



Spring Board Meeting Minutes – Zoom – March 20, 2021

President Jacqueline Shellman welcomed everyone to the 2021 Virtual Spring Board Zoom meeting and announced instructions and procedures for the meeting. President Shellman announced Past State President Debra Carlin as timekeeper, Margherita Clemento as parliamentarian and Neale Steiniger as credentials chair. Secretary Mary Stelley stated there were 18 board members present.

President Shellman declared a quorum, called the meeting to order at 10:03am and announced only board members are eligible to vote. President Shellman advised Kathleen Haddad was moved up as Region VI Director and Ramona Gallagher moved up as Region VIII Director. President Shellman asked for a moment of silence for all those who passed away since the 2020 October board meeting and for Past State President Audrey MacDougall who passed away in January, as well as family members.

President Shellman called on President-Elect Shirley Felder to lead the group in the Collect and Pledge of Allegiance. President Shellman recognized the first timers attending the Zoom meeting (Heather Sodon and Denise Murphy).

Registration Chair Patti Pollock gave the registration report as of 10:09am today and reported there were 33 members in attendance on the Zoom meeting representing 16 chapters.

President Shellman asked Parliamentarian Clemento if the Board members had the standing rules. Clemento stated they were emailed to registrants and online on the website. Hearing no objections, the Standing Rules were adopted.

Motion SB 2021-05 Janet Carey, 2nd Shirley Felder to adopt the agenda with the understanding the President is empowered to make further changes if needed – approved.

President Shellman stated the minutes of the October 3, 2020 board meeting were sent to board members.

As there were no changes to the October 3, 2020 board meeting minutes they were adopted as presented.

Secretary Stelley advised there were no changes to her written report.

Treasurer Patti Pollock presented the treasurer's report as of 2/28/2021. She advised a \$100 donation had been received for NIKE from Suzanne Burst in memory of Past State President Dorothy Mangano. Pollock read the note which accompanied the check. The report was filed for audit.

Vice President Janet Carey, President-Elect Shirley Felder, and President Shellman each stated they did not have addendums to their written reports.

President Shellman thanked Bridson for her support and assistance, as well as Renee Cerullo for her technical support of the website and posting the materials for this meeting.

Reports of Board of Directors

Robin Bridson, Immediate Past President, reminded everyone she is a resource for Zoom meetings, as well as assistance with the website.

Standing Committees

Advocacy – Sue Bellor stated at a future meeting need to have discussion on women in the workplace.

Bylaws – nothing to add to her report.



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Communications – Chair Linda Przepasniak – no addendum to her report but encouraged members to read the Communicator and review her written report.

Finance – Ruthann Rocque presented the 2021-2022 budget which was printed in the program book and proceeded to review the proposed budget.

Motion SB 2021-06 Rocque moved to send the proposed 2021-2022 budget as presented to the membership at the June 2021 conference meeting – carried.

Membership – Renee Cerullo – Membership certificates are only printed if requested. Active members 356 and she is starting to email the May dues notices.

Personal/Professional Development – Robin Allen – should be able to find candidates using the political section of the Strategic Plan.

REGION DIRECTORS – No addendums to their written reports

Region II – Elaine Croteau

Region III – Karin Patel

Region V – Helen Rico

Region VI – Kathleen Haddad

Region VII – Mary Ellen Morgan – Yates County Women recognized women in business in their chapter and gave them certificates and held a small bridal shower for one of their members.

Region VIII – Ramona Gallagher

Special Committees:

Nike Business – Sue Mager – advised she received a \$100 check from David Raycroft in memory of Past State President Audrey MacDougall, encouraged chapters to make donations to NIKE or income will fall short.

Women’s Day at the Fair – Pat Ferguson – no addendum

Status of Women – Elaine Croteau – advised regarding extension deadline for vote on ERA amendment to the constitution. Info will be sent as to who to contact in the Senate.

Strategic Plan – Patti Pollock – read motion for the Strategic Plan. Pollock thanked Past State President Carlin for appointing the committee. It was stated it was a good plan and a comment was made suggesting diversity be a standing committee. NOTE: For all comments from members please refer to the Zoom audio recording of the Spring Board meeting on the NYSWI website.

Motion SB 2021-07 Finance Chair Rocque recommended the proposed 2021-2024 Strategic Plan be presented to the membership at the June 2021 conference (per Parliamentarian Clemento).

Manual of Instructions – Neale Steiniger – read the proposed changes to the Manual of Instructions.

Motion SB 2021-08 Elaine Croteau moved that proposed amendments to MOI Sections 1.03 President, 1.07 Secretary and 1.09 Immediate Past State President to change the approval process of Annual Conference minutes – approved.

Motion SB 2021-09 Elaine Croteau moved that proposed amendments to MOI Section 1.10 Parliamentarian, to correct the process of voting by the Parliamentarian and to change the approval process of annual Conference minutes – approved.



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Nominating Report – Sue Mager

Read the slate of officers as written in her report. Bios and photos will be sent to Joyce and Katharine for the NIKE.

CDO – Linda Przepasniak – advised regarding two upcoming Zoom meetings and info about fundraising events after this meeting adjourned.

NY Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund, Inc. – Elsie Dedrick – nothing to add but will present info about fundraising after this meeting adjourned.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business. Sue Mager inquired about the EC actions. Secretary Stelley stated they were listed in her written report.

New Business

There were no new items of business presented.

Announcements – Save the Date

1. June 11-13, 2021 – Annual conference, Waterloo, NY – President Shellman spoke briefly about the conference meeting and advised cannot be any vendors due to COVID.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors the 2021 Spring Board meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

Prepared by:

Mary Stelley

Recording Secretary

Date Approved: June 11, 2021

Reviewed by:

Jacque Shellman, 2020-2021 President

Margherita Clemento, 2020-2021 Parliamentarian