



8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
Holiday Inn Binghamton Downtown  
June 2-4, 2017

**Call to Order:**

President Theresa Fazzolari called the meeting to order on Friday June 2, 2017

President Elect Debra Carlin lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegience.

President Fazzolari asked for a moment of silence for members who have passed and reminded members that a Memorial Service will be held Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am in the Binghamton room. She recognized the timekeeper Janet Carey, pages Shirley Felder and Frida Hooyberg, Parliamentarian Margherita Clemento, and Acting Credentials Chair Linda Provo.

**Adoption of Conference Book:**

A motion was made by Mary Stelley and seconded by President-Elect Debra Carlin 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 Fazzolari thanked Robin Bridson for preparing the Conference Book.

**Adoption of Conference Rules:**

The Chair recognized Parliamentarian Margherita Clemento for the reading of the rules on page 2 of the Conference book. Abiding by the wishes of the assembly the rules were not read, and hearing no objections, the Chair declared the **Conference rules accepted.**

**Registration:** Chair Linda Provo was called on for the Registration report which indicated 36 members were registerd from 11 chapters., and a quorum was present. Members must be registered before the close of the second business session tomorrow to be eligible to vote in the election of officers. The Registration report will be attached to the minutes

President Fazzolari declared a quorum present.

**Introductions:**

After the officers introduced the dais, Past State Presidents, Region Directors and Assistant Directors, Standing Chairs and Vice Chairs, and Special Committee Chairs and Sub Chairs, President Fazzolari welcomed everyone to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference of NYS Women Inc. The assembly was invited to "Celebrate the Member" to continue to move the organization forward and encouraged to attend the "Blizzard of Events" and "Leadership" workshops. The Chair thanked the Relaxation workshop presenters for coming and encouraged everyone to attend their workshop in the morning.

**Secretary** Susan Mager read the **actions of the Executive Committee** since the April Board meeting for informational purposes. The Chair reminded the assembly that all items of new business must be submitted to the Secretary on a motion form by the start of the second business session.

**Ratification of Region Elections:**

Debra Carlin, President Elect, introduced the newly elected Region Directors and Assistant Region Directors and invited them to step up in front of the dais. President Fazzolari ratified the election of the 2017-18 Region Directors and Assistant Region Directors, members were asked to give them support and applause.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Stelley presented the Treasurers Report on page 12 of the conference book. as of April 30, 2017. Balance sheets shows total liabilities & equity \$90,549.56. Profit & Loss indicates Income of \$22,201.71. Expenses of 16,910.03, for a profit of \$5,291.68. Report will be filed for audit.

**Nominating Committee:** in the absense of the Chair, Linda Przepasniak, Vice Chair Marilyn Maninno presented the nominations of the 2017-18 officers. The following members were nominated as candidates for the 2017-18 New York State Women Inc. Executive Committee:

For the Office of Treasurer – Mary Stelley  
For the Office of Recording Secretary – Linda Provo (from the floor)  
For the Office of Vice President – Jacqueline Shellman  
For the Office of President-Elect – Robin Bridson

President Fazzolari reminded the assembly that by virtue of the election held at the 2016 Conference the incoming President will be Debra Carlin.

The candidates forum was conducted by Marilyn Mannino, and President Fazzolari announced the polls would be open 11:30 am to 12:00 noon tomorrow. All members in good standing who are registered and credentialed by the end of the second business session are eligible to vote.

President Fazzolari recessed the first business session.

President Fazzolari called the second business session to order, and announced the pages for the session would be Shirley Felder and Jeanine Surprenant.

**Registration Report:** Linda Provo reported as of 9:30 am on 6/03/17 there were 56 members present, a quorum was present. Final Registration report will be attached to the minutes.

There were no addendums to the Vice President or President Elect's reports. President, Debra Carlin, assumed the chair for the purpose of President Fazzolaari giving her report.

President Fazzolari recognized the First Timers present and encouraged the assembly to attend the Leadership Training tomorrow. President Elect Carlin requested President Fazzolari to resume the Chair, and the Chair called for

### **Board of Directors Reports:**

**Advocacy:** Marilyn Mannino distributed, PowHer NY information. The Platform and Advocacy Statement will be presented under New Business.

**Bylaws:** Neale Steiniger reviewed Bylaws proposals brought forward by the Board of Directors, that will be presented under New Business.

**Legislation/Resolutions:** Joann Olbrich distributed information of American Healthcare Act and it's repercussions.

**Finance:** Ruthann Rocque reviewed the 2017-18 budget which will be presented under New Business.

**Personal Professional Development:** Acting Chair, Mary Ellen Morgan, announced the New Careerist Competition will take place at today's luncheon

**Region Directors:** no additional reports.

### **Special Committee Reports:**

**NIKE** Business Manager Sue Mager urged everyone to contribute to the NIKE and envelopes were distributed for members to make contributions. All Star listings from this meeting would be applied to the 2016-17 financials due to a shortfall of NIKE contributions.

Women's Day at the Fair: Pat Fergerson announced the date is Wednesday August 30<sup>th</sup>. Lieutenant Governor, Kathy Hochul, will be the keynote speaker, look for more information TBA.

President Fazzolari recessed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Session.

The Chair called the 3<sup>rd</sup> Business Session to order and called on Elections Chair, Susan Fayle to report the results of the election of the 2017-18 officers.

**Elections** Chair, Susan Fayle, announced election results, indicating out of 56 eligible voters, there were 52 votes cast:

Treasurer-Mary Stelley 52 votes  
Secretary- Linda Provo 52 votes  
Vice President-Jacqueline Shellman 52 votes  
President Elect-Robin Bridson 52 votes

President Fazzolari declared the 2017-18 officers duly elected:

**Personal and Professional Development:** Competition results were announced by Acting Chair, Mary Ellen Morgan, who thanked the committes and judges.

New Careerist: Gina Dier \$500.00  
New Careerist 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jenna Bichler \$300.00

**Unfinished Business:** There being no unfinished business, the Chair asked Secretary Mager for the items of New Businesses.

**New Business:** Secretary Mager read motions of new business to come before the assembly, and President Fazzolari conducted the voting.

Advocacy Chair Marilyn Mannino moved with no second required:

**CF2017-01: That the advocacy statement and the Legislative Platform be approved as presented in the program book. Motion carried.**

Bylaws Chair Neale Steiniger made the following motions which were seconded by Margherita Clemento:

**CF2017-02: The Board of Directors move that proposed Bylaws Articles VIII (Regional Organization) and XI (Elections) be amended. Motion was defeated.**

**CF2017-03: The Board of Directors moved that proposed Bylaws Article XII (Eligibility) be approved. Motion carried.**

Finance Chair Ruthann Rocque moved, no second required:

**CF2017-04: To accept the 2017-18 budget as presented. Motion carried.**

President Fazzolari announced the next item of New Business was the election of the 2017-18

**Nominating Committee:**

Appointees: Margherita Clemento, Region 2  
Kathleen Haddad, Region 6  
Nominees: Ramona Gallagher, Region 8  
Shirley Felder, Region 3  
Lisa Rhoades, Region 7

President Fazzolari hearing no further nominations, closed nominations. The assembly unanimously approved Ramona Gallagher, Shirley Felder and Lisa Rhoades to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Chair requested nominations for two

Alternates: Jeanine Surprenant, Region 2  
Tanya Burns, Region 8

were nominated. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations for alternates was closed and the assembly unanimously approved the alternates. President Fazzolari charged the Nominating Committee to meet immediately after this business session to elect a Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair: Margherita Clemento  
Vice Chair: Shirley Felder

The Chair called upon the 2017-18 President, Debra Carlin, to present the

**Call to the October 2017 Board meeting:**

Debra Carlin announced the dates would be October 13-15<sup>th</sup> at the Ramada Inn, Geneva, NY. Information will be posted on the website.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, President Fazzolari thanked her Meetings Committee and everyone for attending, and declared the 2017 New York State Women Inc. Annual Conference adjourned.

Prepared by: Susan Mager, Secretary  
Date Approved: 10/14/2017

Approved by:  
Theresa Fazzolari, 2016-17 President  
Margherita Clemento, 2016-17 Parliamentarian

**Attachments to the minutes:**

Registration Report