



2019 Fall Board Meeting Minutes
Chautauqua Harbor Hotel – Celeron, NY
October 12, 2019

President Robin Bridson welcomed everyone to the Fall Board meeting. She thanked the Meetings Committee – Ramona Gallagher, Linda Przepasniak, Sue Mager, Christine Storer and Tanya Burns. She advised the timekeeper is Kathy Haddad and pages are Donna Comstock and Christine Storer. She advised Margherita Clemento is the parliamentarian. In the absence of Credentials Chair Neale Steiniger, Patti Pollock read Steiniger's report.

The Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were led by President-Elect Jacquie Shellman.

Patti Pollock gave the registration report as of 12 Noon, 10/12/19 with 6 regions and 10 chapters represented. President Bridson called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM and declared a quorum with 13 board members present.

Hearing no objections, the Standing Rules were approved as printed in the Board Meeting Packet.

Motion FB 2019-20-02 by Jacquie Shellman, seconded by Shirley Felder that the agenda be approved as distributed in the board packet with the understanding the President is empowered to make further changes if needed. Motion adopted.

President Bridson requested a moment of silence for all deceased NYSWI members.

Secretary Stelley read the EC actions since the last board meeting.

The minutes of the pre-conference board meeting on 6/7/19 were included in the board packet.

Motion FB 2019-20-03 by Linda Przepasniak, seconded by Jacquie Shellman to accept with one spelling change. Motion adopted.

The minutes of the post-conference board meeting 6/9/19 are included in the Board packet.

Motion FB-2019-20-04 by Linda Przepasniak, seconded by Sue Mager to accept the minutes as distributed – Motion adopted.

The minutes of the 2019 Annual Conference are included in the board packet.

Motion FB2019-20-05 by Linda Przepasniak, seconded by Ramona Gallagher to accept the 2019 annual conference minutes with a correction on Page 3 to change Region 9 to Region 8. Motion adopted.

Treasurer Deborah Francis presented the treasurer's report as of 8/31/2019. With no further discussion the report will be filed for audit.

Vice President Shirley Felder advised she is going to Region 6 this coming weekend. She also spoke with Renee Cerullo regarding membership and stated NYSWI needs a passion and purpose.

President-Elect Jacquie Shellman advised she represented President Bridson at the NYS Fair and spoke briefly regarding the 100th anniversary of Business & Profession Women and a speaker she heard, Pamela Hunter. She then assumed the chair for President Bridson to give her report.



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President Bridson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She stated she is striving for more communication. Next ZOOM call is 10/21/19. She stressed total transparency and what we need to fix and what is amazing with our organization.

BOARD REPORTS

Standing Chairs spoke briefly regarding their goals for 2019-2020:

Advocacy – January 2020 – new bail reform law – contact Patti Pollock for information

Bylaws – Sue Mager spoke regarding possible changes for region officers to be presented at the Spring 2020 meeting.

Communications – Linda Przepasniak – Needs information for *The Communicator*, highlight officers. Shirley Felder reminded everyone about Building Women Warriors.

Finance – Bernie Sunderlin – The committee will be reviewing the financial guidelines for presentation at the Spring Board meeting.

Membership – Renee Cerullo – Active 414, lapsed 91. Everyone needs to help with membership. There are five chapters in jeopardy of closing.

Personal/Professional Development – Patti Pollock – She reached out to regional directors for region meetings to promote PPD, either in person or via ZOOM.

REGION DIRECTORS

Region 2 – Theresa Fazzolari – There are 2 chapters, having meeting in the spring and doing article in the newsletter

Region 3 – Shirley Felder – nothing to report

Region 5 – Helen Rico – CNY 100th anniversary, Mohawk Valley – Meet n Greet

Region 6 – Kathy Capra – 4 active chapters

Region 7 – Mary Ellen Morgan – Goal – increase membership with strong programs; assist Jacquie Shellman as she becomes NYSWI president in June 2020.

Region 8 – Ramona Gallagher – four chapter – Buffalo Niagara and Chadwick Bay are very active; she questioned if NYSWI needs regions

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Athena Military Women's Society – Sue Mager – new info, if have event send to her

Awards – Linda Winston/Bernie Sunderlin – send info to them for June conference

NIKE Associate Editor – Katharine Smith – submit info to make your voices heard

Strategic Planning – Linda Przepasniak questioned how to measure

Women's Day at the Fair – 9/2/2020

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS – Secretary Stelley stated there were no new items of business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bridson advised everyone to Save the Dates – 3/21/20 for the next Board meeting at the American legion in New Hartford, NY and June 12-14, 2020 for the Annual Conference in Waterloo at the Quality Inn.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Prepared by: Mary Stelley, Recording Secretary
Reviewed by: Robin Bridson, 2019-2020 President
Margherita Clemento, 2019-2020 Parliamentarian

Date Approved: 3/21/2019

Attachments: Roll Call Report