

New York State Women's Inc.
Fall 2022 Board meeting
Oct. 15, 2022

Minutes

Welcome: President Janet Carey

The president welcomed everyone and announced Greater Binghamton Chapter President Patricia Walsh as timekeeper, Margherita Clemento as parliamentarian and Neale Steiniger as credentials chair.

Quorum Declaration/Voting Strength: Secretary Denise Murphy

There were 14 board members present. President Carey declared a quorum, called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. and announced that only board members are eligible to vote. Alexandria Fiorenza, Region II ARD, and Sue Mager, Region VIII ARD, moved up to represent their respective regions.

The president then ratified the region directors' appointments, congratulating Karen Pantel, Region III; Helen Rico, Region V; Heather Soden, Region VI; Mary Ellen Morgan, Region VII.

Moment of silence: President Carey requested a moment in memory of members who had died since the last board meeting.

Collect/Pledge of Allegiance: President-Elect Robin Bridson led attendees in the Collect and Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Remarks - Welcome First Timers: President Carey recognized Alexandria Fiorenza (Staten Island); Heidi Dowling (Staten Island); and Jaime Schmeiser (Professional Women of Sullivan County); and Patty Walsh (Greater Binghamton).

Registration Report: Registration Chair Patti Pollock gave the registration report as of 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 15, 2022, stating 23 members were present.

Parliamentarian Margherita Clemento was asked if board members had standing rules. She reported the standing rules and all pertinent information about the Board meeting are available the state website. There were no objections raised to dispense with the reading of the standing rules, therefore the standing rules were adopted.

President Carey presented the meeting agenda with two changes: the word 'tentative' was dropped, and – under new business – she will be presenting the 2023 Local Chapter Award application. Both changes were made, and President-Elect Robin Bridson made a motion to adopt the amended agenda, Treasurer Patti Pollock seconded it, and the motion was adopted.

Secretary's report: Denise Murphy

There were no additions to the report.

Treasurer Patti Pollock delivered her report, and there were no changes. She announced she will not seek another term as state treasurer and asked attendees to help find possible candidates. Her report will be filed for audit.

President-Elect Bridson's report is online, and no changes were made.

President Carey stated her report is also online, but there are no changes.

Immediate Past President Jacquie Shellman stated her report is online but she had addendum that she is now the liaison for the 36 members-at-large and plans to host a zoom meeting with them..

Standing Committee Reports:

Advocacy Chair Sue Bellor: No additions to report.

Bylaws Chair Amy Colon: No additions to report.

Communications Chair Robin Bridson: The committee is seeking a new Communicator publisher. Chapters can now request the new marketing materials through her.

Finance Chair Ruthann Rocque: She has an assistant now, and they will be working with Patti Pollock on the financials.

Membership Chair Robin Bridson: There are 345 active members with Staten Island recently adding 12 people and Greater Binghamton adding eight.

Personal and Professional Development Chair Hope Blecher: No additions to report, but she will be working on a newsletter column to promote PPD.

Regional Director Reports:

Region II: No updates.

Region III: RD Pantel said elections were held, and all region positions are filled.

Region V: No updates.

Region VI: No updates.

Region VII: No update.

Region VIII: No updates.

New Business: President Janet Carey

Member awards: Three awards will be presented this year: Local Chapter Women In Business Month award; Local Chapter Special Events Award; and Local Chapter President's Award. Deadline for award submissions in May 1, 2023. President Carey and President-Elect Bridson met on Sept. 29 with chapter presidents on zoom to increase local engagement, and a second session is Oct. 27.

The Spring board meeting will be held on zoom March 11, 2023.

The annual conference is June 9-11, 2023, and may be held in person.

Adjournment

President Carey adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Announcements:

Career Development Opportunities, Robin Bridson: CDO is creating its own website.

GLEF President Neale Steiniger, chair of Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund: She thanked everyone for their continued support.

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