

First Business Session – June 11, 2021

President Jacqueline Shellman called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. and welcomed members to the 12th annual conference.

President-Elect Shirley Felder led the group in the Collect and Pledge of Allegiance. The timekeeper for the meeting is Sara Ayala and page is Elsie Dedrick. President Shellman announced Margherita Clemento as parliamentarian and Neale Steiniger as credentials chair.

President Shellman asked for a moment of silence for those members who have passed since our last annual conference.

Registration Chair Patti Pollock gave the first registration report as of 6:30 p.m. on 6/11/2010 with 32 members in attendance. There were 8 of 23 chapters represented. President Shellman declared a quorum.

President Shellman thanked Immediate Past State President Robin Bridson for the work and time committed to the completion of the conference book.

The assembly was asked if they wanted the parliamentarian to read the rules of the conference located on Page 1. The assembly did not wish the rules to be read aloud.

President Shellman introduced the dais.

IPSP Bridson introduced the nine past state presidents in attendance at the meeting.

President-Elect Felder introduced the 2020-2021 Region Directors and Assistant Directors.

Vice President Janet Carey introduced the 2020-2021 Standing Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs.

Recording Secretary Mary Stelley introduced the 2020-2021 Special Committee and Sub Committee Chairs.

Recording Secretary Mary Stelley read the actions of the Executive Committee since the Spring Board Meeting as listed in her report in the program book.

President Shellman reminded those in attendance that all items of new business must be submitted to Recording Secretary Stelley on a motion form by the start of the second business session.

President Shellman asked President-Elect Felder to report on the elections for regions, however, would not be ratifying all the directors as some regions have not held their elections.

Nominating Committee Chair Sue Mager presented the 2021-2022 slate for the following offices – Treasurer Patti Pollock, Recording Secretary Mary Stelley, Vice President Ala Ladd, and President-Elect Shirley Felder and Janet Carey.

President Shellman asked for nominations from the floor for each of the offices. Hearing none for each office nominations were closed. She thanked Chair Sue Mager and the committee for the work they did. President Shellman then read the slate.



Nominating Chair Mager then presented the candidates forum. Each candidate was asked to select a question from a sealed envelope. Each candidate then spoke regarding the question in the envelope.

President Shellman recessed the first business session at 8:13 p.m. after the forum was completed.

Second Business Session – June 12, 2021

President Shellman called the session to order at 11:10 a.m. and asked for the second registration report.

Registration Chair Pollock stated as of 10:00 a.m., June 12, 2021, there were 41 members from 15 chapters. President Shellman declared a quorum and then asked the state officers if they had an addendum to their reports.

Secretary's report – no addition

Treasurer's report was distributed to the members. It is located on Pages 15-17 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

Immediate Past State President's report – no addition

Reports of the Board of Directors:

Advocacy - no addition

Bylaws - no addition

Communications – Linda Przepasniak reminded members to read her report on Page 24 and the deadline for the Communicator is the 26th of each month.

Finance – Chair Ruthann Rocque reviewed the 2021-2022 budget (copies were placed at each seat as the budget was not included in the program book, but only on the website). As of June 12, 2021, there are 309 paid members.

Motion SC-2021-1 By Chair Rocque to accept the 2021-2022 budget as distributed to the conference attendees and as listed on the NYS Women, Inc. website – motion carried.

Membership – 309 active members – Vice Chair Bridson advised there will be more outreach in 2021-2022.

PPD – no addition

Report of Region Directors



There were no additions to their reports for regions 2, 3, 5, and 6. Region 7 Director Mary Ellen Morgan read her report as it was not listed in the conference book. Ramona Gallagher, Region 8 Director spoke briefly.

Special Committees

Woman's Day at the NY State Fair – Pat Fergerson stated no date has been announced for woman's day.

Strategic Planning – As the strategic plan was on the website and not printed in the program book, Chair Patti Pollock read it to the assembly.

Motion SC-2021-2 By Chair Pollock and Mary Stelley seconded that the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan created by the Strategic Planning Committee commissioned by Past President Carlin in June 2019, be approved – Motion carried.

Manual of Instruction – no addition

Career Development Opportunities – no addition

NY Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund, Inc – no addition at this time but will have lots of say at lunch.

Elections Chair Neale Steiniger informed the assembly of the voting procedures and stated there were 41 members eligible to vote. The polls will be open from 12:20 p.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The third business session will reconvene at 3:10 p.m. today, June 12, 2021.

The second business session of the 2021 state conference recessed at 11:49 a.m.

There were several announcements after the session recessed.

Third Business Session – Saturday, June 12, 2021

President Shellman called the third business session to order at 3:08 p.m.

President Shellman asked Credentials Chair Neale Steiniger if she had the election results. Chair Steiniger stated there were 39 ballots cast.

Treasurer Patti Pollock – 39 votes

Recording Secretary Mary Stelley – 39 votes

Vice President Ala Ladd – 37 votes

President-Elect – Shirley Felder 17, Janet Carey 22

President Shellman asked the newly elected officers to come forward and stand in front of the dais so the body could offer their congratulations.



Motion SC-2021-3 By Neale Steiniger and seconded to destroy the ballots – carried.

Unfinished business – none

New Business - none

Nominating Committee appointees – President-Elect Shellman announced her two appointees: Carena Collura, Region III and Robin Allen, Region VI. Nominations were opened for the remaining members of the Nominating Committee.

Adriene Emmo, Region 7 – Heather Sodon – Region 6 and Helen Rico – Region 5. With no further nominations, the nominations were closed. All those in favor said aye to approve the nominations.

Nominations were then opened to elect two alternates to the Nominating Committee. Theresa Fazzolari, Region 2 and Ramona Gallagher, Region 8 were nominated. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed. All those in favor said aye to approve the nominations.

President Shellman reminded those in attendance of dates to remember:

Fall Board Zoom – Saturday, October 16, 2021

Winter Board Zoom – Saturday, February 5, 2022

Annual Conference – Tentative – onsite June 10-12, 2022, offsite June 11, 2022

There being no further business President Shellman adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

President Shellman reminded the 2021-2022 Board of Directors about the Post-Conference Board Meeting.

FYI - The Nominating Committee met after the meeting and elected Carena Collura Chair and Adriene Emmo as Vice chair of the Nominating Committee.

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Recording Secretary

Date Approved:

Reviewed by:

Jacqueline Shellman, 2020-2021 President Margherita Clemento, 2020-2021 Parliamentarian

Attachments: Registration Report Elections Report