

**2012 Sunday Executive Board Meeting
Sunday April 29, 2012
Uniondale Marriott – Long Island, New York**

The meeting was called to order @ 8:20 A.M. by President Mary Grace Roach.

Opening Reflection was given by Chaplain Nita Landes.

President Mary Grace Roach welcomed the Executive Board to the new year.

Myriam Lavora and Kathlene Lyman were appointed to the Minutes Approval Committee by President Mary Grace Roach.

Recording Secretary Barbi Cudney called the Roll:

President Mary Grace Roach, Vice President Lorena Cutt, Treasurer Lori Connolly, Recording Secretary Barbi Cudney, Parliamentarian Michele Camilleri, Archivist Michele Camilleri, Calligraphy Nita Landes, Chaplain Nita Landes, Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chairman Linda Gettings, Membership Pins Chairman Pam Reussow, Midterm Meeting Chairman Karen Nichols, MSS Scholarship Chairman Linda Goldsworthy, MSS Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathlene Lyman, MSS Committee Members Lorena Cutt, Katrina Smith, Karen Nichols, MSS Committee Alternate Barbi Cudney, Newsletter Editor Michele Camilleri, Nominating Chairman Lisa Cartini, Nominating Committee Members Natalie Diaz, Katrina Smith, Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora, State Meeting Co-Liaison Mary Grace Roach, 2012 State Meeting Chairman Mary Grace Roach, 2013 State Meeting Chairman Sharon Atti, 2013 State Meeting Co-Chairman Sharon Wetzel, Unity Project Coordinator Kathy Brousseau, Twin Photo Registry Barbi Cudney, Webmaster Michele Szatkowski, Website Committee Members Michele Camilleri, Lori Connelly, Lorena Cutt, Natalie Diaz.

Past Presidents: Nita Landes, Myriam Lavora, Michele Camilleri, Linda Goldsworthy.

President Mary Grace Roach appointed Michele Camilleri as Parliamentarian and Glenda Chappell as Advisor. All were in favor.

President Mary Grace Roach circulated the Equipment & Inventory List and Manual & Badge List as well as an email list for a new directory.

Officers Reports:

A. President Mary Grace Roach indicated we will now focus on the future and new plans for the organization.

B. Vice President Lorena Cutt stated she is in transition to this position.

C. Recording Secretary Barbi Cudney stated she plans to continue doing the minutes and lighten the mood.

D. Treasurer Lori Connolly presented the Proposed Budget for 2012-2013.

E. Parliamentarian Michele Camilleri indicated she is reading “Robert Rules” and it is fascinating. As the Newsletter Editor she informed us that the deadline for newsletter articles is 5-5-12; she reiterated that



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you do not need to format your articles. The calendar of events will be included. Please give files to the Archivist that are over 2 years old; you may bring them to the Midterm Board Meeting.

Standing Committee:

F. Calligrapher Nita Landes is keeping the same format for certificates but she is trying to devise a generic certificate for the chairman to fill out.

G. President Mary Grace Roach received a copy of the budget which was approved by a show of hands. **Myriam Lavora** indicated that there is a line for \$50 for State Rep packets which are now sent out electronically. By show of hands it was agreed to allocate the \$50 to Procedure Manual.

Discussion held on Scrapbook Page Contest. Participants will now email the entry form information to Linda Gettings. This will be a Procedure Manual revision. Each contest chairman needs to send an article for the Presidential Papers, reminding clubs to email the entry form instead of spending money on postage.

H. Membership Pins Chairman Pam Reussow asked that you email her if someone is not sure how many conventions they have attended and she will research it. A member needs to attend the Saturday General Meeting in order to be considered as a legitimate attendee.

I. Midterm Meeting Chairman Karen Nichols reviewed the meeting information and will check on repairs at the hotel for our Midterm Board Meeting.

J. MSS Chairman: Linda Goldsworthy questioned who was on the MSS Committee. The Committee list was provided to her. Holly Shear has expressed an interest in becoming the MSS Fundraiser.

K. MSS Treasurer/Vice Chairman: Kathlene Lyman stated the scholarship checks will be mailed today. See report attached. **Michele Szatkowski** questioned whether we should continue with the calendar fundraiser. **Michele Camilleri** indicated we need to monitor our funds closely per IRS standards and possibly give \$1500 awards instead of \$1000. Michele will check the Archives for the letter from the IRS when she arrives home because there is a very small window of how much money we can hold on to, to keep the scholarship going. It was recommended that Linda Goldsworthy and the committee discuss increasing the awards.

President Mary Grace Roach indicated that the positions of Newsletter Contest Chairman, Photographer and MSS Fundraiser are vacant.

L. Nominating Chairman Lisa Cartini stated she will do her best.

M. Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora asked to please return all materials to her if you are not continuing on the Executive Board.

N. Publicity Chairman Janet Hranek (absent) is continuing in this position.

O. Research/Twin Data Registry Lindsay Corrigan was absent.



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P. 2012 State Meeting Chairman Mary Grace Roach spoke about all the help she received in putting together this State Meeting.

President Mary Grace Roach called for a 5 minute break from 9:10 A.M. to 9:15 A.M.

Q. 2013 State Meeting Co- Chairmen Sharon Wetzel & Sharon Atti stated MOTC Buffalo is excited to host the next State Meeting.

2012 State Meeting Chairman Mary Grace Roach repaid the 2012 State Meeting Loan.

R. State/National Liaison Mary Lou Surmik was absent.

S. Unity Project Coordinator Kathy Brousseau will try to do a power point presentation and add items to the website as well.

T. Twin Photo Registry Barbi Cudney will be adding the pages from last years' Scrapbook Page Contest into a new photo album, and adding this years' entries into the display stand, for display in next years' Mom's Information Center. This process will continue. Clubs may continue to send pictures and /or completed pages to add to our photo albums. The revolving display worked well.

U. Ways & Means Chairman for 2011-1012 Erin Adams was absent.

V. Webmaster Michele Szatkowski asked that everyone send items for Website to her. **Newsletter Editor Michele Camilleri** will create the Directory for the Website which will have the titles and names of the Executive Board members excluding all contact information, until the privacy issue with the website is resolved.

Past Presidents Nita Landes, Myriam Lavora, Michele Camilleri, and Linda Goldsworthy were called on to give their comments and wish everyone well.

Old Business

1. Chaplain Nita Landes stated she received the names of people who had passed on recently during this weekend. She reminded people to notify her of deaths so that they can be recognized in the Memorial Page. She also stated that her club would like to host a convention but reported that they would not do so because some clubs dropped out of state after convention. She indicated she never wanted this to happen to her club. **Michele Szatkowski and Mary Grace Roach** disagreed, stating they were more invested in the State Organization after their respective clubs hosted a convention.

New Business

1. Nominating Chairman Eligibility Requirements: 2011 – 2012 Nominating Chairman Nancy McPeak asked Michele Camilleri to check into the requirements for Nominating Chairman; she thought the committee had more restrictions than the chairman, making it difficult to become Chairman. As



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1 Parliamentarian, Michele Camilleri stated she would work with President Mary Grace Roach and Procedure
2 Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora and look further into this issue. This matter will be discussed at the
3 Midterm Board Meeting.

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5 **2. Twin Data Registry:** what has been done with it and what is future of it? **Natalie Diaz** talked about the
6 potential research it provides regarding medical issues. **Karen Nichols** stated she spoke with Lindsay
7 Corrigan prior to this meeting to review the responsibilities. Karen has information in her computer for the
8 Twin Data Registry. She will give this to Lindsay. The information needs to be updated and in a hard copy.
9 **Natalie Diaz** suggested that there may be people with health issues looking for information. **Michele**
10 **Camilleri** suggested that articles could be written to address or give information on these issues.

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12 **3. President Mary Grace Roach** addressed the faux pas this weekend as it pertained to the double ordering
13 of flowers. **Michele Szatkowski** stated that the Nominating Committee buys the flowers. A discussion
14 ensued on who buys flowers. **Nita Landes** talked about the flowers for the Memorial Service. We were
15 informed that Shirley Savage had picked up the flowers which looked real but were not. It was suggested
16 that the silk corsages used for the Installation of Officers be turned in so that they may be used again. All
17 of the corsages were returned to Lisa Cartini.

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19 **4. Moms Information Center:** **Michele Camilleri** encouraged all Executive Board Members and clubs to
20 create displays. We need First Time Attendees to learn about the organization; it is a wealth of information.
21 She stated that we talk about getting new people on the Board this is their chance to learn about all of the
22 positions. The displays can be unique. It does not have to be a tri-fold. There could be articles about this in
23 the *"Presidential Papers"*; but it needs to be overseen. As Parliamentarian, **Michele Camilleri** offered to
24 oversee this project. **Kathy Brousseau** suggested we move the display to the meeting room on Saturday and
25 the Chinese Auction room on Friday. There may be space this year but we cannot predict the space in
26 advance.

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28 **5. Photographer:** **Michele Szatkowski** offered to become our Photographer. Discussion on photos and
29 discs was initiated. It was suggested that the Photographer buy the CD's, give the Archivist a CD for the
30 purpose of keeping a photo record. The hosting club would get a disc with their convention photos.
31 **Michele Camilleri** stated that there has not been a Photographer for the last few years. **Linda Goldsworthy**
32 felt that the Hosting Club should receive a set of pictures and did not receive one. **Michele Camilleri** stated
33 that the 2010 State Meeting Committee did not receive a set of photos; they created their own album and did
34 not feel that State needed to spend the money for their pictures. **Natalie Diaz** suggested we schedule a set
35 time for photos. The consensus was that, in the past, we have tried this and it did not work. **Michele**
36 **Szatkowski** stated she would look into Snapfish. The procedure will now be rewritten. State will keep the
37 disc in the archives and the Hosting Club will receive as a gift from the State Organization a photo album.

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39 **6. Club Presidents/State Rep Workshop:** **Natalie Diaz** initiated a discussion on allowing more time for
40 this workshop. **Michele Camilleri** agreed. She suggested 1 to 1 ½ hours. She also thought that later in
41 the day would be better. **2012 State Meeting Chairman Mary Grace Roach** indicated that there is very
42 little free time to allot for that. There was a consensus by all who participated: **Natalie Diaz, Michele**
43 **Camilleri, Kathlene Lyman, Myriam Lavora and Mary Grace Roach** that more time is needed.
44 **Michele Camilleri** reported that 6 member clubs were represented: Greater Rochester MOTC, T & T of
45 CNY, MOTC Queens, Manhattan MOTC, MOTC Suffolk Co., and Schenectady MOTC.



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Issues that were discussed included: where this workshop could take place within the hotel facilities; how the clubs operate, Big Tent, membership for personal gain; how to handle a dominating club member; bringing children to adult socials; how to assist MOMS in need. Some clubs prepare meals for new moms, while others give gift cards or baskets for various reasons. A few clubs offer assistance for catastrophic events, while others feel it is not their responsibility to do so. It was helpful to have these issues raised and share tips on how to address and resolve these problems at the local level.

7. Michele Burns (Chemung Valley MOTC) talked about attending convention and its benefits. She talked about how we could get women to come and make it relevant for them to be here. **Michele Camilleri** responded that all clubs are experiencing the same phenomena of women not attending club meetings, let alone conventions. A discussion on attendance at convention ensued.

8. Natalie Diaz: MSS Scholarship Funds: Natalie Diaz asked about the 501F and the status of the State Organization's funds. **Michele Camilleri** explained that we are operating within the guidelines of 501 (c) 3 but our status is a 501 (c) 4. In order to make a change, we would need to change our name, as well as change our By-laws. This was discussed a few years ago and it was decided to remain the way we are now. The only thing we do not have is tax exemption. **Natalie Diaz** felt that if we changed our status the member clubs would save money by not having to maintain their membership with NOMOTC because we could offer the same benefit of Group Exemption. She offered to collect all the facts and present them at the next board meeting. The discussion was tabled until Midterm.

9. Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC) and Karen Nichols, (Madison-Oneida MOTC) stated their intention to put in a bid for the 2014 State Meeting. A brief discussion ensued as to allowing the clubs to go home and discuss all possible bids and handling this in accordance with the timeline set forth in the Bylaws.

President Mary Grace Roach adjourned the Meeting at 10:38 a.m.



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5 **Barbi Cudney**

6 **Recording Secretary**

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8 **Minutes Approval Committee:**

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11 **Miriam Lavora** _____ **Kathlene Lyman** _____

