



7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
Embassy Suites, Saratoga Springs  
June 3-5, 2016

**First Business Session-June 3, 2016**

President Cerullo called the meeting to order at 8:00pm.

President-Elect Fazzolari lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a Moment of Silence for those who passed away during the past year.

President Cerullo recognized Timekeepers: Fran Ferrari and Robin Allen; Page: Hilary Egburtson; Parliamentarian: Sue Mager and Credentials Chair: Robin Bridson.

**Motion 16-18 by Mary Stelley, seconded by Theresa Fazzolari, 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 Business Agenda and Schedule as may be required to expedite the business of the Conference. The motion carried.**

President Cerullo thanked Robin Bridson for her work in preparing the Conference Book and Board Books during the past year.

The Chair recognized Parliamentarian Sue Mager for the reading of the rules. Some rules were read for the benefit of new members and abiding by the wishes of the assembly the rules, in their entirety, were not read aloud .

Registration Chair Kathy Cerullo gave the Registration Report as of 5:00pm June 3, 2016 which indicated 41 members registered from 15 Chapters. There are currently 27 Local Chapters of which 9 are needed for a quorum. This report will be included with the official attachments to the minutes of this conference.

President Cerullo declared a quorum.

President Cerullo introduced the Dias.

Treasurer Stelley introduced the Past State Presidents in attendance.

President-Elect Fazzolari introduced the 2015-2016 Region Directors and Assistant Directors.

Vice President Przepasniak introduced the 2015-2016 Standing Chairs and Vice Chairs.

Secretary Carlin introduced the 2015-2016 Special Committee Chairs and Sub Chairs.

President Cerullo welcomed everyone to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference of NYS Women, Inc. and urged all to work together and move the organization forward.

Secretary Carlin read the actions of the Executive Committee for the past year.

President-Elect Fazzolari introduced the newly elected Region Directors and Assistant Region Directors and invited them to all step up in front of the dais.

President Cerullo ratified the election of the 2016-2017 Region Directors and Assistant Region Directors.

Treasurer Stelley presented the Treasurers Report as of April 30, 2015 which will be filed for audit.

Nominating Committee Chair Amy Kellogg introduced the Nominating Committee members. Nominations were presented and there was one nomination from the floor. The following members were nominated as candidates for the 2016-2017 New York State Women Inc. Executive Committee:

For the Office of Treasurer – Mary Stelley  
For the Office of Recording Secretary – Susan Mager (from the floor)  
For the Office of Vice President – Robin Bridson  
For the Office of President-Elect – Debra Carlin

President Cerullo reminded the assembly that by virtue of the election held at the 2015 Conference their incoming **President** will be **Theresa Fazzolari**.

At this time the Chair sits with the assembly for the purpose of the candidates forum.

President-Elect Fazzolari gave her report of her goals for the coming and following years.

Vice President Przepasniak thanked the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and members for giving her the opportunity to serve the last two years.

President Elect Fazzolari assumed the chair for the purpose of the Presidents report.

President Cerullo reported that the marketing plan has been developed and the committee will be active during the summer. Eleven chapters have been incorporated since January and more are in process. A business manual for the organization will be forthcoming. Seasoned members were challenged to mentor newer members.

The President resumed the chair at this time.

The first business session recessed at 8:58pm.

### **Second Business Session-June 4, 2016**

The session business session was called to order at 8:41am.

President Cerullo thanked all Standing Committee chairs and welcomed those “First Timer” members in attendance.

Gale Cohen presented the speech competition program. Marilyn Iengo introduced the competitors who were Laura Mohr and Julie Darling. The winners to be announced during the third business session.

Advocacy Chair Joann Olbrich presented the Legislative Platform and Advocacy Statement and stated there were no changes.

**Motion 16-19 that the Legislative Platform and Advocacy Statement be approved as presented. Motion amended.**

**Motion to Amend 16-20 made by Pat Fergerson, seconded by Robin Allen, that the word “welfare” be replaced by “well being” in the “Health” portion of the Legislative Platform. The motion carried.**

**Motion 16-19 that the Legislative Platform and Advocacy Statement be approved as amended. Motion carried.**

Finance Chair Ruthann Rocque presented the proposed 2016-2017 budget.

**Motion 16-21 made by Ruthann Rocque that the 2016-2017 budget be adopted as presented. Motion amended.**

**Motion to Amend 16-22 by Ramona Gallagher, seconded by Linda Provo, that in the proposed NYS Women Inc. 2016-2017 Budget, the line item 60300 State Reps-Field Service, under Leadership Expense be amended to increase the amount of monies allotted from \$500 to \$900. Motion carried.**

**Motion to Amend 16-23 by Ramona Gallagher, seconded by Linda Provo, in the proposed NYS Women, Inc. 2016-2017 Budget, the line item 60200 be restored to read “Region Directors-Field Service” and the amount allocated for expenses be \$900. The motion carried.**

**Motion 16-21 that the 2016-2017 budget be adopted as amended. Motion carried.**

Bylaws Chair Neale Steiniger thanked the committee, Margherita Clemento and Linda Provo for their work in getting bylaws updated this year. The result was that the bylaws of 20 of the 27 chapters have been updated.

Membership Chair Helen Rico thanked the Committee, Sue Mager, Linda Przepasniak, Robin Bridson, Joyce de Long, Debra Carlin as EC liaison, and Sue Kelley for the work over the past year and the chapters with significant growth were recognized.

Treasurer Stelley updated the membership on the additional expense for marketing materials. Statistics on returns was requested to be tracked in the future.

Registration Chair Kathy Cerullo gave the final Registration Report as of 8:30am June 4<sup>th</sup> which indicated 49 members were registered from 15 chapters.

The chair declared a quorum present.

Elections Chair Ala Ladd instructed the membership in the elections and voting procedures to be followed.

The second business session recessed at 9:37am.

### **Third Business Session-June 4, 2016**

The third business session was called to order at 2:54pm.

Election Results were given by Ala Ladd as:

48 Ballots were cast.

President-Elect	Debra Carlin	47 votes
Vice President	Robin Bridson	48 votes
Recording Secretary	Susan Mager	48 votes
Treasurer	Mary Stelley	48 votes

President Cerullo declared that these officers have been duly elected for the 2016-2017.

### **Personal and Professional Development – competition results**

Chair Gale Cohen introduced Marilyn Iengo who reported the winners of the competition as follows:

New Careerist	Laura Mohr	\$500
New Careerist	Julie Darling	\$300

Gale recognized and thanked the committees for their work during the past year and thanked the judges for their services.

### **Special Committee Reports**

Robin Bridson spoke of a Region V all day event held in Lake Placid at the High Peaks Resort which was attended by Theresa Fazzolari and Neale Steininger with, presentations and workshops.

Youth Leadership Chair Hilary Egburtson spoke about the program and reminded all to seek her aid and services for any assistance that may be required.

Sue Mager – NIKE – Business Manager urges everyone to contribute to the NIKE envelopes and contributions are welcome at any time.

President Cerullo reported that 15 chapters are now incorporated 3-4 in process. She will be working on a business manual to guide members in why and dos and don'ts of incorporation.

The 2016-2017 Nominating Committee includes:

Jacque Shellman (7)	Appointed
Linda Przepasniak (8)	Appointed
Carol Michalski (6)	Elected
Ala Ladd (6)	Elected
Marilyn Mannino (2)	Elected
June Hanrahan (5)	Alternate
Hilary Egburtson (7)	Alternate

Neale presented information regarding the 2016 October Board meeting to be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Staten Island on October 15, 2016.

President Cerullo thanked all for attending the conference.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference adjourned at 3:23pm.

### **Adendum to the minutes**

Linda Przepasniak	Chair	Nominating Committee
Ala Ladd	Vice Chair	Nominating Committee