



NYSOMOTC
Saturday General Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2016

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Opening Ceremonies - Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance were performed by Boy Scout Troop 180 of West Islip (William and Thomas Fallon and Griffin DeRiso). Islip Town Supervisor, Angie Carpenter, then addressed and welcomed the group to Islip and talked about some up and coming town happenings.

President Barbi Cudney called the 51st annual NYSOMOTC Saturday General State Meeting to order at 8:38 AM.

Chaplain Nita Landes opened the meeting with a prayer.

President Barbi Cudney welcomed all to the meeting. She then announced the resignation of June Driscoll as Recording Secretary due to personal reasons. With June's resignation, **Lorena Cutt** was appointed as Acting Recording Secretary for this meeting during the 2016 Friday Executive Board Meeting. **President Barbi Cudney** then asked for members of the Executive Board to stand and be recognized for their work on the Board.

President Barbi Cudney asked for volunteers to serve as the Minutes Approval Committee. **Myriam Lavora** and **Lesley Longmcleod** volunteered and were appointed.

Acting Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt called the Roll. Officers present were **President Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC/Westside Suburban MOTC), **Vice President Kathlene Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC), **Acting Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Treasurer Kathy Rucci** (MOTC Suffolk), **Advisor Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County MOTC), and **Parliamentarian Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens). Past Presidents in attendance were **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC), **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens), **Sharon Witul** (WNY MOMS aka MOTC Buffalo), **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) and **Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County MOTC). Clubs' Delegates present were **Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC), **Lori Connolly**, **Lorena Cutt** and **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Michele DelleBovi**, **Deb Miller** and **Marie Vito** (WNY MOMS aka MOTC Buffalo), **Michele Camilleri** and **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens), **Doreen Greci** (MOTC Suffolk), **Beth Karcher**, **Lina Rivera-Santana** and **Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County MOTC), **Lisa Cartini**, **Peggy Fiorini** and **Susie Venditti** (POM of CNY), **Kathleen Brousseau**, **Kathlene Lyman** and **Holly Shear** (Schenectady MOTC), **Sherry Curtis** and **Rosemarie Stevens** (Southern Tier MOTC), **Joanne Czajkowski**, **Nancy McPeak** and **Linda Redmond** (TNT of CNY) and **Nita Landes**, **Cathy Renko** and **Cindy Sanger** (Westside Suburban MOTC).

President Barbi Cudney asked for volunteers to serve as tellers and pages for this meeting. **Andrea Irizzary**, **Dawn McDonald**, **Pam Reussow**, and **Kathy Brousseau** volunteered and were appointed as tellers. **Andrea Irizzary** and **Beth Karcher** volunteered and were appointed as pages.

Parliamentarian Michele Camilleri reviewed the voting procedures and gave the Delegates Report as follows: 11 clubs were present accounting for 33 Registered Delegates, 6 Officers and 9 Past Presidents equaling 48 total registered votes. 25 votes were needed for a majority vote, and 32 votes represented a 2/3 majority vote.

Kim Ozark, Past President of Multiples of America thanked the group for inviting her to the weekend's events. She talked about the status of the Organization's rebranding from National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs to Multiples of America. She advised that the new website, multiplesofamerica.org, is up and running and that the old website, nomotc.org has been shut down (nomotc.org will redirect you to the new site). She further talked about the new college scholarship that has now been developed for children and parents of multiples. New support coordinators have been created for LBGT, Higher Order Multiples, Special Needs and Bereavement, among others. Lastly, she discussed the reorganization of the conventions in that they have condensed the days in hopes of attracting more people. The next convention is in Atlanta, Ga. The convention price includes meals.

President Barbi Cudney gave her report reflecting on her term as president and the happiness that she felt for



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the group working together and the work involved in the position.

Vice President Kathlene Lyman gave her report indicating that it was a pleasure to serve as Vice President. She further advised of tasks performed: she found that reading news from club state reps was rewarding, as was everything with respect to the position. She remarked that those clubs who don't produce a newsletter often still sent her emails about club events. She advised that she kept a record of points for the Super State Rep award. Lastly, she thanked MOTC Suffolk for a wonderful convention thus far. **President Barbi Cudney** agreed with Kathy's sentiment.

Acting Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt asked for corrections to the 2015 Saturday General Meeting Minutes. No corrections were reported. President Barbi Cudney motioned to accept the Minutes as presented at this Saturday, April 16, 2016 General Meeting.

2016 State Meeting Chairman Susie Smith reported on the State Meeting. She first thanked her club for their help and support. There were 121 attendees. Susie stated that Lesley Longmcleod invited former members, many of whom were coming for lunch. She thanked President Barbi Cudney for her help as well as Diana Donovan Campisi, Myriam Lavora and Michele Camilleri for their assistance with the Hospitality Room.

Treasurer Kathy Rucci reported a correction to be made to the Eleanor Siegel Memorial Fund relating to the state meeting loan and repayment of \$1,400 each. She reported that the opening and closing balance of the fund was \$1,459.10. The opening balance of the General Fund was \$7,852.87; the closing balance was \$8,413.73. Kathy then reviewed her duties performed as Treasurer. She also advised that she was in the process of completing the IRS Form 990 before handing the books over to the new treasurer.

Audit Committee members Mary Grace Roach and Linda Goldsworthy advised that the Treasurer's records from April 25, 2015 to April 15, 2016 had been audited and found to be correct.

Marie Simmons Scholarship Vice Chairman/Treasurer Kathlene Lyman advised of her duties performed in this position. She further relayed that the opening balance of the fund as of April 2, 2015 was \$7,944.47. Income received through April 1, 2016 included the 2016 calendar raffle -\$1,028, income received at 2015 convention - \$515, misc. donations-\$840.52 and a transfer of \$1,000 from the general fund; expenses totaled 545.85. The closing balance as of April 1, 2016 was \$10,782.14. Since April 1st, the fund received an additional \$68 from the calendar raffle and two (2) scholarship winner's checks prepared for \$1,500 each, brings the current closing balance to \$7,850.14.

Audit Committee Members Linda Goldsworthy and Mary Grace Roach reported that the records of the Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund from April 21st, 2015 to April 21st, 2016 were audited and found to be in order.

President Barbi Cudney asked for any objections to the audit committee reports. As no objections were voiced, she accepted the audit committee reports of the Eleanor Siegel Memorial Fund, the General Fund and the Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund as presented at this Saturday General Meeting (April 16, 2016).

Webmaster Michele Szatkowski apologized for the lack of the PowerPoint presentation of committee reports due to a medical emergency. She advised that she will send the Board members copies of the reports

President Barbi Cudney called a break at 9:25 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:44 a.m.



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Election of Officers - Parliamentarian Michele Camilleri read the names of those eligible for the positions of Nominating Chairman and President. She read the eligibility requirements for both positions. Michele further advised that there were no names presented for the Officer positions, and therefore nominations must come from the floor. Michele described the duties of the officer positions and called for nominations for each office. For the position of Recording Secretary, Lesley Longmcleod was nominated and declined the nomination; Lori Connolly was nominated and accepted. There were no further nominations for the office of Recording Secretary. For the Office of Treasurer, Kathy Rucci was nominated however she cannot hold the position for longer than two consecutive years. Michele Camilleri was nominated and accepted the nomination. Vicky Quinn was nominated and she declined. There were no other nominations for the position of Treasurer. Kathy Rucci was nominated for the position of Vice President and declined. Michele Szatkowski was nominated for the position and accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations from the floor for the position of Vice President. Michele Camilleri then called for nominations from the floor for the position of President. Lorena Cutt was nominated and accepted. There were no other nominations. Michele then called for each of the nominees to give a brief introduction of themselves. **Acting Secretary Lorena Cutt** cast a single vote on behalf of the membership for the 2016-2017 Slate of Officers.

Parliamentarian Michele Camilleri opened the nominations for the position of Nominating Chairman. Michele outlined the requirements to be able to be nominated. **Ruth Barone** nominated Marie Vito for office of nominating chairman, and she accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Marie was asked to give a brief introduction about herself. **Acting Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt** cast a single Vote on behalf of the membership for Marie Vito as the 2016-2017 Nominating Chairman.

Parliamentarian Michele Camilleri then asked for nominations for Nominating Committee members. Lisa Cartini, Joanne Czajkowski, Diana Donovan Campisi and Rachel Green were nominated for the four committee member positions. All nominees accepted their nominations. Michele asked all to give a brief introduction to the membership. **Acting Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt** cast a single vote on behalf of the membership for the 2016-2017 Nominating Committee members.

Parliamentarian Michele Camilleri announced that there were no bids presented to the President for hosting the 2018 State Meeting. **President Barbi Cudney** asked for a 5 minute break for clubs to discuss the possibility among its members. With no bids being presented, the item was tabled.

Research Twin Data Registry Chairman Doreen Greci reported that she was trying to setup the registry forms in Google Docs and hit a couple snags, so she was still working on them. She was also determining how to summarize information and put in chart form. The research survey this year was on stay at home parents. 42 surveys were received. Doreen advised that a summary was presented in the Presidential Papers. All respondents were mothers (no fathers). 56 % of the surveys indicated that the multiples were not the first born children. Many wanted to be the child's care giver, cost of daycare was too high, etc. Many said financial strain was worth the ability to stay home. (Full report was presented at Friday Executive Board meeting. The full survey results are attached to these minutes.)

Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chairman Michele DelleBovi announced the winners of the contest. Certificates of Participation were given to the participating clubs: Westside Suburban MOTC, MOTC Suffolk, MOTC Queens, POM of CNY, Greater Rochester MOTC and WNY MOMS/MOTC Buffalo. Judges were Nancy McPeak and Kathy Brousseau (members of the organization), and an employee of the hotel, Nicole McElroy. The winners chosen were:

3rd place-MOTC Suffolk

2nd place-WNY MOMS/MOTC Buffalo



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1 1st place- MOTC Queens

2 Member's Choice award will be announced after the lunch break.

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4 **Newsletter Contest Chairman Kristen Pace** announced the winners of the contest. Newsletters were judged on
5 overall style and visual appearance, artwork, news and special articles, officers and chairmen report, creativity
6 and original writings. The participants were WNY MOMS/MOTC Buffalo (Heather Berkley, Editor) Chemung
7 Valley MOTC (Katrina Smith, Editor), MOTC Suffolk (Shira Dubey and Danielle Eaton, Editors), Nassau County
8 MOTC (Mary Chu and Rona Doherty, Editors), MOTC Queens (June Driscoll, Editor) and Westside Suburban MOTC
9 (Cindy Sanger, Editor). The winners were:

10 Small Clubs:

11 Westside Suburban MOTC- 3rd place

12 MOTC Queens - 2nd place

13 Chemung Valley - 1st place

14 Medium Clubs:

15 MOTC Suffolk - 1st Place

16 Large Clubs:

17 WNY MOMS/MOTC Buffalo - 2nd place

18 Nassau County MOTC - 1st Place

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20 **Door Sign Contest Chairman Nicole Steffenson** reported that her judges included two representatives from the
21 hotel. The winners were chosen as follows:

22 Best overall door sign - Rm 602

23 Most creative -Rm 532

24 Most funny - Rm. 917.

25 People's Choice - will be collected at lunch and announced in afternoon session

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27 **Chaplain Nita Landes** lead the Memorial Service while state representatives and officers presented flowers in
28 representation of each of the deceased members of the organization.

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30 **President Barbi Cudney** adjourned the meeting at 10:59 for the lunch break.

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32 **President Barbi Cudney** called the meeting back to order at 1:54 p.m.

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34 **Acting Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt** called the Roll. Officers present were **President Barbi Cudney**
35 (Genesee Country MOTC/Westside Suburban MOTC), **Vice President Kathlene Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC),
36 **Acting Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Treasurer Kathy Rucci** (MOTC Suffolk),
37 **Advisor Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County MOTC), and **Parliamentarian Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens).
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40 Rochester MOTC), **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY), **Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) and **Mary Grace Roach**
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42 **Lorena Cutt and Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Michele DelleBovi**, **Deb Miller and Marie**
43 **Vito** (WNY MOMS aka MOTC Buffalo), **Michele Camilleri and Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens), **Doreen Grenci**
44 (MOTC Suffolk), **Beth Karcher, Lina Rivera-Santana and Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County MOTC), **Lisa**
45 **Cartini, Peggy Fiorini and Susie Venditti** (POM of CNY), **Kathleen Brousseau, Kathlene Lyman and Holly**
46 **Shear** (Schenectady MOTC), **Sherry Curtis and Rosemarie Stevens** (Southern Tier MOTC), **Joanne Czajkowski**,



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Greater Rochester MOTC presented their skit for the 2017 convention. **Co-chairman Pam Reussow** announced some of the events that they have lined up; an afternoon Zumba workshop, wine and beer tasting, and a casino night; other events still in the works. Attire for the weekend will be beach casual. Pam thanked Chemung Valley MOTC for their help with the convention. Room rates to be \$119 per night for rooms (other than a suite). Pam then called the winner of the 2017 Room raffle; Myriam Lavora was the winner.

Parliamentarian Michele Camilleri reviewed the proposed amendments to the Marie Simmons Scholarship Procedural Guidelines. The first amendment proposed was to #8 letter A: "an unmarried offspring who lives at home with their parents or legal guardian. Their parent or legal guardian of multiples must currently reside in New York State and has for the last 5 years". There was no discussion. Officers and delegates voted unanimously in favor of the amendment. The second change proposed was to #8 letter G, adding letter G, of the Marie Simmons Scholarship Procedural Guidelines and #6 of the checklist of eligibility: "if the applicant is a college Junior, Senior or Post Graduate, the High School Transcript is not needed." There was no discussion. Officers and Delegates voted unanimously in favor of the amendment. A copy of the current and proposed guidelines is attached.

Vice President Kathene Lyman acknowledged the State Representatives from each club and handed them a certificate. She then announced the winners of the Super State Rep Awards: Patti Basset (Chemung Valley MOTC), Doreen Greci (MOTC Suffolk), Jane Martinec (Schenectady MOTC), Lori Connolly (Greater Rochester MOTC), and Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens)

Membership Pins Chairman Lorena Cutt acknowledged and welcomed all the 1st Time Attendees. There were three 1st time members from WNY MOMS/MOTC Buffalo, two from MOTC Queens, five from Nassau County MOTC, and twelve from MOTC Suffolk. Five Members received 5 year pins (Doreen Greci, Susie Smith, Liz Orellana, Lesly Stanislevic and Lina Rivera Santana). Heidi Porter (Westside Suburban MOTC) received a 10 year pin. Sue Karaszewski (WNY MOMS/MOTC Buffalo) received a 15 year pin. Cathy Renko, Michele Camilleri and Michelle DelleBovi all received 25 year pins. Debby Barton (Westside Suburban MOTC) received a 35 year pin. Those receiving 25 and 35 year pins submitted their NYSOMOTC memories which were read aloud.

Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Myriam Lavora acknowledged her committee members and their hard work on the committee (Kathlene Lyman, Nancy Converse, Ruth Barone, Debby Barton, Glenda Chappell, Lori Connolly, Marie Vito and Vicki Quinn) along with Nancy McPeak, Linda Redmond and Joanne Czajkowski, who helped sell the remaining calendar dates. To date, 63 scholarships have been awarded totaling over \$44,000. 13 applicants' packets were received and judged by the committee. She then announced the winners of the Marie Simons Scholarship for 2016. The first winner was Lauren Litz, daughter of Holly Litz (member of Schenectady MOTC). **Kathlene Lyman** accepted the award on Lauren's behalf and read her note of thanks. The second winner was Alexa Stachowski of Elma, NY. **Marie Vito** accepted the award on Alexa's behalf and read her note of thanks. Myriam then thanked all those that contributed their dollars for the fundraisers.

Midterm Board Meeting Chairman Michele Szatkowski announced that the date of the 2016 Midterm Board Meeting is Saturday, October 15th. Room rates are \$104 for single, double, triple or quad rooms. It will be held at the Owego Treadway Inn. Information is on the website (NYSOMOTC.org) under the annual meetings tab. Room



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reservations must be made by 9/1/16. Registrations are to be submitted between 8/1 and 10/1. Registrations not paid by October 1st will have a \$10 late fee added.

State/National Liaison Ruth Barone announced that the 56th annual Multiples of America (aka National) Convention, Crossroads and Connections, will be held July 28-31, in Atlanta, Ga. The 2017 Convention will be held in Kansas City, Mo. Ruth then relayed the themes of the Notebook 2015-2016 Editions: Winter – Growth; Spring - Multiples and Their Effect on the World; Summer - Famous/Aspiring Twins; Fall – The Road Less Traveled (other aspects of raising multiples).

Unfinished business:

1. **Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chairman Michele DelleBovi** announced that the Members Choice Award for Club Scrapbook Page contest resulted in a tie between MOTC Suffolk and WNY Moms/MOTC Buffalo.
2. **President Barbi Cudney** announced that we are still looking for a Bid for the 2018 State Meeting. Michele Camilleri read the bylaw indicating that if no bid is presented at the General Meeting, any bids must be mailed to the President by Sept 1st and voted on by the Executive Board at Midterm Executive Board meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: Door Sign Contest winner was Room #615;
MOTC Suffolk's 50/50 raffle winner was Paula Goetzman;
Plastic ID Pouches and Evaluation forms to be returned.

Advisor Mary Grace Roach recognized our outgoing President Barbi Cudney and presented her with a gift. She further gave accolades to Barbi's heart, her commitment and her leadership.

Installation Ceremony: Parliamentarian Michele Camilleri acknowledged the outgoing Officers and vacated the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. **Myriam Lavora** installed the new Officers: President Lorena Cutt, Vice President Michele Szatkowski, Treasurer Michele Camilleri and Recording Secretary Lori Connolly.

Chaplain Nita Landes read the Closing Prayer.

Newly installed **President Lorena Cutt** adjourned the 51st Annual NYSOMOTC State Meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorena Cutt
Acting Recording Secretary



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- 1 Myriam Lavora
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- 7 Lesley Longmcleod
- 8 Minutes Approval
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