



Fall Board Meeting  
Owego Treadway  
October 5, 2014

President Ostiguy welcomed all and thanked the Meetings Committee, Region VI and the Susquehanna Chapter for putting this meeting together.

President Ostiguy recognized Parliamentarian Susan Fayle and Credentials Chair Neale Steiniger.

Robin Bridson presented the Program book to President Ostiguy.

President Colleen Ostiguy called the meeting to order at 9:06am and declared a quorum with nineteen (19) board members present.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting agenda appeared on page 6 of the Program Book.

**MOTION 14-55 Made by Renee Cerullo, seconded by Linda Przespasniak, that the agenda be approved, with changes, and with the understanding that the president is empowered to make further changes if needed. The motion carried.**

Board Meeting rules, on page 8 of the Program Book, were accepted.

Secretary Carlin read the actions of the Executive Committee since the board meeting of June 1, 2014.

**MOTION 14-56 made by Secretary Carlin, seconded by Theresa Fazzolari, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2014 Post Conference Board meeting as written. The motion carried.**

Treasurer Mary Stelley presented the financial reports as of September 30, 2014 and the report will be filed for audit.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Linda Przespasniak gave an addendum to her report urging members to work to grow our chapters and to use the Manual of Instruction Toolkit tools and Facebook to promote the organization.

President Elect Renee Cerullo gave an addendum to her report and stated that she is working on her leadership team, members were urged to utilize the Manual of Instruction Toolkit and marketing materials are being developed.

President Elect Renee Cerullo assumed the chair for the purpose of the President's report.

President Ostiguy reported that the incorporation of chapters is going forward and chapter presidents will be contacted. The EC will continue to work to provide good programming and to increase membership.

President Ostiguy recognized Timekeepers Ramona Gallagher and Fran Vaughan; Pages Allyson Freyre and Kathleen Pernice.

**MOTION 14-57 made by Neale Steiniger, Bylaws Chair, that Bylaws Article V: Membership be approved to move to the Annual Conference – to be amended to include in Section 1 (C) Member at Large: individuals who 1) are a member of the State Organization or 2) are a member of the State Organization and a Region. The motion carried.**

**MOTION 14-58 made by Neale Steiniger, Bylaws Chair, that Bylaws Article VI: Local Chapter be approved to move to the Annual Conference – to be amended to add in Section 1 (c) it is, or is in the process of, becoming incorporated in the State of New York as a non-profit corporation; and in Section 2 (b) All members of the local chapter must also be members of the state and region levels. The motion carried.**

**MOTION 14-59 made by Neale Steiniger, Bylaws Chair, that Bylaws Article IX: Officers, XI: Elections, XII: Eligibility, XIII: Duties of Officers be approved to move to the Annual Conference – to be ammended as follows:**

**Article IX: Officers – Section 1: the officers of NYS Women, Inc. shall be a president, a president-elect, a vice president, a recording secretary and a treasurer;**

**Article XI: Elections – Section 4: A president-elect, a vice president, a recording secretary and a treasurer shall be elected;**

**Article XII: Eligibility – Section 1: To be eligible for office, a candidate for the office of president, president-elect, vice president, recording secretary, treasurer...; Section 2: An interval of one year shall lapse before a member is again eligible for reelection to the office of president, president-elect or vice president; Section 3: term of office a) the president, president-elect, vice president shall be eligible to serve.....;**

**Article XIII: Duties of Officers – Section 4: the vice president shall serve...; The motion carried.**

Finance Chair Diane Dinsmore reported, that with her committee, is working with the Membership Committee to allow money for membership expenses and adjustments will be made in the new budget to allow for those expenses.

Membership Chair Helen Rico gave a report with 524 current members, 97 lapsed members and 51 new members.

PPD Chair, Gale Cohen thanked those that attended the PPD workshop and urged members to use the program to recruit members. The revised manual is on the website.

Advocacy Chair, Joanne Olbrich has reached out to the League of Women Voters for a possible joint Lobby Day and handed out information for accessing legislative proposals. There is information on the website on how to contact legislators.

**MOTION 14-60 made by Neale Steiniger, MOI Chair, seconded by Allyson Freyre, that the following MOI sections be approved: MOI 2.04 Career Recognition Chair, MOI 2.13 Membership Chair, MOI 2.15 New Careerist Chair, MOI 3.06 Local Chapter. The motion carried.**

Special Committee Chair, Pat Fergerson reported that women's Day at the Fair next year is Spetember 2<sup>nd</sup> and thanked those who attended this year.

The next board meeting, to include Youth Leadership, will be April 11, 2015 at the Griffiss Institute in Rome. The 2015 Annual Conference will be May 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>, in Buffalo.

Linda Winston, in a moment of Personal Privilege, asked those assembled to let the president know what their wishes are for programming.

President Ostiguy thanked Faith Sigler for securing speakers.

NIKE Editor, Katherine Smith urged those assembled to provide articles for the NIKE publication.

President Ostiguy also urged members to submit articles to the communicator.

Helen Rico stated the the Rome group supports National Business Women's Week by placing an article in the Albany Update, which gave NYSWI their byline.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 10:09am.