



April 11, 2015 Board Meeting  
Griffiss Institute, Rome. NY

President Ostiguy introduced \_\_\_\_\_, the Mayor of Rome, who welcomed the assembly and gave highlights of life in this city.

President Ostiguy welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Helen Rico and the Meetings Committee for coordinating this meeting and Robin Bridson for preparing the board book.

The Time Keeper for the meeting was Katharine Smith and the Page was Bernadette Sunderlin. Sue Fayle was the Parliamentarian and Credentials Chair was Neale Steiniger

Robin Bridson presented the April 2015 board book to President Kellogg.

Secretary Carlin stated that 20 board members were present.

President Ostiguy declared a quorum and called the April 2015 Board meeting to order at 2:30pm.

The President reminded the assembly that only board members have a vote at this meeting. Ramona Gallegher will sit in for Region VIII.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President-Elect Cerullo made **Motion 15-15, seconded, that the agenda be approved, with changes, with the understanding that the President is empowered to make further changes if needed.** The Motion carried.

The assembly wished that the Standing Rules not be read and with no changes these rules were adopted.

### **Officers Reports**

Secretary Carlin read the actions of the Executive Committee since the last board meeting.

Secretary Carlin made **Motion 15-16, seconded, to approve the minutes of the 2014 Fall Board meeting as presented.** The motion carried.

Treasurer Stelley presented the Financial Reports as of March 31, 2015. The report will be filed for audit.

Second Vice President Przepasniak thanked everyone for working to increase membership.

First Vice President Fazzolari stated that she works as liaison with PPD competitions and gave her report.

President-Elect Cerullo reported that the Fall board meeting will be October 16-18, 2015 at the Syracuse Doubletree and the 2016 Spring meeting will be April 9, 2016 at the Griffiss Institute in Rome.

President-Elect Cerullo assumed the Chair for the purpose of the Presidents report.

President Ostiguy spoke of the chapter incorporation process and that awards will be presented at Conference lunch.

President Ostiguy resumed the Chair.

### **Reports of the Board of Directors**

Advocacy Chair Joanne Olbrich made **Motion 15-17 that the Legislative Platform and Advocacy statement be presented to the members of NYWS, Inc. at the 2015 Conference for approval.** The motion carried.

Joanne reported that NYSWI has joined with POWHERNY which is on our website. There is a fact sheet on the Equal Pay Bill which has been passed in the NYS Senate and still needs to pass the State Assembly. Equal Pay Day will be on April 14<sup>th</sup> this year.

Bylaws Chair Neale Steiniger requests that chapters submit their revised bylaws for approval

Finance Chair Diane Dinsmore reviewed the proposed budget and, after discussion, made **Motion 15-18 that the 2015-2016 proposed Budget as presented be taken to June Conference.** The motion carried.

Membership Chair Helen Rico reported that there are 114 new members from June 1<sup>st</sup> to the present. Currently there are 524 members.

Personal/Professional Development Chair Gale Cohen reported that there are six candidates for the Conference and thanks everyone for their work.

MOI Chair Neale Steiniger made **Motion 15-19, seconded, that the amendments to MOI section 3.07a be approved – board meeting and conference registration fee.** The motion was defeated.

### **Other Committee Reports**

Women's Day at the Fair Chair Pat Fergerson reported on the event which will be Wednesday, September 2, 2015.

Awards Coordinator Linda Winston reported on awards to be presented and asks for photos and information for a powerpoint presentation.

### **New Business**

**Motion 15-20 made by Diane Dinsmore to move \$400 from restricted funds for Youth Leadership training of 4/11/15.** The motion carried.

Sue Mager of Region VIII and the Future Meetings Committee shared information for the 2015 Conference and welcomed all to Western NY.

With no other business the 2015 April Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 3:43pm.