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### Chair's Message

Can you feel the change in the air? The subtle electricity coursing through our world? I hope you can, because it is very, very real.

As a party, we have succeeded in our state beyond what other parties have attempted to do. Now, after we have laid the foundations by establishing our regions and bringing together our counties, we must turn toward the second and most challenging and frightening phase of our growth: Professionalizing.

Let me be clear: we are and always should be a party driven and working for the members of the party. Our success is entirely due to the sacrifice of so many who have come before, and only through the ardent work of volunteers to come will we advance into the future.

If we are honest and true in our desire to supplant one or both of the current zombie parties despoiling our state, then we must recognize that there will never be enough time or enough people to operate a party which can achieve that with volunteers alone. We must establish volunteer staff, we must establish paid staff, we must establish long-term fruitful relationships with political professionals who can work day in and day out for the party, because it's their job to do so.

In short, our next phase entails the grueling, difficult and painful work which it will take to move us from where we are: a Party able to field a handful of candidates each year; to where we are destined to be: a Party able to consistently and successfully able to challenge and WIN a MAJORITY of races in this state including Drumthwacket and the federal offices.

What does this next step look like for us? Join us at the General meeting and find out.

In Liberty,

Dan Krause, State Chair ♦

### Gubernatorial Campaign in Home Stretch

*by Gregg Mele, NJLP Gubernatorial Candidate*

The campaign is moving along at a brisk pace, and we are set up for a finish with a flurry. We hope you have followed our website ([meleforgovernor.com](http://meleforgovernor.com)) and social media accounts (FB, Twitter, Instagram) to keep aware of the latest developments. We will be using the remaining time for the campaign to continue to push our message, your message, as much as possible. Our intention is to carry our momentum through to next year, as the fight for freedom and liberty never ends.

Eve and I have managed to accomplish two 21-county tours, additional outreach across the state at various community events, a number of video and audio interviews with local media, many speaking opportunities with various organizations, and speaking opportunities at multiple school board meetings, as we approach 100 campaign stops for the year. We will continue to work hard in the upcoming final push up to Election Day.

We continue to push the message that either of the duopoly candidates would result in the perpetuation of the same mess if elected, and that we cannot survive another four years of policies that have wrecked our state for decades. The message is resonating. Activity has been enthusiastic on our social media, and even many outside of the Party are spreading the word.

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I have joined, or will be joining, both of my opponents at a few different events, a breakthrough of sorts for our Party here in our state. Our fundraising continues, as we continue to get support from National to help in this effort. We are pushing for another round of fundraising now for as much radio advertising and billboards as we can manage. Please give whatever you can for this effort, so we can finish strong with some concrete promotional advertising. You can also check our website to find out what reward items you will receive for various levels of donating. Please also spread the word to others as much as possible.

We are also planning Election Night viewing and will send out details soon. This campaign and election are expected to be a cause for celebration, and I hope you will celebrate with us. Whatever the final results, this is only the beginning. We have years of work ahead to produce the change we all desperately need, and I am excited to be a part of it with all of you. ♦

## **NJLP Resolution on Vaccine Mandates**

*by Several Authors*

For immediate release

August 7, 2021

NEW JERSEY – AUGUST 23, 2021: Whereas, it is the principled belief of the New Jersey Libertarian Party and many others that individual rights must not be denied, abridged, or enhanced by Government at the expense of other people's rights, on any basis, including – but not limited to – sex, gender identity, wealth, race, color, creed, age, national origin, political preference, biological factors, or sexual orientation and,

Whereas, freedom and responsibility cannot be separated, and exclusion of moral approval or disapproval is deliberate: peoples' rights must be recognized; the wisdom of any course of peaceful action is a matter for the acting individual to decide,

Whereas, only the individual can make medical decisions for themselves, their children and/or dependents and,

Whereas, it is the sole discretion of a property or business owner to set regulations on their land independent of Government coercion and,

Whereas, as the actions of the state at large, more specifically the State of New Jersey, have shown its

interests lay in the authoritative control over the personal health decisions of free people and,

Whereas, free people have been prohibited from exercising these freedoms, namely those of association and speech and,

Whereas, the state at large and the State of New Jersey, have instituted unconstitutional restrictions on these freedoms by way of legislative actions, executive orders, and most egregiously by directives created by non-elected bodies who lack any authority to do so and,

Whereas, many states, in enforcement of such actions, have also violated the peoples' right to due process, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the New Jersey Libertarian Party demands that no state observe, enact, or enforce any policy, rule or regulation that limits an individual's right to the use of private property, restricts assemblies by the number of attendees, requires proof of vaccination for access to any aspect of society, requires mandatory vaccination of any individual or group, or infringes in any way upon an individual's, or group's, free movement, assembly, and/or trade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the New Jersey Libertarian Party demands all prior enforcement actions contradictory to the first resolution be vacated and any criminal records or penalties that resulted in the enforcement of those prior enforcement actions be expunged. ♦

## **Bylaws Committee Report and Recommendations**

*by Bylaws Committee*

The 2021 Bylaws Committee has continued to meet. During our last meeting we approved the following. Attending was Dan Krause, Ken Kaplan, Mark Kapengut, and Gregg Mele.

Update Paragraph 11. c as follows. Underlined text indicates an assertion:

c. Selection of Officers of Regional Organizations

At a designated time during each State Convention, if a majority of the regional membership in attendance feel there is sufficient opportunity to deliberate effectively, each Region shall caucus and elect a chair, a Secretary, and a State Board Representative, together with any other officers it may choose, from its membership, for terms to expire at the next State Convention. A person may be

selected to hold more than one office and need not be present at the State Convention in order to be elected, provided his or her consent is obtained. If a majority of the regional membership in attendance feel there is insufficient opportunity to deliberate effectively during the caucus, due to time constraints or any other reason outside of its control, they may vote to suspend the caucus meeting, and resume it at a designated later date, which shall be no later than the last day of the month following the month in which the convention is held.

By the close of the caucuses and resumption of regular State Convention business, the newly elected, or continuing, as the case may be, Regional Secretaries shall file with the NJLP Secretary the names and positions of those elected, or of the continuing officers, as the case may be. Any Regional Organization not making such a filing shall be deemed to have chosen to become inactive.

At a designated time, the NJLP Secretary shall report to the State Convention each Regional Organization which made a filing, the offices established, and the officers selected. After the report, the NJLP chair shall ask the assembly for any objections to approval of the Regional Organization as reported. In the absence of an objection, the Regional Organization reported shall be approved as an active Regional Organization. If there is objection, the regions not objected to shall be approved as active, and the approval of the remaining Regional Organizations shall be debated and brought to a vote. If continuing, the scheduled date for the postponed elections shall also be designated, and, upon those elections, the newly elected Regional Secretary shall file with the NJLP Secretary the names and positions of those elected. Upon receiving the filing, the NJLP Secretary shall ask membership for any objections to approvals of the Regional Organization as reported. Any member can raise an objection with the next General Meeting, which shall be debated and brought to a vote at the State Board or next General Meeting, whichever occurs first.

At every General Meeting that is not a State Convention, there shall be a time designated for inactive Regional Organization to caucus and elect officers, if not already completed in a separately called meeting. The caucusing, reporting, and approval procedures shall be done in the same manner as at a State Convention. The terms of any

regional officers elected shall expire at the next State Convention.

**Rationale:** In the aftermath of the recent Convention there was a lot of debate as to whether a Region was empowered to delay the selection of its officers while simultaneously remaining active. Some argued that when central decided to postpone its elections to a later date that the Region was rendered inactive and therefore prevented from engaging in any of the duties allocated to our Party's many Regions. Others (including the majority of the Bylaws Committee when we were asked to weigh in on the matter) said that the ability to delay an election was implied by the "in the absence of any objection" clause.

The Bylaw Committee is keenly aware that the decision to delay was brought about due to prolonged debating on the Convention floor, along with speaker deadlines that prevented extending the time. Further, while it has yet to happen, we can imagine a scenario where a particularly heated election might necessitate several rounds of voting, debate, etc., which would undoubtedly necessitate an especially long election period. So, while the intended purpose of the initial language was meant to ensure that each Regional election would be well attended and observed, it is also the opinion of the majority of the Bylaws Committee that any Bylaws rule that can potentially jeopardize the continued operation of the NJLP needs to be addressed.

We came to a compromise that seemed appropriate. We recommend the Bylaws be changed to allow for Regions to delay their elections, should they feel there isn't enough time to make their selections, while also preventing any Region from delaying their elections indefinitely. Specifically, we added a time limit with the statement "which shall be no later than the last day of the month following the month in which the convention was held." This line helps to ensure that any choice to delay is not one made lightly, while also helping to prevent the initial Bylaws demand that elections occur at the Convention is not rendered meaningless. The other changes found within the suggested amendment all are designed to account for the new procedures associated with delaying the vote. These include the assigning of a future date and the continued need to file the names of the newly elected officers with the Party Secretary.

The Committee voted for this recommendation 4-1.

## Member Submitted Bylaws Recommendation

by Jay Edgar

In the recent past the State Board has been performing online votes for various motions. Most often the amount of time for debating the motion was initially set to be too short and the amount of time to vote was set extremely short.

There are multiple problems with online voting. There is no way to tell how engaged all members of the body are. Did all members receive their email? Were they able to set aside time from their lives to consider the matter? Robert's Rules requires that voting is limited to members who are present in a meeting during the time a vote is taken. How do we judge that our members are present?

Robert's Rules (RONR) prohibits the conduct of business by e-meeting unless authorized in the bylaw. It defines a deliberative assembly as one where: "The group meets in a single room or area or under equivalent conditions of opportunity for simultaneous aural communication among all participants." Any email votes and discussions are not considered being accomplished by a deliberative assembly. (p. 90, 9-34/35)

There are major advantages to getting business done electronically. Email deliberations allow time for research and thought. They allow a body to act quickly when needed. They allow for the presentation of reports that require analysis and thought. They allow for disposing of routine tasks (approval of minutes, setting dates, generation of an agenda, etc.) so we don't have to waste our time during our regular deliberative meetings. However, email voting of important tasks like allocating our treasury, nominations, filling vacancies, adopting rules should be avoided in a non-deliberative assembly.

I propose that we modify our business rules to accomplish three goals:

1. Allow for and provide guidelines for the board to deliberate via email.
2. Allow for teleconference/video conference meetings for more than just the Platform and Bylaws Committee
3. Allow for electronic meeting notice for General Meetings

### Proposal 1 (Email deliberation and Voting)

Add new Business Rule 6c.9 providing the rules for the State Board to vote and deliberate via email:

6c.9. Board business may be held via email provided the following is observed:

- a. If the business can be handled during a regular deliberative meeting it should not be considered via email. An exception can be made for any motion where all members of the body agree that it can be handled online.
- b. Motion is made via email with the full text of the motion present in the email and a reply has been made to second the motion.
- c. A minimum of two business days are provided for discussion.
- d. After the minimum time for discussion a motion must be made to close discussion and to proceed to a vote.
- e. A minimum of one business day is provided for voting, unless all members either vote or express their desire to not vote.
- f. Anyone not voting will be counted as having voted in the negative.
- g. The motion, second, and all votes shall be recorded by the secretary in the next regular business meeting minutes.

**Rationale:** Robert's Rules specifically states that voting via email is not allowed unless our Bylaws provides for it. Timeline for discussion was chosen to provide ample opportunity for discussion. Having discussion be closed via an affirmative vote ensures that members are participating in the proceedings. A full business day for voting allows for members to have different working and sleeping schedules.

### Proposal 2 (Electronic Notice)

Amend Bylaws Paragraph 6a2 as follows. Stricken text is deleted, underlined text is added text:

At least two (2) weeks written notice shall be given for a General Meeting. For our annual Convention the notice must be written. For non-Convention General Meetings, notice may be written or via email. Members are responsible for ensuring that the Party has the correct email address on file. When providing notice via email the announcement for the meeting must be sent twice. The first, at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting, and then again at least

five (5) days before the meeting. Notice shall include time and location of the meeting. General Meetings may be called as often as the notice requirements are met.

**Rationale:** Electronic communication has become the normal means of communication. While not as reliable as regular mail, it is both more convenient and much less expensive.

Proposal 3 (Allow for Teleconference or video conference)

Delete from both paragraphs 6d and 6e the following text (two locations):

Meetings may be held by teleconference or videoconference, and the Committee shall have the

power to adopt Special Rules of Order and Standing Rules to facilitate the conduct of business by teleconference or videoconference.

Add to Bylaws a new paragraph 6g.:

Any meeting may be held via teleconference or video conference if the meeting is held in accordance with the Bylaws, Business rules of the Party, and meeting decorum as specified in Robert's Rules of Order.

**Rationale:** Currently our business rules only allow for the Bylaws Committee and the Platform Committee to meet via “teleconference or videoconference”. We should modify our bylaws to allow other bodies to meet this way.

## **NJLP Regular Business Meeting Announcement**

**Saturday, November 6, 2021 7:30 PM**

**Online via Zoom**

Our Fall 2021 General Meeting will be held online using Zoom. To learn how to join follow the below QR code or direct your browser to <https://njlp.org/fallmeeting>. An agenda and full directions on how to join the meeting will be posted at that link. The meeting link will be opened 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting to test your connectivity and have any questions answered.



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