

NYS Women Annual Conference Business Meeting Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2026, 10:15-11:30am, Part 1

Taken By: Gabrielle Kostrzewski

Attendees: Gabrielle Kostrzewski (acting secretary), Robin Bridson (current president), Patti Layton (Incoming president), Laurie Albertsson (VP and Treasurer), Ramona Gallagher (Parliamentarian), Neal Steiniger (Credentialing), Janet Carey (Immediate Past State President), Sue Mager (R8, Regional Director), Linda Przepasniak (R8, Membership), Kathleen Capra (R6), Barbara Strype (R2), Robin Allen (PPD), Katherine Smith (R8, Communication), Patricia Ferguson (R5, Director), Joyce DeLong (Acting Finance), Jacqueline Shellman (Bylaws, R7),

Call to Order at 10:25am (Robin B.): Meeting will be recorded

Collect (Patti L.)

Pledge of Allegiance (Patti)

Moment of Silence (Robin)

First Registration Report (Neale S.):

State Officers: 4

Immediate past president: 1

Parliamentarian: 1

Regional Directors: 3

Asst. Regional Directors: None

Standing committee chairs: 2

Standing Committee Vice Chairs: None

Special/Sub Committee chairs: 2

Past State Presidents: 1

Members: 25

Total Attendance: 39

Chapters represented: 14

Conference Book with Schedule and Agenda (Robin)

Adoption of On-Site Standing Rules for Conference (Ramona G.): Note 10-minute discussion limit and cost for phone disruption

Welcome and Introductions (Robin)

Introductions of Past State Presidents (Robin)

Introduction of Regional Directors (Robin)

Introduction of First Timers (Robin)

Report of Nominating Committee (Sue M.):

Treasurer: still open (reviewed requirements/expectations); Laurie spoke as current Treasurer; Updated membership renewal process through QuickBooks with payment by card or check

Secretary (Stand-In): Pam Pringle here in place of Lauren Pringle

Vice-President (stand-in): Patti Layton here in place of Christine Paul

President-Elect: Laurie Albertsson

President: Patti Layton

Elections Committee: Janet C. and Neale S.; No poll-watcher needed; Ballots distributed at the end of the meeting; Mark ballots with an "X"; Each member receives one ballot, and you should hand it in to Janet or Neale; 39 members eligible to vote; Results will be delivered at the next business session; Nominations from the floor:

- Dottie Dzuba (Greater Binghamton) nominated Danelle Kaplan (Greater Binghamton) (form must be filled out by 10:45am)

Nominations closed at 10:54am by Robin

Reports of Officers:

Secretary has no report (Robin stated)

Treasurer (Laurie A.): See Book page 19-27

- Audit update (Laurie A.): Years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025; Report included in Book; Audits will occur annually moving forward
- File for Audit (Robin)

Vice President (Laurie A.): Nothing to add

President-Elect (Patti): Nothing to add

President (Robin): Nothing to add; Thank you for all support

Immediate Past State President (Janet Carey): Nothing to add

Any motions given to Secretary? Yes

Motions Delivered by Secretary (acting) Gabrielle to President Robin

Actions of Executive Committee (Robin):

Motion 1:

Yesterday at the Board meeting a motion was passed to bring the Bylaws Amendments to the Membership Floor.

Today I make a motion that the Bylaws Amendments presented by email and in the Conference Program book be adopted by the Membership.

Motion Made by: Laurie Albertsson and Patti Layton

Seconded by: Jacqueline Shellman

Discussion (10 minutes total):

- Patti: Bridge gap between state and chapters; Down to 15 total chapters; Some regions only have 1-2 chapters; Creates room for chapter membership to move to state positions; How many regions have full elections for RDs and how many have all 4 positions elected from ballot? EC will still have to work on connection with chapters; Desire to grow organization as a whole and bridge gap so members know that state is there to support; Previous allotted Region funds would be distributed back to the chapters, as this is where the money originated; EC will meet monthly to increase transparency and communication
- Laurie A.: Ditto; Trying to bring positive changes to the organization; Input came from members; Time spent making this decision and the potential impact it could have in the future; Potential to add Regions back if the membership grows again; 2 new committees (Governance Committee to be liaison between membership and EC/Board; Marketing/PR Committee to give voice to organization and increase awareness for all chapters)

10-minute timer started

- Katherine S. (BNC): Speaking in favor of motion; Change Governance Committee to Ombudsman Committee and ensure that there is communication between chapters and EC/Board
- Neale S. (Richmond Co.): Speaking in favor of motion; Regional Directors weren't changing so it was the same reports over and over; Thinks monthly meetings are a really good thing to ensure the word gets out about our organization
- Linda P. (BNC): Should this be under "New Business"
- Robin: Would the body like to vote now or as "New Business"?
- Body: Now
- Robin: Re-read motion

Robin:

Favor: 37

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

Motion Action: Carried

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MOTION FORM

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Meeting Type	Date of Motion	Motion No.
Annual Conference	6/13/2026	# 1

TEXT OF MOTION

I move that:

Yesterday at the board meeting a motion was passed to bring the bylaws Amendments to the Membership Floor.

Today. I make a motion that the bylaws amendments presented by email and in the Conference program book be adopted by the membership.

MOTION ACTION

Carried	Lost	Tabled	Referred to	Withdrawn
✓				

Motion made by	Seconded by	Copy of Motion Needed?
Patti Layton	Jacquie Shellman	☐ Yes
		☒ No

+ Laurie Albertsson

Communications Board Report (Robin): Nike accepting donations with Sue M.; Form for local chapters to contribute to Nike; Form will be distributed

Introduction of Youth Leadership:

- Taylor
- Maddie
- Harley

Meeting Recess called by Robin at 11:24am

Robin: Do not forget to fill out Ballot

NYS Women Board Meeting Notes

June 13, 2026, 3:15-4:30pm, Part 2

Taken By: Gabrielle Kostrzewski

Robin: Meeting will be recorded

Meeting resumed at 3:26pm

Declaration of Quorum (Robin)

- 14 out of 18; Quorum Met

Finance 2026-2027 Budget Vote

- Refer to page 33

Motion 2:

I move that the budget presented today to the Membership be adopted with the additional changes/revisions adding a Zoom account and removing Regional Directors stipend. Parliamentary stipend will remain. The net revenue will now be a negative \$3,526.00.

Motion Made by: Laurie Albertsson (does not require Second)

Discussion:

- Laurie A.: Ambitious goal to add 30 new members; moved money to CD to earn higher dividends; audit cost annually added; removed stipend for board on zoom meetings; increased marketing funding; added money for keynote speakers and presenters at next year's conference; Nike only 2x per year
- Donna Jones (Walton Chapter): What does insurance cover? Does a chapter need individual insurance for their chapter?
 - Patti: Liability insurance for chapter events
 - Pam Pringle (Susquehanna): Susquehanna chapter did research and the state's liability insurance is more than enough to cover the chapter
- Barbara S. (Staten Island): We have been paying for Board Insurance (D&O). Do we need that? A lawyer recommended it so we added it two years ago. How do we get a copy of the state's insurance policy for chapter events?
- Pat F. (CNY): You can contact the state for a copy of the insurance policy
- Kathleen Capra (Tri-County): Liability only for events; there are bonds for Board Insurance; business card available to help Staten Island chapter (or any others) decide what to do about their Board Insurance
- Nicole Rodgers (BNC): Money Market Mutual Funds could be something we look into rather than the CD because it has a higher rate
- Robin Allen (Susquehanna): Someone else recommended we get a Treasurer bond only if there is not trust with the treasurer

Robin: Vote on Motion 2

Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Action: Carried

**MOTION FORM**

Annual Conf

Meeting Type	Date of Motion	Motion No.
Annual Conference	6/13/2020	#2

TEXT OF MOTION

I move that:

The budget presented today to the membership be adopted with the additional changes/Revisions adding a zoom account and removing Region Directors stipend, Parliamentarian Stipend will remain. The net revenue will now be a negative \$3,526⁰⁰

MOTION ACTION

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✓				

Motion made by	Seconded by	Copy of Motion Needed?
Laurie Albertsson	none	☐ Yes ☐ No

Membership Report (Linda P.): Report to note members who are not renewing after one year; NYSW used to give out certificates to recognize members for consecutive years (noted 2 members who celebrated 50+ years)

Election Results (Janet Carey):

- 33 out of 39 ballots received
- Full slate approved

Motion made by Janet Carey to destroy ballots. Motion seconded by Patti Layton. All in favor. None opposed. None abstained.

Personal & Professional Development Report (Janet C.): Speaking challenge/competition that members need more info about to increase responses; Review of the types PPD available and reliance on chapter engagement; Patti L. shared experience participating in this program along with her Mentor; Sue M. shared information about Athena and supporting Women Veterans (basic needs) and requested members contact her with any ideas

Women's Day at the Fair (Pat Fergerson): Wednesday September 2nd, 2026; brunch for women's recognition; members should attend to help represent NYSW and market our organization; watch for invitation in your email; NYSW will have a vendor table

Manual of Instruction (Robin B. in place of Neale S.): Available on the website with a toolkit to support chapters

MAL (Jacquie Shellman): No additions to report

Unfinished Business (Robin B.): None

New Business (Robin B.): None

Meeting Adjourned at 4:11pm by Robin B.