



2024 SPRING BOARD MEETING

Secretary's Report

Zoom Meeting

March 9, 2024

Members of the Board and those assuming board member chairs need to check in with secretary, Carena Collura prior to the start of the Board meeting.

Presenter: Pat Hendrickson PSP. *Challenges that face NYS Women Inc. in 2024.*

Call to Order by Janet Carey, President at 9:46

Collect Pledge of Allegiance Robin Bridson, President-Elect

Pledge of Allegiance Karin Pantel, Vice-President

Opening Remarks Janet Carey, President

Declaration of Quorum Carena Collura, Secretary: The Quorum has been met. In attendance are 21 members with 14 Board members in attendance.

In attendance: 4 State officers, 3 Standing Committee Chairs, 1 Standing Committee Vice Chair, 5 Regional Directors, 1 Assistant Regional Director, 1 Parliamentarian, 1 Special Committee Chair,

President: Janet Carey, President Elect: Robin Bridson, Vice President Karin Pantel, Secretary: Carena Collura,

Members: Margherita Clemento, Jacquie Shellman, Pat Fergeson, Robin Allen, Elaine Croteau, Ella Alsheimer, Helen Rico, Maureen Fogarty, Susan Bellor, Hope Blecher, Pat Hendrickson, Neale Steiniger, Arlene Herzog, Linda Przepasniak, Sue Mager, Ramona Gallagher and Mary Ellen Morgan.

Adoption of Board Meeting Agenda

Janet Carey, President

Adoption of Board Meeting Rules

Margherita Clemento, Parliamentarian

Report of State Officers: All reports were submitted prior to the board meeting.

Secretary's Report: Carena Collura, Secretary- no amendment.

Treasurer's Report: Robin Bridson, Interim Treasurer- Update includes an update on the use of QuickBooks and the ability to link accounts to streamline the process for the Treasurer. Elaine asked the question about the back up for the files and how that would be done. Robin also reported the there will be a Profit/Loss statement sent out.

Vice President's Report: Karin Pantel, Vice President- no amendment.

President Elect Report: Robin Bridson, President-Elect- There will be events scheduled via zoom in the months to come such as meet and greets, trivia, workshops and resources.

President Report: Janet Carey, President- The report is online but there are many good things coming up.

Board Member Reports:

Immediate Past State President's Report, Jacquie Shellman- no ammendment

Advocacy, Sue Bellor- no ammendment.

Bylaws, Amy Colon/ Jacquie Shellman-Imperative that Each chapter revise their chapter Bylaws by May 1st. This is to acknowledge that once dues are paid they are not refundable. A copy of the changed Bylaws must be submitted to the Regional Director. The Executive Committee will have the Bylaws with the changed Title and the Revision Date done as well.

Communications, Robin Bridson- Please utilize the Events Calendar so information can be shared to the membership.

Finance, Connie Smith- Will present a budget and the Pre-Conference board meeting in June.

Membership, Renee Cerullo/Robin Bridson- no ammendment.

Personal and Professional Development, Dr. Hope Blecher- no ammendment.

Region Reports

Region 2

Margherita Clemento- no ammendment

Region 3

Karin Pantel-no ammendment

Region 5

Helen Rico-no ammendment

Region 6

Heather Sodon/Robin Allen-

Region 7

Mary Ellen Morgan-no ammendment

Region 8

Linda Przespasniak- Region meeting May 23rd

Special Committee Reports:

Women's Day at the Fair, Pat Ferguson: Day at the Fair will be Wed. August 28th. There will be a luncheon and details will be forthcoming.

Awards, Jacquie Shellman/Linda Winston: All awards are on line with criteria in a downloadable format. All Applications must be submitted by May 1st.

MAL Liaison, Jacquie Shellman: no addendum.

PSP Liaison, Helen Rico: no addendum.

MOI, Neale Steiniger: no addendum.

Task Force, Neale Steiniger/Helen Rico: The next meeting of the Task Force is April 15th and the co-chairs are asking to present at the state conference.

There are two possible findings:

1. The organization will remain status quo with some minor changes.
2. The changes will come from the top down and change the State board to include 1 Representative from each chapter as voting members and doing away with the Regions as a whole. Helen Rico presented that it is change or no change as the recommendations.

Comments from members of the board included: Ramona Gallager stating that she was not aware that the task force was down to two possible options.

Unfinished Business: President Janet Carey: not at this time

New Business:

Annual Conference in Binghamton, June 7-9, 2024 at the Holiday Inn- The food will be a total of \$99.00, Rooms will be \$ 139.00 plus tax for a double.

Fall and Winter/Spring Board meetings will be held via Zoom. We are looking into having the conference in the Syracuse area in 2025

Adjournment- 10:57 a.m. by President Janet Carey

Announcements

CDO – Robin Bridson- There will be 2 workshops scheduled with 2 more coming

GLEF – Neale Steiniger- May 18th at 10:00 am. There will be a zoom meeting. In attendance will be the awardees. Biographies and awards can be found of the GLEF.org website.

CENTRAL REGION: will be hosting on March 19th at Coleman’s an event showcasing the History of the NYS Women Inc. It will be available via Zoom.

March 13 6:30 PM CDO Zoom– Radiate Positivity: Cultivating Gratitude in Turbulent Times

March 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM Local Chapter President’s Zoom Meeting,

April 11, 2024 6:30 PM CDO Zoom– Canva Masterclass – “Empower your Creativity in 60 minutes”

April 15, 2024 10:00 AM Zoom – Task Force Meeting

May 9, 2024 7:00 PM NYSWI Zoom – “Collaborating with your Community”

These minutes were reviewed and approved by Immediate Past State President, Jacquie Shellman and State Parliamentarian, Margherita Clemento.