

2013 Sunday Executive Board Meeting  
Sunday, May 5, 2013  
Sheraton Niagara Falls - Buffalo NY

1 The meeting was called to order at 8:39 a.m. by President Mary Grace Roach.

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3 Chaplin Nita Landes gave the opening reflection.

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5 President Mary Grace Roach welcomed new and returning Board Members to the new year.

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7 Shirley Savage and Myriam Lavora were appointed as Minutes Approval Committee by President Mary Grace  
8 Roach.

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10 Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt called the role. Attendance was voiced as follows:

11 President Mary Grace Roach, Vice President Kathy Brousseau, Treasurer Lori Connolly, Recording Secretary  
12 Lorena Cutt, Advisor Glenda Chappell, Parliamentarian Linda Goldsworthy, Archivist Michele Camilleri,  
13 Calligraphy Nita Landes, Chaplin Nita Landes, Librarian Marie Vito, Membership Pins Chair Nancy McPeak,  
14 Midterm Meeting Chair Shirley Savage, MSS Scholarship Chair Natalie Diaz, MSS Treasurer/Vice Chairman  
15 Kathlene Lyman, MSS Committee Members Karen Nichols, Lina Rivera Santana, Nancy Converse, Kathy Rucci  
16 (Alternate committee member), Newsletter Editor Michele Camilleri, Nominating Chairwoman Lisa Cartini,  
17 Nominating Committee Members Colleen O'Connell, Joanne Czajkowski, Holly Litz, Doreen Greci, Photographer  
18 Judy Tennenbaum, Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora, Publicity Janet Hranek, State Meeting Co-Liason  
19 Sharon Atti, State Meeting Co-Liason Sharon Wetzel, 2013 State Meeting Chair Sharon Atti, 2013 State Meeting  
20 Co-Chair Sharon Wetzel, 2014 State Meeting Chair Barbi Cudney, 2015 State Meeting Co-Chair Nancy  
21 Converse, State/National Liaison Mary Lou Surmik, Twin Photo Registry Barbi Cudney, Ways and Means Chair  
22 Judy Tennenbaum, Ways and Means Committee Members Peggy Fiorini, Lauren Oak, Sharon Wetzel, Lisa  
23 Torres, Webmaster Michele Szatkowski, Website Committee Members Kathy Brousseau, Michele Camilleri,  
24 Lori Connolly and Phoebe Kannisto.

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26 Past Presidents in attendance were Myriam Lavora, Shirley Savage, Michele Camilleri, Judy Tennenbaum, Linda  
27 Goldsworthy, Joanne Czajkowski and Glenda Chappell.

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29 The Equipment List and Manual and Badge Lists were circulated for updates.

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31 President Mary Grace Roach circulated the Club Directory and the Calendar of Events

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33 President Mary Grace Roach appointed Linda Goldsworthy as Parliamentarian and Glenda Chappell as advisor.  
34 Michele Camilleri requested vote. All present were in favor of appointments. There were no abstentions.

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36 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

37 Vice President Kathy Brousseau advised that she welcomed her new position and that she would enjoy working  
38 closely with the President and writing the turtle column.

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40 Treasurer Lori Connolly passed out the proposed budget. Changes were made to add a line item for a/v rental  
41 for state meetings and propose a \$200 budget; line items for President, Archivist, Advisor, Editor and Flowers  
42 were reduced to compensate. The budget was passed by unanimous consent.

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1 Recording Secretary Renie Cutt indicated she had a great weekend and welcomed her new position.

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3 Midterm Meeting Chairman Shirley Savage indicated that she was thankful to be back working with this position  
4 as it is something she loves to do. The Midterm meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2013.  
5 Registration fee is \$40. The rest of the details will be posted in the newsletter.

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7 MSS Scholarship Chair Natalie Diaz thanked the Board for allowing her to serve as she strongly believes in  
8 education for children.

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10 Newsletter Editor Michele Camilleri advised the Board that newsletter articles are due May 8<sup>th</sup>. Articles are  
11 needed from both old and new board members . New board members should introduce themselves and  
12 review the calendar of events. Reminders in newsletters.

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14 MSS Treasurer Kathy Lyman advised that the weekend lottery ticket raffle made \$277 and calendar raffles  
15 added \$226 to the MSS Scholarship fund; Pam Reussow donated \$50 in memory of Mamie Hoag. Chairman  
16 expenses were \$27.67 were donated; Linda Gettings was the winner of the calendar raffle of \$500. She  
17 provided a copy of report to the secretary and minutes approval committee.

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19 Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora provided manual revisions for this year. Remove old pages and insert  
20 new so manuals are as current as possible; current version is also available to clubs and members through  
21 the website. She also advised members to call the President or her for assistance; members should read and  
22 familiarize themselves with the manual (especially their position) to work effectively; passed around list for  
23 manuals and badges.

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25 2013 State Meeting Chair Sharon Atti advised that Friday night they received \$64 from cigarette and candy  
26 sales for MSS Scholarship Fund; show and sell totaled \$465; Checks were being prepared for State Meeting  
27 Assessment of \$123; \$1400 to Eleanor Siegel Fund for Loan Repayment; Club did well in raffles; all to be  
28 documented in midterm report; should have money left over.

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30 2014 State Meeting Chair Barbi Cudney advised that the meeting will be held May 1 through May 4, 2014. It  
31 will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Batavia, Rooms are \$99 for single/\$ 119 for Suite; lunch is Disney on parade;  
32 sat night movie palooza; DJ karaoke of Disney songs.

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34 2015 State Meeting Chair Nancy Converse advised that it will be held in Syracuse via TNT of CNY and POM  
35 helping with hospitality room; more info at midterm; they are requesting the \$1400 loan; it will also be the 50<sup>th</sup>  
36 anniversary party.

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38 State/National Liaison Mary Lou Surmik indicated she will place AD for national booklet ;missed last year due to  
39 surgery.

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1 Ways and Means Chairman Lisa Vanderbrook thanked those who helped sell tickets especially Katrina Smith  
2 and Erin Adams for helping while she was in hospitality room. 14 clubs participated with two clubs donating 2  
3 baskets (POM and Kins of Twins) for a total of 16 baskets. Profit of \$380 was already given back to State.  
4 Erin purchased two packs of tickets (700), so next committee is set for awhile; Shirley Savage indicated  
5 that a majority of the baskets contained alcohol which wasn't good for those that don't drink. New Committee  
6 should be reminded that not everybody drinks alcohol and filling baskets with alcohol limits options for them.  
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8 Chaplin Nita Landes advised that she was happy that nobody was offended at Prayers; members also need to  
9 look in album to make sure deceased members are there to make a new page with photo, etc.  
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11 Calligraphist Nita Landes advised members to get names for certificates to her early so that she can prepare  
12 them prior to the meeting;  
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### 14 OLD BUSINESS

15 Newsletter Contest –the chairman received 4 entries; Linda Goldsworthy asked a few clubs who were entered in  
16 the contest for their feedback. One club indicated they would still be producing newsletter whether contest or  
17 not, and one said they may go to a quarterly newsletter. Shirley Savage said that clubs' newsletters (or lack of  
18 one) also affects the Super State Rep award. Kathy Brousseau suggested a Website Contest; Michele Szatkowski  
19 indicated some clubs use Bigtent and don't have a website; Michele Camilleri asked to have state reps indicate  
20 why they are not participating or change to something more reflective; could be a suggestion for a research  
21 project.  
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23 Super State Rep Award - Renie Cutt indicated that as Vice President, tallying up the Super State Rep Award was  
24 difficult because the newsletter component makes up such a large percentage of achievable points. Newsletters  
25 were provided from only five clubs and only two of the five sent them monthly. That puts most clubs out of the  
26 running for Super State Rep. We need to look at revising the point system. Many clubs may be going by way of  
27 not producing a newsletter. (other discussion but can't be deciphered.) Committee is to be organized to look  
28 at point system including procedure manual chairman.  
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### 30 NEW BUSINESS

31 Nita Landes asked if the Marie Simmons Scholarship Calendar needed to be mailed back as Certified mail.  
32 After discussion, it was clarified that Yes, it needs to be sent back to the MSS Fundraiser Chair because of the  
33 money included along with the lottery tickets, etc. and if it is lost in the mail, there is a way of tracking it; should  
34 be a local club expense.  
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36 Kathy Bruousseau commented on the issue and recent trouble of filling the Secretary position; it is a lot of work  
37 to transcribe minutes after meeting, and the perception and fear of performing the duties correctly. Thought  
38 should be given to splitting job into possibly a recording secretary and corresponding secretary to help with  
39 workload. Michele Camillleri advised that the recording secretary role is now less of a burden as she does not  
40 prepare any correspondence and that the minutes can be less detailed, (losing some of the conversation).  
41 Minutes have now been decreased from 25 pages to 10 pages. Past tapes are archived. Linda Goldsworthy

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1 added that the Recording Secretary has minutes corrections and approval to help with final version; minutes  
2 should now include major points and motions made and actions taken. All reports given and motions made at  
3 the meetings are attached to the minutes. It is important for everyone to write reports as they can cut down  
4 on what goes into minutes.

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6 Digital Recorder – Previously Barbi Cudni purchased one from staples but could only register it for one  
7 person; thought next person would not be able to register. She returned because would not work. It was  
8 decided that the Organization should purchase as an organization and register it as such. Renie Cutt will  
9 investigate/purchase new device. As purchase was previously approved in prior meeting, it is ok to go ahead  
10 and purchase one without further approval from Board.

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12 **PAST PRESIDENTS CLOSING THOUGHTS:**

13 Nita Landes -thanks for allowing to serve;

14 Myriam Lavora thanked for great weekend and excellent weather;

15 Shirley Savage – was thankful and felt totally relaxed; awesome;

16 Michele Camilleri said weekend was wonderful...loved the flapper theme and lloved all touches i.e.photo booth,  
17 Hopes the new moms trend to continue;

18 Judy Tennenbaum loved the dress up part; said it was good to be back;

19 Linda Goldsworthy – great conversation. Committee did a great job. She was grateful for new faces and hopes  
20 it keeps going as we need new people on board along with the veterans to share the experience;

21 Joanne Czajkowski was happy to be here, and happy to be a member of a great organization;

22 Glenda Chappell gave thanks to Buffalo as she beat them into taking the convention on...great job!

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24 Nita Landes gave the closing reflection

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26 Meeting was adjourned at 10:16.