



**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
**Holiday Inn, New Hartford, NY**  
**June 8-10, 2018**

**First Business Session – June 8, 2018; 7:00pm**

President Debra Carlin welcomed everyone to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and announced our Timekeeper will be Kathleen Capra, Pages Frida Hooyberg and Patti Pollock, Parliamentarian – Margherita Clemento and Credentials Chair– Neale Steiniger

President-Elect Robin Bridson led the assembly in the Collect and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for all those NYS Women, Inc. members who had passed away during the past year.

**First Registration Report**

Credentials Chair Neale Steiniger read the report as of 7 PM indicating 39 members from 13 chapters were registered. President Carlin declared a quorum. President Carlin called the meeting to order and reminded the assembly that anyone wishing to vote in the election on Saturday must be credentialed by the Registration Committee by the start of the Second Business Session.

**Presentation of the Conference Book with Official Schedule and Agenda:**

The Chair recognized Neale Steiniger and Robin Bridson for presenting the Conference Book.

**Motion BD 17/18-32    Made by Mary Stelley and seconded that the conference Book, containing the Official Schedule and Agenda for this weekend's Conference, be accepted, with the President empowered to make changes in the Agenda and Schedule as may be required to expedite the business of the Conference. The motion carried.**

President thanked Robin Bridson and Neale Steiniger for putting the book together.

**Rules of the Conference**

The Chair recognized Parliamentarian Margherita Clemento for the reading of the rules. Abiding by the wishes of the assembly, the rules as presented in the conference Book were not read aloud and were adopted.

## **Welcome and Introductions**

President Carlin introduced the Executive Committee. Treasurer Mary Stelley introduced the Past State Presidents present. President-Elect Robin Bridson introduced the 2017-18 Region Directors and Assistant Region Directors. Vice President Jacqueline Shellman introduced the Standing Chairs and Vice Chairs. Acting Secretary Janet Carey introduced the Special Committees and Sub Chairs.

## **Introduction of First Timers**

President Carlin introduced the first timers.

## **Actions of the Executive Committee**

Acting secretary Janet Carey reported the actions of the Executive committee. The Chair reminded the Assembly that all items of new business must be submitted to the Secretary on a Motion form by the start of the second business session in order to be considered.

## **Ratification of Region Elections**

President-Elect Robin Bridson reported on the Region Director and Assistant Region Director elections. President Carlin ratified their elections and congratulated them.

## **Report of Nominating Committee**

Margherita Clemento, Nominating Committee Chair, presented her committee's slate of officers:

For the office of Treasurer, Mary Stelley was nominated.

For the office of Recording Secretary, there was a vacancy and nominations were taken from the floor. Sue Mager and Janet Carey were nominated from the floor and Margherita Clemento verified she had received their necessary paperwork.

For the office of Vice President, Jacqueline Shellman was nominated.

For the office of President-Elect, Robin Bridson was nominated.

For the office of President, Debra Carlin was nominated.

President Carlin called the nominees to the dais.

## **Candidates Speeches and Forum**

Nominating Committee Chair Margherita Clemento presented the candidates forum and all candidates answered questions. President Carlin thanked Margherita and her Nominating Committee.

The session recessed at 7:45pm.

## **Second Business Session June 9, 2018**

The Chair reminded members that the deadline for the submission of new business was before the meeting and that if anyone was expecting a check from Treasurer, Mary Stelley, to check in with her.

### **Call to Order**

The second Business session was called to order by President Carlin at 10:10 AM on June 9, 2018.

### **Registration Report**

The Chair called Registration Chair, Neale Steiniger for the second report. Neale reported 43 members are present from 13 chapters. The chair declared a quorum present.

### **Personal and Professional Development Competitions**

Personal and Professional Development Chair Mary Ellen Morgan and Robin Allen presented Patti Pollock for the PPD Career Recognition.

### **Addendum to Reports of the state Officers**

#### **Secretary's Report**

None at this time

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Mary Stelley reviewed the Financials and there was discussion after regarding the possibility of payment of dues online for just the state dues and whether the local chapter treasurers should collect local and regional dues.

#### **Vice president's Report**

Jacquie Shellman discussed the group POWHERNY.org.

#### **President-Elect's Report**

Robin Bridson invited chapters and regions to contact the EC for representation at their local meetings.

#### **President's Report**

Debra Carlin thanked the Meetings Committee for their work in planning the conference. The committee worked hard to make this a valuable experience for all members attending. She encouraged everyone to feel free to question and/or voice any concerns to be able to improve the conferences.

## **Reports of the Board of Directors**

### **Communications**

Neale Steiniger

### **Finance**

Ruthann Rocque reviewed the budget preparation.

### **PPD**

### **Legislative Report**

Joann Olbrich reported on the status of the Equal Rights Amendment. Illinois became the 37<sup>th</sup> state to ratify the amendment on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Women's Day at the Fair**

Pat Ferguson gave an update on schedule, payment – registration forms are online and due by August 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **NIKE**

Ramona Gallagher – has extra NIKE commemorative magazines for each chapter for PR – pick them up from her if you have not already

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

Since the session ended 30 minutes early, voting took place as members exited the room. Neale reported that all candidates had declined a poll watcher. There was a 15 minute voting session. All candidates running were on the ballot. There were 44 eligible voters registered. Helen Rico and Marilyn Mannino collected votes as members exited.

The second business session recessed at 11:30am.

## **Third Business Session June 9, 2018**

President Carlin called the Third Business Session of the New York State Women, Inc to order at 3 PM.

Neale Steiniger gave the elections report.

Of 44 eligible voters the results were:

Treasurer -	Mary Stelley	43 votes
Secretary -	Sue Mager	16 votes
	Janet Carey	27 votes
Vice President -	Jacqueline Shellman	44 votes
President-Elect -	Robin Bridson	44 votes
President -	Debra Carlin	44 votes

The newly elected officers were called to the dais and. Neale Steiniger congratulated them for their roles on the Executive Committee. Neale explained that they provide oversight and connectivity with all Board and Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs, and facilitate communication of all activities to all the members of New York State Women, Inc.

President Carlin declared the officers have been duly elected.

### **Personal and Professional Development Competition Results**

PPD Chair Mary Ellen Morgan recognized Patti Pollock for her courage. She was presented a first place check of \$500. Patti thanked everyone.

The Third Business Session was recessed at 3:45pm.

### **Fourth Business Session, Sunday, June 10, 2018 following the Memorial Service**

Many thanks to Carolyn and Theresa Fazzolari for the beautiful Memorial Service.

President Carlin called the fourth business session to order at 10:00am

### **Unfinished Business**

None at this time

### **New Business**

Acting Secretary Janet Carey read the motions in the order they were received.

**Motion 17/18-33**      **made by Ruthann Rocque that the conference body accept the 2018/2019 proposed budget as presented in the Conference program book. Motion carried.**

**Motion 17/18-34**      **made by Marilyn Mannino that the Advocacy Statement and Legislative Platform be approved. Motion carried.**

### **Election of the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee**

Two members are appointed by the President –

Appointed – Ramona Gallagher (8) and Sheralyn Fox (7)

Elected:

Shirley Felder	Region 3
Theresa Fazzolari	Region 2
Bernie Sunderland	Region 5

Elect as Alternates – Robin Allen (6) and Shirley Golden (6)

Nominating Committee will meet after this business session to elect a chair and vice chair – names to be given to the secretary.

### **October Board Meeting Presentation**

Linda Winston, Chair of the Meetings Committee presented the information. The meeting will take place late Sept-early October. Two sites are being considered - Holiday Inn Utica and Holiday Inn Binghamton. If you have a preference, put it on your conference evaluation. Any other suggestions will be considered if they are presented soon.

President Carlin thanked the Committee for all of its work.

With no further business, President Carlin adjourned the conference at 10:30am.