



## Winter Board Meeting Minutes - Zoom - Feb. 5, 2022

Welcome: President Jacqueline Shellman

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: Interim Secretary Denise Murphy

There were 18 board members present. President Shellman declared a quorum, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. and announced that only board members are eligible to vote. Heather Sodon, ARD, moved up to represent Region VI.

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

Collect/Pledge of Allegiance: Vice President Ala Ladd led attendees in the Collect and Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Remarks - Welcome First Timers: President Jacqueline Shellman recognized Lillian Browne, Walton chapter (registered, but absent), Alexandra Fiorenza, Staten Island chapter president; Linda Rankin, MAL (registered, but absent); Kimberly Suminski, BNC; Kristy Verity, MAL (registered, but absent); and Tonya Robinson, Binghamton chapter).

Registration Report: Registration Chair Patti Pollock gave the registration report as of 10:15 a.m. on Feb. 5, 2022, stating 34 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 Winter 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 Shellman presented the meeting agenda and announced two changes. A motion was made by President Elect Janet Carey to accept the changes and seconded by Vice President Ala Ladd. The motion passed, and the amended agenda was adopted.

Secretary's report: Denise Murphy, Interim.  
There were no additions.

There was a correction to the Fall Board meeting minutes from Oct.16, 2021\*, and a motion was made by Interim Secretary Denise Murphy to accept the changes. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Patti Pollock, and the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer Patti Pollock delivered her report, there were no changes, and it will be filed for audit.

Vice President Ala Ladd's report is online, and there was no addendum.

President-Elect Janet Carey's report is online, and she added that a regional directors meeting has been held since that report was made. Among action items adopted at a subsequent RD meeting was a plan to provide profiles in future issues of The Communicator about each region.

President Shellman stated her report is online, but she also spoke to thank Immediate Past President Robin Bridson for updating the leadership directory and Membership Chair Renee Cerullo for her work and postings on the website.

Immediate Past President Robin Bridson has a report available online and that she is available to help chapters with technology issues and to guide chapters wishing to improve their meeting presentations through technology.

Standing Committee Reports:

Advocacy Chair Sue Bellor: She is seeking someone to fill the vacancy as chair of the subcommittee on legislative resolutions.

Chair Bellor then made a motion to approve the proposed Advocacy Statement for presentation to the general membership at the annual conference in June.

Region VIII director Ramona Gallagher objected to mention of political-action campaigns in the Advocacy Statement as did Region V Director Helen Rico.

A motion to amend the statement made by Director Gallagher, seconded by Director Rico and read aloud by President Jacquie Shellman reads: "I move to amend the Advocacy Statement to delete the last bullet item, regarding political campaigns."

The motion was approved by voice vote.

**Motion WB-2022-1: Board President Jacquie Shellman moved that the amended 2022 Advocacy Statement - which removes mention of political campaigns - be presented for approval to the general membership of the New York State Women Inc. at the annual conference in June.**

The motion passed by voice vote.

**Motion WB-2022-2: Advocacy Chair Susan Bellor moved that the New York State Women Inc. board approve the Legislative Platform to then be presented at the annual conference in June 2022.**

The motion passed by voice vote.

Bylaws Chair Sue Mager: No additions to report.

Communications Chair Linda Przepasniak: No additions to report.

Finance Chair Ruthann Rocque: No additions to report.

**Motion WB-2022-3: Finance Chair Ruthann Rocque moved that the Board of Directors of New York State Women Inc. accept the 2022-23 budget as presented and bring before the membership at the 2022 state conference for approval.**

The motion passed by voice vote.

Membership Chair Renee Cerullo: There are 353 current members.

Personal and Professional Development Chair Robin Allen: No additions to report.

Regional Director Reports:

Region II: No updates.

Region III: RD Karen Pantel thanked those who helped her through mentoring and with banking-signature questions.

Region V: RD Helen Rico thanked chapters for increasing membership.

Region VI: ARD Heather Sodon reported seven new members have joined.

Region VII: RD Mary Ellen Morgan shared news of the passing of Alice Michael who was remembered for her many years of active, dedicated service.

Region VIII: No updates, but RD Ramona Gallagher said a productive meeting was held since the report was filed, involving regional directors.

Special Committee Reports:

Pat Ferguson, Women's Day at the Fair chair: She is unsure the status of Women's Day activities, but will continue to monitor the situation.

Helen Rico, Past State Presidents chair: PSPs are acting as mentors to local chapters with activities such as installation ceremonies.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Standing Committee Motions: None.

Annual conference: President Shellman said it is still not known of the annual conference will be in person or on Zoom. Plans are being looked at for both scenarios, but a decision will have to be made soon.

Adjournment

President Jacquie Shellman adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Announcements:

Linda Przepasniak, Career Development Opportunities: The next Zoom meeting is March 3 with Renee Cerullo as guest speaker.

GLEF President Neale Steiniger, chair of Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund: Invited members to the annual meeting May 14, which will be held on Zoom. Also, the application deadline for endowments and fellowships is Feb. 28.

Prepared by

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Interim State Secretary

Fall Board Minutes and \* amended entry approved: Feb. 5, 2022.

These Winter Board minutes were reviewed by State Parliamentarian Margherita Clemento (2021-22) and President Jacquie Shellman (2020-22).

Approved by Board of Directors May 16, 2022