



**13th Annual Conference, Via Zoom - Minutes  
Saturday, June 11, 2022**

President Jacquie Shellman called the meeting to order at 10:27 a.m.

President-Elect Janet Carey led us in the reading of The Collect, and Vice President Ala Ladd led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Shellman announced Adriene Emmo as Time Keeper, Margherita Clemento as Parliamentarian and Neale Steiniger as Credentials Chair.

President Shellman asked for a moment of silence for those members who passed away since the last annual conference. Their names were shared on a slide presentation, and written tributes from friends and colleagues were published in the conference book, which is available online. Special thanks to Carolyn and Theresa Fazzolari for preparing the memorial service booklet.

**Registration Report:** Patti Pollock, Chair, reported on June 11, 2022, at 10:26 a.m., the registration count was 35 members representing 14 chapters. A quorum was declared.

President Shellman called upon Parliamentarian Margherita Clemento to read the standing rules for the conference. Margherita Clemento reported the standing rules were published in the annual conference book and on the website under events. Reading of the standing rules was waived.

President Shellman welcomed all and introduced the officers as well as Mary Stelley. Vice President Ala Ladd welcomed the Past State Presidents who were present. President-Elect Janet Carey recognized the 2021-22 Region and Assistant Region Directors. President Shellman welcomed and introduced two First Timers at conference, Hope Blecher and Amy Colon.

**Actions of the Executive Committee:** Denise Murphy, Interim Secretary, reported all EC minutes, up to and including April 2022, were available online.

**Ratification of Region Elections:** President Shellman requested President-Elect Janet Carey read her roster of 2022-23 Region and Assistant Region Directors who had been elected to date: They were Margherita Clemento and Elaine Croteau respectively in Region 2, and Linda Przepasniak and Sue Mager respectively in Region 8. All were ratified and welcomed by President Shellman, who added that the RDs and ARDs yet to be elected in Regions 3,5, 6 and 7 will be ratified at the Fall Board meeting.

**Report of Nominating Committee; Slate of Officers:** Carena Collura, Chair, read the committee's nominees: Treasurer Patti Pollock; Recording Secretary Denise Murphy; and

President-Elect Robin Bridson. There was no candidate for Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor, and President Shellman declared the nominations closed. The Candidate Forum was held.

### **Addendum to Officer Reports**

There were no additions to the Interim Secretary Denise Murphy's report.

Treasurer Patti Pollock asked those sending her payment to make the checks out to New York State Women Inc. instead of her personally. Sue Mager asked about the shortfall in the Nike budget and reminded attendees contributions for the 2022-23 All-Star listings go toward publication expenses.

There were no additions to reports from Vice President Ala Ladd or President-Elect Janet Carey.

President Jacquie Shellman: "At this point, I would like to publicly thank my EC, Board of Directors, Region 7 and so many others who have supported and mentored me these past two years.

Becoming president for two years during a pandemic was not on my life's bucket list. And, of course, having a stroke was not on Mary Stelley's bucket list; nor was becoming Interim State Secretary on Denise Murphy's bucket list. But we stood strong through it all.

My success would not be possible without my mentors: Elsie Dedrick, Mary Ellen Morgan, Mary Stelley and, last but not least, Robin Bridson. Today, I dedicate this 2022 Annual Conference to my mentors. They epitomize women helping women. May you be so lucky to have at least one of these mentors in your life. Thank you all.

**Addendum to Board of Directors Reports:** Immediate Past State President Robin Bridson reminded the Conference Body chapter presidents and region directors should update leadership rosters on the state website after their elections.

Advocacy: Susan Bellor, Chair, made the following motion:

**"I move that: the New York Women Inc. Conference Body approve the proposed Advocacy Statement as amended at Winter Board and stated on the website."**

President Shellman asked the Conference Body for a verbal vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Susan Bellor, Chair, then made the following motion:

**"I move that: the New York Women Inc. Conference Body approve the proposed Legislative Platform as approved at Winter Board and stated on the website."**

President Shellman again asked the Conference Body for a verbal vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Bylaws: Sue Mager, Chair. No additions.

Communications: Linda Przepasniak, Chair. No additions.

Finance: Ruthann Rocque, Chair, made the following motion:

**“I move that: the New York Women Inc. Conference Body approve the 2022-23 budget as presented at the Winter Board meeting.”**

President Shellman asked the Conference Body for a verbal vote on the motion, which was passed unanimously.

**Membership:** Renee Cerullo, Chair, reported 360 current members and 58 lapsed members. Two chapters - Lakeshore and Town and Country - had dissolved since the last conference, and one - Southern Finger Lakes - merged with Yates County. She reminded Conference Body checks should be sent to the Hamburg address on the renewal site to streamline the payment process and avoid lost checks.

Personal and Professional Development: Robin Allen, Chair. No additions.

**Region Directors:** There were no additions to the region reports.

**Addendum to Special Committee Reports:**

Women’s Day at the Fair: Pat Ferguson, Chair, reported this year’s events at the State Fair in Syracuse are on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

**Credentials and Virtual Voting Procedures:** President Shellman shared the rules for voting, explaining online voting would be accepted and polls would be open until 6 p.m. after which a vote tally would be taken and winners announced in a special edition of the Communicator.

President Shellman called for a 10-minute break at 11:16 a.m. to allow attendees to cast their ballots, and the meeting was called back in to order at 11:27 a.m.

**Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.

**New Business:**

**2021-22 Award Winners:**

Local Chapter Women In Business Month Award, presented by Treasurer Patti Pollock: Yates County Women.

Local Chapter Special Events Award, presented by President-Elect Janet Carey: Yates County Women with an Honorable Mention to Tri-County Women.

President’s Award, \$200 cash donation presented by President Jacquie Shellman: Yates County Women with an Honorable Mention to St. Lawrence chapter.

**2022-23 Nominating Committee Appointments and Elections**

Committee Appointees: Carena Collura, Region III; Adriene Emmo, Region VII.

Elected members: Neale Steiniger, Region II; Helen Rico, Region V; Debbie Finnegan, Region VIII.

Alternates: Robin Allen, Region VI; Jacquie Shellman, Region VII.

**President-Elect Janet Carey announced her 2022-23 board assignments:**

**Standing Committees:**

Advocacy: Sue Bellor, Chair

Legislation and Resolutions subcommittee: Mary Ellen Morgan, Chair

Status of Women subcommittee, Elaine Croteau, Chair

Bylaws: Neale Steiniger, Chair; Jacquie Shellman, Vice Chair.

Communications: Robin Bridson, Interim Chair

Nike subcommittee: Joyce Delong, Katharine Smith; Business Manager, Sue Mager.

Marketing subcommittee: Robin Bridson

Finance: Ruthann Rocque, Chair; Connie Smith, Vice Chair.

Membership: Renee Cerullo, Chair; Robin Bridson, Vice Chair.

Professional and Personal Development: Hope Blecher, Chair.

Athena Military Women initiative subcommittee: Sue Mager, Chair.

Career Recognition subcommittee, Patti Pollock, Chair.

New Careerist subcommittee, Deborah Francis, Chair.

Political Development subcommittee: Mary Ellen Morgan, Chair.

Youth Leadership subcommittee: Adriene Emmo, Chair.

Program Award Coordinators: Jacquie Shellman and Linda Winston.

President-Elect Janet Carey announced the Meetings Committee will host a Zoom Meet and Greet with all Executive Committee members and committee appointees on July 19.

She also set the following meeting dates: Fall Board, Oct. 15, 2022; Spring Board, March 11, 2023; and the Annual Conference, June 9-11, 2023.

**Special Committees:**

Annual Conference Registration: Patti Pollock, Chair.

Leadership Directory: Robin Bridson, Chair.

Manual of Instruction Revision: Neale Steiniger and Jacquie Shellman

Database Manager: Renee Cerullo and Kathy Cerullo.

Credentials: Neale Steiniger and Ruthann Roque.

Past State President Liaison: Helen Rico.

Elections: Neale Steiniger, Chair; Ruthann Rocque, Vice Chair.

Women's Day at the Fair: Pat Ferguson, Chair.

Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund appointees: Sue Bellor; Robin Bridson and a third TBD.

**Adjournment:** President Shellman adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Prepared by

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Interim Secretary

Reviewed by  
President Jacquie Shellman (2021-22)  
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