report September 13, 2021

#### LPNY KEY BANK

Housekeeping Committee account balance as of 9.13.21: \$2,351.41

CC General account balance as of 9.13.21: \$34,333.52

Total cash on hand as of 9.13.21: \$36,684.93

#### Regular Expenses for August:

Constant Contact: \$200.07

Grasshopper: \$33.34

Pre-approved expenses for August: \$2,601.00 NYS Fair expense

Total Expenses for August: \$2,834.41

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Fundraising results for August: \$4,295.70

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Respectfully submitted,

Lora Newell

Treasurer

## Exhibit 2 (page 1 of 2)

### REPORT OF THE IT COMMITTEE OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

#### GENERAL

**MEETING.** At meeting of the IT Committee was held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

#### WEBSITE

**PAGE UPDATES.** The following pages have been updated since the last report: Affiliates (map), Allegany, Albany, Chemung, Fulton, Home, Leadership, Madison, Manhattan, Nassau, Onondaga, Orange, Queens, Rensselaer, Seneca, Staten Island, Suffolk, Ulster, Wayne, and Yates. Candidates are also continuously added as soon as I receive their full information. Regarding Leadership page, I added the list of committees and their chairs.

**E-MAILS LISTED.** Several State Committee members and County leaders still only have a personal e-mail address listed on the website, although it is recommended that we do not place personal emails on the website for security purposes. It is highly recommended that all state and county leaders get an LPNY email address.

**HIDING E-MAILS?** It is often recommended that emails be hidden. National does have a way to allow users to select where to send certain inquiries, suggestion the following. However, this runs into a situation of having so many email addresses due to all the County Affiliates, their officers, and County Contacts.

- General Inquiry (main inbox)
- Affiliates > affiliates@lpny.org
- Campaigns
- Volunteering
- Donating
- Feedback (main inbox)

A request to National will be sent out to turn our contact lists into forms, in which individuals can be contacted, instead of showing their emails, for security purposes.

**PARTY RESOURCES PORTAL.** This page is updated at least weekly on Tuesdays.

#### EMAILS

**CONSTANT CONTACT IMPORTS.** On June 15, 2021, 9,099 contacts were imported from the CiviCRM database (32 new, 9,067 updated). Additionally, 6,385 contacts were imported from the National LP Database Dump for New York (167 new, 6,218 updated). On June 28, 2021, 9,106 contacts were imported from the CiviCRM database (8 new, 9,098 updated). On July 30, 2021, 9,139 contacts were imported from the CiviCRM database (30 new, 9,109 updated). On August 16, 2021, 9,159 contacts were imported from the CiviCRM database (33 new, 9,178 updated). On August 30, 2021, 9,159 contacts were imported from the CiviCRM database (19 new, 9,159 updated). Also, 6,396 contacts were imported from the National LP Database Dump for New York (33 new, 6,363 updated).

**CIVI MAIL.** The IT Committee decided to test pilot CiviMail, which is the mass email platform recommended by National.

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### CIVICRM

**RESUBSCRIBING AFTER UNSUBSCRIBING.** National recommends using CiviMail and does not support Constant Contact. If an individual who had unsubscribed resubscribes via the LPNY website, they would not be imported into Constant Contact unless we manually reviewed all sign-ups, or the individual informed us that they unsubscribed and need to be sent an email to confirm that they want to be re-subscribed.

**DATA POLICY.** Besides National's NDA, we need our own policy for granting access to the data.

**CIVICRM TRAINING.** Besides National's training, if LPNY County Affiliates want to use the CiviCRM, we need to be able to train them.

### LPNY DISCORD

The LPNY Discord Server is up and running. As of September 8, 2021, 49 out of 66 State Committees (74.24%) are in the server. A policy document for Discord was drafted.

### LPNY E-MAILS

**GENERAL.** It is recommended that all LPNY officials use an LPNY.org e-mail address. 39 out of 66 (66%) of all State Committee members have an LPNY e-mail address. Contact me if you want/need an LPNY.org e-mail address.

**GUIDE.** A guide for setting up @lpny.org emails has been drafted but is incomplete.

**SECURITY CONCERNS.** After conducting a security analysis, there are many issues with regard to conducting LPNY State Committee business through personal email addresses.

### GRASSHOPPER

When calling the LPNY, the script is as follows: *"Thank you for calling Libertarian Party of New York. If you know your party's extension, please enter it now or press 8 for the name directory. For Fundraising, press 1. For Elections and Campaigns, press 2. For Communication and Media Relations, press 3. For Chapter Development, press 4. For all other inquiries, press 0 and the next available representative will assist you."* This should probably be updated at some point since affiliates are not called chapters anymore and perhaps individual titles should be in the recording.

### GOOGLE WORKSPACE ACCOUNT

No update.

### VOTERVOICE

No update.

Andrew Martin Kolstee  
Chair, IT Committee, Libertarian Party of New York