



**SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
OCTOBER 3, 2020 – ZOOM – 11:45 AM**

President Jacquie Shellman welcomed members to this virtual meeting and requested Recording Secretary Mary Stelley take the roll call of the registrants for the NYS Women, Inc. Special Membership Meeting on October 3, 2020.

President Shellman advised the timekeeper for this meeting is Kathleen Haddad, parliamentarian is Margherita Clemento and credentials chair is Neale Steiniger.

Registration Chair Patti Pollock gave the registration report as of 11:57 AM with 36 members and 15 chapters represented. President Shellman declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 11:58 AM with 36 members present.

Parliamentarian Margherita Clemento stated the online special meeting rules were emailed to all registrants, and also placed on the organization website. Hearing no objections, the rules were adopted.

President Shellman welcomed members to this special meeting and stated there was one item of new business to be conducted, an amendment to the organization's bylaws. President Shellman read the bylaws amendment to Article II: Mission of the NYSW Inc. bylaws which was presented by Susan Mager, Bylaws Chair.

**Motion 2020-21-01 SM Susan Mager moved to change Article II MISSION to Article II: MISSION/VISION. The mission of NYSW, Inc. shall be to connect women personally, professionally, and politically. The vision shall be to empower women to use their voices to create positive change. The revision is effective immediately.**

President Shellman asked if the maker of the motion wished to speak to it. Bylaws Chair Mager stated she wished to defer speaking to the motion after discussion.

The discussion followed for the allotted ten minutes with members speaking for and against the motion, mainly using the words "connect" and "build" rather than only "connect". Linda Przepasniak stated she wished to make an amendment to the motion.

**Motion 2020-21-02 SM Susan Mager, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ramona Gallagher to extend the discussion time for another 10 minutes – carried.**

The discussion continued with Linda Przepasniak making an amendment to the original motion.

**Motion 2020-21-03 SM Linda Przepasniak, 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Mager by email to amend the motion as follows: To Build and Connect Women personally professionally and politically and then changed the amendment To Connect and Build Women Personally, Professionally and Politically - Mission.**

Further discussion followed. Susan Mager called the question to vote on the amendment.



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**A roll call vote followed with 30 ayes, 5 nays, 1 abstention. The amendment carried.**

**Motion 2020-21-04 Linda Przepasniak, 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Mager to move that Article II: Mission to Article II: MISSION/VISION. “The mission of NYSW, Inc. shall be To Connect and Build Women Personally, Professionally and Politically.” The vision noted on the original motion remains the same – carried with 1 abstention and 2 nays. (The motion form was emailed to Recording Secretary Stelley at 3:21 PM.)**

President Shellman thanked members for attending the meeting and going thru the process of the bylaws change.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 PM.

**Prepared By:**

*Mary Stelley*

**Recording Secretary**

**Date Approved: May 4, 2021**

**Reviewed By:**

**Jacqueline Shellman, President**

**Margherita Clemento, Parliamentarian**

