

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RULES COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2022 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Grindle, Chair
Andrew Kolstee, Secretary
Mark Braiman
Pietro Geraci
Mark Glogowski
Brandon Lyon
Christopher Olenski

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Cody Anderson
Lora Newell
Gary Popkin

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Paul Grindle, Chair. It was determined that quorum was present.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adopt the following agenda** was seconded by Mark Braiman passed without objection.

7:30 p.m. Call to order

7:40 p.m.

Consideration of Amendment Proposals in the following order:

**AR1/AR2, AF, AN, AJ3, AT, S, AD, AO, AH, AI, AE, N, O, AL, AL, L, M, B1/B2,
C, AP, H, K, AG, R, Y, AA, A, D, E, I, P, T, U, W, X, Z, AB, AS**

9:00 p.m. Adjournment

Motion by Pietro Geraci to have a five-minute discussion on the differences between Proposal AR1 and proposal AR2 was seconded by Andrew Kolstee and passed without objection. The discussion was held at 7:43 p.m. Pietro Geraci preferred Proposal AR2 over Proposal AR1. The chair requested if there were objections to surrendering the remainder of the time to discuss Proposal AR1 and AR2. There was an objection from Christopher Olenski.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **recommend Proposal AR2 as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Pietro Geraci, debated.

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

5.2. Failure by NYSBOE to Record Membership. If the New York State Board of Elections fails to properly record the enrollment of voters who indicated affiliation with the Libertarian Party, this section shall apply for membership. In such case, members of the Libertarian Party of New York shall be determined in accordance with this section.

5.2.1. Confirmation. The State Committee shall confirm by majority vote that the New York State Board of Elections has failed to properly record enrollment of voters who indicated affiliation with the Libertarian Party.

5.2.2. First Year. After confirmation by the State Committee, members of the Libertarian Party shall consist of (a) voters as listed by the New York State Board of Elections, the New York City Board of Elections, and/or individual County Board of Elections within the previous year, and (b) voters as registered as a member of the Libertarian Party of New York through a membership form provided by the Libertarian Party of New York in which case such voter is not enrolled with the Board of Elections in another political party other than the Libertarian Party.

5.2.3. After the First Year. After one (1) year since the State Committee's determination, membership in the Libertarian Party shall only consist of voters who have registered as member of the Libertarian Party of New York through a membership form provided by the Libertarian Party of New York in which case such voter is not enrolled with the Board of Elections in another political party other than the Libertarian Party.

5.2.4. Voting Eligibility. A member of the Libertarian Party of New York shall be entitled to vote in Libertarian Party business pertaining to the voting rights of enrolled voters if that member has provided an email address to the Libertarian Party of New York.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **amend Proposal AR2 as follows** was seconded by Mark Braiman, debated, and passed by voice vote.

5.2.4. Voting Eligibility. A member of the Libertarian Party shall be a voting member ~~entitled to vote in Libertarian Party business pertaining to the voting rights of enrolled voters~~ only if that member has provided an email address to the Libertarian Party of New York.

5.2.5. Availability of Information. The membership list including name, date of birth, county, and zip code for each member shall be available upon request to other members. Individual members may choose upon registration to indicate that any other information

be omitted from any distribution to other members. Other information not requested for omission shall be included with the requested member list upon request.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **postpone the consideration of Proposal AR2 until the next meeting of the Rules Committee upon survey of the State Committee** was seconded by Mark Braiman and passed 4—2—1, with Mark Braiman, Paul Grindle, Mark Glogowski, Andrew Kolstee in favor, Pietro Geraci and Brandon Lyon against, and Christopher Olenski abstaining.

Motion by Pietro to **extend the time of adjournment to 9:30 p.m.** was seconded by Andrew Kolstee and passed 3—2—1.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **recommend Proposal AF as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Pietro Geraci, debated, and passed by voice vote.

~~8.2.4. 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.~~

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **recommend Proposal AN as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Pietro Geraci, debated, and passed by voice vote.

21.3. **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT.** Amendments to these Rules shall take effect immediately upon adjournment of the meeting in which they were adopted unless otherwise required by Election Law.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **amend Proposal AN as follows** was seconded by Mark Braiman and passed by voice vote.

22.2. These rules supersede and replace any document previously **adopted** ~~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.

The original motion to **recommend Proposal AN as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was debated and passed by voice vote as amended.

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Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **recommend Proposal AJ3 as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Mark Braiman and debated.

~~11.2.3. COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED BEFORE NOVEMBER 7, 2021.~~ All County Organizations affiliated prior to November 7, 2021 shall continue to be affiliated until October 6, 2022, provided that no revocation of such affiliation is authorized by the State Committee in accordance with Article 12. All such County Organizations shall adopt or amend Rules that meet the requirements set forth in Article 11.3 if such requirements are insufficient. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall certify by a majority vote that such requirements have been met, otherwise they shall have their affiliation automatically revoked on October 6, 2022.

~~11.2.4. CERTIFICATION.~~ The Executive Committee shall meet to vote on certification of a given County Affiliate in accordance with Article 11.2.3.

~~11.2.4.1.~~ County Affiliates which submit the necessary documents to the Secretary before the deadline shall remain affiliated pending certification by the Executive Committee.

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~~11.2.4.2.~~ County Affiliates which submit the necessary documents within ten (10) days of the deadline and are denied certification by the Executive Committee shall remain affiliated for sixty (60) days after the deadline, after which they shall no longer be affiliated, unless the deficiencies preventing certification are rectified and documentation exhibiting this rectification is submitted to the Executive Committee to review.

11.2.3. **CERTIFICATION.** All County Affiliates shall be recertified as a County Affiliate to ensure they continue to meet the requirements of these Rules. All County Affiliates shall provide the latest copy of the County Rules and minutes of the meetings of the County Affiliates held over the preceding year, including minutes of any convention or election to fill vacancies. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall certify by a majority vote that such requirements have been met by March 31 in each odd-numbered year. County Affiliates that fail to meet such requirements shall have their affiliation revoked in accordance with Article 12.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **amend Proposal AJ3 to strike “minutes of the meetings of the County Affiliates held over the preceding year, including”** was seconded by Pietro Geraci and passed by voice vote.

The original motion to **recommend Proposal AJ3 as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** passed 3—2 with Chair voting in favor to break the tiebreaker.

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odd-numbered year. County Affiliates that fail to meet such requirements shall have their affiliation revoked in accordance with Article 12.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **recommend Proposal AT as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Mark Braiman, debated, and passed by voice vote.

11.1.1. **COUNTY CONTACTS.** In any county where no County Affiliate exists, the State Committee may appoint ~~an~~ **one or more** enrolled members of the Libertarian Party to serve as ~~the~~ **County Contacts** for the purpose of organizing a County Organization. ~~The~~ **County Contacts** shall have a term of three (3) months, subject to renewal or removal by the State Committee. **The State Committee shall also designate by appointment the Lead County Contact, who is responsible for organizing meetings.** Upon establishment of a County Organization, the duly elected Chair shall replace the County Contact as the State Committee's primary contact for a given county.

Motion by Andrew Kolstee to **adjourn** was withdrawn.

Motion by Pietro Geraci to **schedule the next meeting was set for Tuesday, August 30, 2022 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** was seconded by Andrew Kolstee and passed 4—0—1, with Pietro Geraci, Mark Glogowski, Andrew Kolstee, and Christopher Olenski voting in favor and Mark Braiman abstaining.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:33 p.m. without objection.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,
Secretary