

NYS Women Pre-Conference Board Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2026, 6:30-7:30pm

Taken By: Gabrielle Kostrzewski

Attendees: Sue Mager (R8, Regional Director), Linda Przepasniak (R8, Membership), Ramona Gallagher (Parliamentarian), Patti Layton (President-Elect), Mary Ellen Morgan (R7, Director, Advocacy), Kathleen Capra (R6), Suzanne Cecil (R3), Barbara Strye (R2), Robin Allen (PPD), Katherine Smith (R8, Communication), Patricia Ferguson (R5, Director), Joyce DeLong (Acting Finance), Laurie Albertsson (VP & Treasurer) Jacqueline Shellman (Bylaws, R7), Gabrielle Kostrzewski (Acting Secretary), Tara B-C (Attendee), Robin Bridson (President), Diana (Timekeeper), Janet Carey (Past State President), Neale Steiniger (Credentials)

Call to Order, 6:54pm (Robin B.): Meeting is being transcribed

Collect (Patti L.)

Pledge of Allegiance (Patti)

Moment of Silence (Robin)

Board Registration Report (Neale S.):

State Officers: 4

Immediate past president: 1

Parliamentarian: 1

Regional Directors: 6

Standing committee chairs: 5

Special Committee chairs: 0

Total 18 Board Members, 17 present. Quorum met

Declaration of Quorum (Robin): 17 present, Quorum met

Adoption of On-Site Standing Rules for Board Meeting (Ramona G.)

Welcome and Introductions (Robin): 17th annual event

Additions to Reports: Sue M. reports we do not have a nomination for Treasurer. Options include nominating someone off the floor tomorrow or Patti selecting someone

Bylaws Recommendation (Jackie S.): Motion brought forth by Patti and Laurie A., Patti initiates and Jackie S. seconds

- Discussion:
 - Patti states that the goal tonight is to vote to allow the full membership to vote on the Motion; Motion was submitted on time per procedure; New committee (Marketing/PR) to help grow awareness for NYSW

- Laurie A.: New committee (Governance) will replace the regional directors to keep the communication open and identify one person to go to as chapters; Need to have chapters more aligned with state; option to reconsider this in the future if chapters grow enough
- Linda P.: Concerns about representation of the members on the board because board people are appointed by the president; What is the responsibility of the standing committee chairs and the elected officers? Noted VP is supposed to assist with Membership. Regional directors were elected by the chapters but the Governance position will be appointed by the President. New Governance position should be an elected position
- Jacquie S.: 42 members registered for conference out of over 300. Do members want a voice if they don't show up?
- Sue M.: States Bylaws say that money given to regions should be given to a 501c3, not chapters
- Jacquie S.: Amendment is included to change the money from going to a 501c3 to going back to the chapters
- Patti: Amendment was intended to allow chapters the opportunity to decide what happens with funds that originated with their members
- Kathleen C. calls vote
- Vote to bring to the Membership Body at Conference
 - Jacquie S. moves
 - Vote count:
 - Yay: All
 - Nay: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - Vote status: Carried

Adjourned at 7:23