

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RULES COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Kolstee, Chair
Daniel Castello
Christopher Olenski
Michael Rebmann
Karyn Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Braiman
Pietro Geraci
Adam Magoon
Paul Grindle

Secretary's note: Justin Carman resigned from the committee on February 20, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair.

Motion by Michael Rebmann to **recommend Proposal A as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** failed due to lack of a second.

8.3.1. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. All members of the State Committee, whether attending in-person or remotely, shall pay a minimum registration fee of \$20. Purchasing a meeting package fulfills this requirement. No person shall be provided with the means to speak or vote in the meeting until their individual registration fee is paid.

Motion by Christopher Olenski to **recommend Proposal C as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Daniel Castello and debated.

8.5.2. **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~~ Roll call 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 Committee ~~and adoption of the Special Rules of Order of the Organization Meeting.~~
- (e) Filling of vacancies on the State Committee.
- (f) Supplemental credentials report.
- (g) Report of Rules Subcommittee Committee 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.
- ~~(j) Report of Resolutions Subcommittee.~~
- ~~(k)~~ (j) Adjournment.

Proposal C was amended as follows with struck out text as indicated in orange and inserted text as indicated in purple with objection.

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- ~~(d) Report of Rules Committee and adoption of the Special Rules of Order of the Organization Meeting.~~
- ~~(e)~~ (d) Filling of vacancies on the State Committee.
- ~~(f)~~ (e) Supplemental credentials report.
- ~~(g)~~ (f) Report of Rules Subcommittee Committee and adoption of the Rules of the Libertarian Party.
- ~~(h)~~ (g) Election of the officers and five Members-At-Large of the Executive Committee.
- ~~(i)~~ (h) Discussion and consideration of Platform amendments.
- (i) Treasurer's report
- (j) Other reports
- ~~(j) Report of Resolutions Subcommittee.~~
- ~~(k)~~ (j) (k) Adjournment.

Proposal C as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to Rules of the Libertarian Party passed without objection.

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~~(d) Report of Rules Committee and adoption of the Special Rules of Order of the Organization Meeting.~~

~~(e)~~ (d) Filling of vacancies on the State Committee.

~~(f)~~ (e) Supplemental credentials report.

~~(g)~~ (f) Report of Rules ~~Subcommittee~~ Committee and adoption of the Rules of the Libertarian Party.

~~(h)~~ (g) Election of the officers and five Members-At-Large of the Executive Committee.

~~(i)~~ (h) Discussion and consideration of Platform amendments.

(i) Treasurer's report

(j) Other reports

~~(j) Report of Resolutions Subcommittee.~~

(k) Adjournment.

Motion by Christopher Olenski to **recommend Proposal D as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Karyn Thompson and debated.

9.5. UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS. If any election is uncontested, normal voting procedures in accordance with these Rules may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote in which the vote may then be conducted by a voice vote.

Motion by Michael Rebmann to **amend Proposal D as follows with struck out text as indicated in orange and inserted text as indicated in purple** passed without objection.

9.5. UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS. If any election is uncontested, normal voting procedures in accordance with these Rules may be suspended by a ~~two-thirds (2/3)~~ majority vote in which the vote may then be conducted by a voice vote ~~between the uncontested candidate(s) and "None of the Above" (NOTA).~~

Proposal D as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to Rules of the Libertarian Party without objection.

9.5. UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS. If any election is uncontested, normal voting procedures in accordance with these Rules may be suspended by a majority vote in which the vote may then be conducted by a voice vote between the uncontested candidate(s) and "None of the Above" (NOTA).

Proposal RCMA-15 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 20.6 on minor amendments without objection.

~~6.7.~~ **6.8. TERM.** State Committee members shall serve until the conclusion of the Organization Meeting following the 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.

~~6.7.1.~~ **6.8.1. OFFICER TERMS.** Officer terms expire upon the conclusion of the next Organization Meeting held following the Organization Meeting in which they were elected.

~~6.8.~~ **6.9. QUALIFICATIONS.** To be eligible for election or appointment to the State Committee, each candidate must be a LPNY Member residing within the jurisdiction from which such member is elected or appointed.

~~6.9.~~ **6.10. LNC REGIONAL AGREEMENTS.** The State Committee must approve by a simple majority vote any and all LNC Regional Agreements that pertain to LPNY affiliate membership within a given LNC Region and the terms and conditions for the LNC Regional Representative and Alternate who will serve the region in which the LPNY is a member.

~~6.10.~~ **6.11. RECALLING A LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR ALTERNATE.** The Chair of the LPNY may only vote to recall a LNC Regional Representative and/or Alternate at the direction of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the State Committee.

Proposal RCMA-16 as follows adopted as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party in accordance with Article 20.6 on minor amendments without objection.

8.7. NOTIFICATION

8.7.1. **GENERAL.** For meetings of the full State Committee, a notice of seven (7) calendar days shall be given. For meetings of the Executive Committee, a notice of five (5) calendar days 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.

8.7.2. **EMAIL.** Email notice will be sufficient if sent to the email address provided to the Secretary for this purpose. Notice by telephone or text message may be given upon request.

8.7.3. **DOCUMENTS.** 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.

8.7.4. **PUBLICATION OF NOTICE.** The time and place for all meetings of the LPNY shall be publicized in such a manner as to assure timely notice to all interested parties. This notice shall be provided by the Chair or the Chair's designee.

8.7.5. **NOTICE BY ELECTRONIC MEANS.** 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 U.S. Postal Service, 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.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Karyn Thompson to **adjourn** was seconded by Michael Rebmann and passed without objection.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:01 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,
Chair