

President Robin Bridson called the Zoom annual conference meeting to order at 10:20 AM. She welcomed members to this 1st virtual annual conference and 11th annual conference. She announced only one award for this year which will be announced in the *Communicator* regarding how your chapter did this past year; winner will be awarded in November. She reminded chapters and region leadership to update their officers as the directory and distribution lists will be updated during the summer.

President-Elect Jacquie Shellman led the group in the Collect and Pledge of Allegiance. There is no official timekeeper for the meeting. If you have a question, please type it in the chat box. There are also no pages appointed for this meeting. President Bridson announced Margherita Clemento as parliamentarian and Neale Steiniger as credentials chair.

President Bridson asked for a moment of silence for those members who have passed since our last annual conference. She stated it is important to advise NYS Women, Inc. if a member of your chapter has passed so that the database can be updated. There will be a memorial service in the fall.

Registration Chair Patti Pollock gave the first registration report as of 10:00 AM on 6/13/2020 with 57 members in attendance. There were 16 of 23 chapters represented. President Bridson declared a quorum.

The assembly was asked if they wanted the parliamentarian to read the rules of the conference located on Page 1. Parliamentarian Clemento stated numbers 1, 6, 7, 13 and 18 do not apply to this conference. She stated she will be working with Neale Steiniger, MOI Chair, to review and update rules for virtual and face-to-face meetings having two sets for each meeting. The assembly did not wish the rules to be read aloud.

President Bridson introduced the virtual dais, the EC, parliamentarian and 10 past state presidents attending this meeting.

President-Elect Jacquie Shellman introduced the 2019-2020 region directors and assistant directors.

President Bridson introduced the 13 first timers at the meeting.

Recording Secretary Mary Stelley read the actions of the Executive Committee since the Spring Board meeting.

President Bridson reminded those in attendance that all items of new business must have been submitted to the Recording Secretary on a motion form by the start of this session. Stelley advised two motion forms had been received. President Bridson advised the Spring Board meeting minutes were included in the program book for information only and will be voted on at the 2020 fall board meeting.

President Bridson asked President-Elect Shellman to report on the elections for region and assistant region directors. Region II – Elaine Croteau and Theresa Fazzolari, Region III to be determined, Region V Helen Rico and Pat Fanning, Region VI Mary Kay Taylor and Carol Michalski, Region VII Mary Ellen Morgan and Sheralyn Fox and Region VIII Tanya Burns and Ramona Gallagher. President Bridson then ratified the elections and stated members look forward to celebrating your election at the Friday installation banquet in the fall.

Nominating Committee President Bridson, in Robin Allen's absence, presented the slate – Treasurer Patti Pollock, Recording Secretary Mary Stelley, Vice President Janet Carey, and President-Elect Shirley Felder.

Nominating Committee Vice Chair Collura stated each candidate would have three minutes to speak on their plans for the year. Then incoming president Jacquie Shellman spoke briefly about her year.

President Bridson asked for nominations from the floor for each of the offices. Hearing none for each office nominations were closed. She thanked Robin Allen, the committee and Carena Collura for the work they did. President Bridson then read the slate.

President Bridson advised an online survey has been created, will be put in the chat box, and emailed to everyone in attendance at this meeting at the close of the meeting. The online survey will be open until midnight tonight. The results will then be emailed to Neale Steiniger by noon on Sunday who will then inform the outgoing and incoming presidents who will announce the winners in the next *Communicator*, along with additional plans for the summer.

President Bridson then asked for addendum to reports of the state officers.

Secretary's report – no addition

Treasurer's report was distributed to the members. It is located on Page 13 of the conference book. There were no questions – report filed for audit.

Vice President's report – no addition

President-Elect's report – no addition

President's report – no addition

Sue Mager asked President Bridson if Secretary Stelley could elaborate on the motion regarding no registration fee at Fall Board. Stelley replied it was discussed extensively at the EC meeting and President Bridson gave further details for the decision.

Immediate Past State President's report – no addition

Reports of the Board of Directors:

Advocacy – no report

Bylaws – see Page 21 – Sue Mager moved the motion which will be voted on under new business

Communications – no further report

Finance – Budget, Page 23, will be voted under new business

Membership – 382 active members – membership renewal notices are sent during the first week of each month. Quarterly active and lapsed member reports are emailed to the president and treasurer of chapters.

PPD – addendum later regarding the strategic plan

Regions/Special Committees

Region Directors II, V, VI, VI and VII stated they did not have any updates for their reports.

Strategic Planning – Committee is considering proposing mission – connecting women personally, professionally, and politically and vision to empower women to use their voice and vote to enact positive change, as well as change in region structure – 1 rep for each region who will have a vote on the board.

Woman's Day at the NY State Fair – Pat Fergerson stated woman's day, 8/26/2020, will happen, not sure of details at this time and what format, but something will happen.

Sue Mager, Chair of Athena Military Women's Initiative, spoke briefly regarding the program. She requested chapters to submit information to her as to what their chapters are doing for women vets.

Linda Przepasniak advised the CDO annual meeting will be held 6/29/2020 and their board meeting will be held on Monday.

Jacque Shellman announced the appointees to the NY Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund, Inc. – Robin Bridson, Janet Carey, and Jacque Shellman. Linda Winston requested that Shellman and Przepasniak speak briefly regarding NY Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund, Inc. and the CDO for those in attendance. President Bridson put links to both groups in the chat box.

Elections Chair Neale Steiniger informed the assembly of the voting procedures and stated there were 57 members eligible to vote. Voting will close at midnight. The survey for voting will be emailed to everyone in attendance at this meeting.

Unfinished business – none

New Business

Recording Secretary Stelley read the two items of new business.

1. **Bylaws** – Sue Mager – does not wish to speak to motion – President Bridson advised this would be a voice vote.

2019-2020-01 SC Motion by Mager, Bylaws Chair, to move the following addition to Bylaws: Article VIII: Regional Organization Section 4: d) In the event, there is no ARD to step in to fill the Regional Director vacancy a special region meeting may be held to elect a Regional Director to fulfill the term of office. If necessary, the presiding NYS Women Inc. President may appoint a region member to fill the Regional Director vacancy for the remainder of the term of office – motion carried.

2. **Finance** – Patti Pollock, no questions – President Bridson advised this would be a voice vote

2019-2020-02 SC Motion by Pollock, Finance Vice Chair, to move the proposed 2020-2021 budget as presented at the March 21, 2020 board meeting for forwarding to state conference for adoption by the membership and presented in the 2020 conference book – motion carried.

Nominating Committee appointees – President-Elect Shellman announced the two appointees: Carena Collura, Region III and Robin Allen, Region VI – the remaining three elected and two alternate positions will take place later.

Announcements:

Jacquie Shellman announced the names of the Meetings Committee (Nancy Taylor, Elsie Dedrick, Mary Ellen Morgan, and Janet Carey) and gave details of the Fall Board 2020 meeting – Comfort Inn, Waterloo, 10/2-3/2020, Friday installation banquet, Saturday will be the memorial service including those who have passed since this event and fall. She wants to continue Ted Talk Tuesdays and announced 7/8/2020 Zoom meeting – Meet & Greet EC and BOD. During the summer there will be various Zoom meetings, criteria for leadership award., etc. Pat Fergerson inquired as to date for 2021 conference – tentative 6/11-13/2020; Zoom Spring Board meeting will be on 3/20/2021.

Linda Przepasniak inquired about the 2020-2021 leadership team. Shellman announced names of her team.

Margherita Clemento requested point of personal privilege and commended President Bridson for all she did this year, as well as the EC and board.

There being no further business President Bridson adjourned the Zoom meeting at 11:58 AM.

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Recording Secretary

Date Approved By EC: 6/22/2020

Reviewed by:

Robin Bridson, 2019-2020 President

Margherita Clemento, 2019-2020 Parliamentarian

Attachments:

Registration Report

Elections Report

Registration Report

	Report	Report	Report	Report
Time and Date Reported	6-13-20 10:30am			
State Officers	5			
Immediate Past State President	1			
Parliamentarian	1			
Regional Directors	4			
Assistant Regional Directors	1			
Standing Committee Chairs	4			
Standing Committee Vice Chairs	0			
Special/Sub Committee Chairs	2			
Past State Presidents	0			
Members	39			
Guests				
TOTAL	57			

NYSWI 2020 SLATE

Report Run June 14th 2020, 10:49 am EDT

50 Respondents / 57 Eligible to Vote

