



NYSOMOTC

Saturday General Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2018

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Saturday, April 28, 2018
Rochester Riverside, Rochester, NY

President Lorena Cutt called the 53rd annual NYSOMOTC Saturday General State Meeting to order at 8:09 am.

Opening Ceremonies - Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance were performed by Cub Scout Pack 171. Monroe County Clerk Adam Bello gave a welcome to the City of Rochester.

Chaplain Nita Landes opened the meeting with a prayer.

President Lorena Cutt welcomed all to the meeting.

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

Recording Secretary Lori Connolly called the Roll: Officers present were **President Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Vice President Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Recording Secretary Lori Connolly** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Treasurer Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **Advisor Barbi Cudney** (Westside Suburban MOTC), **Parliamentarian Kathlene Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC), Past Presidents in attendance were **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC), **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens), **Sharon Witul** (WNY MoMs), **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY), **Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY), **Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY), **Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County POM) and **Barbi Cudney** (Westside Suburban MOTC). Clubs' Delegates were **Lori Connolly, Pam Reussow and Linda Gettings** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Myriam Lavora and Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **Doreen Greci** (MOTC Suffolk County), **Catherine Marsicano and Jaclyn Novatt** (Nassau County POM), **Lisa Cartini, Peggy Fiorini and Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY), **Jane Martinec, Kathy Brousseau and Kathlene Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC), **Joanne Czajkowski, Glenda Chappell and Jill Cerchia** (TNT of CNY), **Michele DelleBovi, Marie Vito, and Lauren Lasker** (WNY MoMs), **Nita Landes, Cathy Renko and Karyn Audycki**, (Westside Suburban MOTC).

President Lorena Cutt acknowledged all the members of the Executive Board and Past Presidents. She explained what they do in the club to keep the club running.

President Lorena Cutt asked for volunteers to serve as pages for this meeting. **Laurel Swartz** (WNY MoMs) and **Renee Orr** (WNY MoMs) volunteered and were appointed as pages.

President Lorena Cutt asked for volunteers to serve as Tellers for this meeting. **Lorraine Gough** (Greater Rochester MOTC) and **Holly Shear** (Schenectady MOTC), **Amy Sperber** (MOTC Suffolk) volunteered and were appointed as tellers. **Parliamentarian Kathlene Lyman** then met with the tellers very briefly.

Parliamentarian Kathlene Lyman reviewed the voting procedures and gave the Delegates Report as follows: 9 clubs were present accounting for 27 Registered Delegates, 6 Officers and 12 Past President votes equaling 45 total registered votes. 24 votes were needed for a majority vote, and 30 votes represented a 2/3 vote.

President Lorena Cutt gave her report indicating how much she had enjoyed being President for the past two years. It was challenging this year being President and planning the 2018 State Meeting. She has tried to make the duties easier and will pass these on in the binder to the next President.



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Vice President Michele Szatkowski gave her report indicating that she has written articles for the newsletter. She enjoyed reading all the newsletters from all of the clubs. Michele has kept records for the Super State Rep and has prepared all the certificates and ordered the pins. We have 13 clubs with a total of 592 members.

Recording Secretary Lori Connolly asked for corrections to the 2017 Saturday General Meeting Minutes. One correction was reported. With the one correction, **President Lorena Cutt** stated ***"I President Lorena Cutt will accept the Saturday, April 29, 2017 General Meeting Minutes as corrected this day, Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the 2018 State Meeting"***.

President Lorena Cutt acknowledged the committee for the 2018 State Meeting and thanked everyone.

Treasurer Michele Camilleri reported that the opening balance of the General Fund was \$7773.56, income was \$2270.26, expenses were \$2595.39 and the closing balance was \$7448.43. The Eleanor Siegel Fund the opening balance was \$2689.25, income was \$1401.14, expenses were \$4000.00 and the closing balance was \$90.39.

Audit Committee members Kristen Pace and Susie Smith advised that the Treasurer's records of the General Fund for the State year 2017 to 2018 had been audited and found to be correct. The Treasurer's records of the Eleanor Siegel Fund for the State year 2017 to 2018 had been audited and found to be correct.

President Lorena Cutt 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 and the General Fund as presented at this Saturday General Meeting, April 28, 2018. **President Lorena Cutt** said **"If there are no objections, I, President Lorena Cutt will accept the Audit committee's report on the Eleanor Siegel Memorial Fund and the General Fund as presented."**

Marie Simmons Scholarship Vice Chairman/Treasurer Kathlene Lyman reported that the opening balance of the fund was \$6879.40. Income received was \$1858.00; expenses were \$3578.19 with a closing balance of \$5159.21.

Audit Committee Members Kristen Pace and Susie Smith reported that the records of the Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund for the State year 2017 to 2018 were audited and found to be correct.

President Lorena Cutt asked for any objections to the Audit Committee reports. As no objections were voiced, she accepted the Audit Committee reports of the Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund as presented at this Saturday General Meeting, April 28, 2018. **President Lorena Cutt** said **"If there are no objections, I, President Lorena Cutt will accept the Audit committee's report on the Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund as presented."**

MSS Committee Vice Chairman Kathlene Lyman announced that she took the names of the members who donated money to the MSS Scholarship Fund thru the registration process and **Stacey Myers** received a prize of Lindt Chocolate.

President Lorena Cutt called for a break at 9:03am. The meeting reconvened at 9:20am.



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Parliamentarian Kathlene Lyman presented the proposed amendment to the By Laws to be voted on. The By Law is a two part change. Part one: **that we remove the position of Publicity from the Executive Board. Article #8, Section 2, Letter O and place this position and its responsibilities under the State Meeting committee.** The reasoning is that the publicity for the State Meeting is done in the area of the site of the meeting. Currently the Publicity Chairman fills out the notification about the meeting and sends it to the hosting club and the host club finds the media outlet for it to be published. So we are taking it out of its own self and putting it in with the State Meeting Chairman. Part two would be that **letters P - V of Article 8, Section 2 State Committees move up one spot to letters O - U and create letter V which is Website/Social Media Committee.** The reasoning is to retain the alphabetical order. **Kathlene** asked if there was any questions, concerns or comments. A vote was held for Part one. The amendment was passed unanimously. A vote was held for Part two. The amendment was passed unanimously.

Election of Officers - Parliamentarian Kathlene Lyman reminded the delegates the ballots were inside the envelope with the credential packet. **Nominating Chairman Susie Smith** read off the list of members who are eligible for President. **President Lorena Cutt** asked for nominations from the floor for Treasurer, **Michele Szatkowski** was nominated and accepted. Recording Secretary, **Michele Camilleri** was nominated and accepted. Vice-President, **Lisa Cartini** was nominated, then she resigned from the Nominating Committee and accepted. **Susie Smith** was nominated, then she resigned from the Nominating Chairman position and accepted. **President Lorena Cutt** asked the nominees to give a brief introduction of themselves. As a single slate was presented, Recording Secretary cast a vote as follows: **"I, Lori Connolly, as Recording Secretary for the New York State Organization of Mothers Of Twins Club, and on behalf of its membership, cast one vote for Susie Smith for the Office of President, one vote for Lisa Cartini, for the Office of Vice-President, one vote for Michele Szatkowski, for the Office of Treasurer and one vote for Michele Camilleri, for the Office of Recording Secretary."**

Election of Nominating Chairman - Nominating Committee Member Marie Vito read off the list of members who are eligible for Nominating Chairman. **Parliamentarian Kathlene Lyman** opened the nominations for the position of Nominating Chairman. **Susie Smith** nominated **Kristen Pace** for Nominating Chairman and she accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. As a single nomination was presented, Recording Secretary cast a vote as follows: **I, Lori Connolly, as Recording Secretary for the New York State**



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Organization of Mothers of Twins Club, and on behalf of its membership cast a single vote for Kristen Pace as the 2018-2019 Nominating Chairman.

Parliamentarian Kathlene Lyman then asked for nominations for Nominating Committee members. Janine Weber, Joanne Czajkowski, Marie Vito and Diana Donovan Campisi were nominated for the four committee member positions. All nominees accepted their nominations. Kathlene asked all to give a brief introduction to the membership. **"I, Lori Connolly, as Recording Secretary for the New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Club, and on behalf of its membership cast a single vote for Janine Weber, Joanne Czajkowski, Marie Vito and Diana Donovan Campisi for the Nominating Committee members."**

President Lorena Cutt asked if there were any clubs who would like to host the 2020 State Meeting. **WNY MoMs** volunteered to host for the 2020 Annual State Meeting. No other bids were presented. **"I, Lori Connolly, as Recording Secretary for the New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Club, and on behalf of its membership cast one vote for WNY MoMs for hosting the 2020 State Meeting."**

Research Twin Data Registry Chairman Doreen Greci reported that the research survey this year was on "Who Does and Doesn't Attend Convention and the Reasons Why or Why Not." 66 surveys were received from 8 clubs. She received 19 Twin Data Registry forms. **Kathy Brousseau** suggested using Open Office for the database. She then read the results of the survey.

Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chairman Michele DelleBovi announced the winners of the contest. Certificates of Participation were given to the participating clubs: MOTC Queens, Greater Rochester MOTC, MOTC Suffolk County, POM of CNY, Schenectady MOTC, WNY MoMs and Westside Suburban MOTC. The winners chosen were:

3rd place—Greater Rochester MOTC

2nd place—MOTC Queens

1st place- POM of CNY

Member's Choice award - WNY MoMs

Newsletter Contest Chairman Kristen Pace announced the winners of the contest. Newsletters were judged on overall style and visual appearance, artwork, news and special articles, officers and chairmen report, creativity and original writings. The participants were WNY MoMs, Chemung Valley MOTC, MOTC Suffolk, Nassau County POM and Westside Suburban MOTC. The winners were:

Chemung Valley MOTC— 3rd place

MOTC Suffolk - 2nd place

WNY MoMs – 1st place

Michele Camilleri presented the concern that was presented the 2017 General Meeting about the length of the election process and the need for an installation ceremony if the same officers are continuing for a second consecutive term. The Executive Board at the 2017 Midterm Meeting discussed this matter and proposed to the membership to consider the following options. Option one - The term for office for elected officers change to two years instead of one year. Option two - When all elected officers are continuing in a second consecutive term, and having been re-elected, there is no reason for an installation ceremony between year one and year two.

President Lorena Cutt asked clubs that discussion be held on these options during today's lunch.



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Midterm Board Meeting Chairman Michele Szatkowski announced that the date of the 2018 Midterm Board Meeting is Saturday, October 20th. Room reservations will be due on September 1st. Registrations are due by October 1st. Registrations not paid by October 1st will have a \$10 late fee added. We will be looking for a new place for our meeting. Look for details in one of the next newsletters.

State/National Liaison Kathy Brousseau announced that the 58th annual Multiples of America Convention, will be held July 25th – 28th, in Sonoma County, California.

Vice President Michele Szatkowski acknowledged the State Representatives from each club and handed them a certificate. She then announced the winners of the Super State Rep Awards: Nancy Converse (TNT of CNY), Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), Doreen Greci (MOTC Suffolk), Lori Connolly (Greater Rochester MOTC), Lisa Cartini (POM of CNY) and Jane Martinec (Schenectady MOTC). She acknowledged the "above and beyond efforts" of Jane Martinec, saying that if we still had a Super, Super State Rep, she would have received it. Michele suggested putting a deadline for State Reps to get their information to the Vice-President before the Annual State Meeting. She has a deadline to order State Rep pins, so the State Reps should have an April 1st deadline.

An announcement was made to tear off the raffle ticket attached to the Evaluation Form before dropping it off in the box at check out. **President Lorena Cutt** acknowledged Michele Szatkowski's son Cody, for helping us out so much this weekend. Also, flowers were presented to the Recording Secretary, Lori Connolly, thanks to Cody!

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

President Lorena Cutt adjourned the meeting at 10:55am for the lunch break.

President Lorena Cutt called the meeting back to order at 1:47pm.

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Door Sign Contest Chairman Sharon Atti and Sharon Wetzel reported that they had 12 participants and they all did a great job. The judges included three representatives from the hotel. The winners were chosen as follows:

Best overall door sign - Rm 1015

Most funny - Rm 1016

Most creative - Rm 1109

People's Choice - Rm 1017

2019 State Meeting Co-Chairman Kathy Brousseau reported on the 2019 State Meeting which will be hosted by Schenectady MOTC and member clubs. It will be held May 2-5, 2019 at the Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs, \$149 per night. Drawings were held for the 2019 raffle items.

Membership Pins Chairman Nancy McPeak acknowledged and welcomed all the 1st Time Attendees. There were 12 - 1st time members. Five members received 5 year pins: JoAnne Kukoda-Elnicky (WNY MoMs) Kristen Pace, Kathy Rucci, Nickie Steffenson (MOTC Suffolk) and Stacy Meyers (Westside Suburban MOTC.) Mary Grace Roach (Nassau County POM) received a 10 year pin. Dawn McDonald (WNY MoMs) Diane Spuches (POM of CNY) and Holly Litz (Schenectady MOTC) received a 15 year pin. Kathy Brousseau (Schenectady MOTC) received a 20 year pin. Nancy Cootware, Susan Venditti (POM of CNY) Sharon Atti (WNY MoMs) and Anita Roach (Westside Suburban MOTC) received a 25 year pin. Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) Vicki Quinn (Westside Suburban MOTC) and Marie Vito (WNY MoMs) received a 30 year pin. Sharon Wetzel (WNY MoMs) received a 35 year pin. Those receiving 20, 25, 30, and 35 year pins submitted their NYSOMOTC memories which were read aloud.

Vice-President Michele Szatkowski presented **President Lorena Cutt** with her certificates, one for being the 2018 State Meeting Chairman and one for being President. **Advisor Barbi Cudney** presented **President Lorena Cutt** with her gavel plaque.

Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraising Chairman Nancy Converse reported that she received 155 lottery tickets and we earned \$502.00 from selling the raffle tickets, the calendar dates brought in \$1233.00. For a total of \$1735.00. Nancy held the drawing for the raffle items. Nancy then held the drawing for the lottery ticket baskets winners. The winning date drawn was December 19. Nancy Converse won the \$500.00 prize.

Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Myriam Lavora acknowledged her committee members and their hard work this past year (Kathlene Lyman, Nancy Converse, Barbi Cudney, Linda Goldsworthy, Linda Redmond, Cathy Renko, Marie Vito and Vikki Quinn). To date 67 scholarships worth approximately \$50,000 have been awarded. Six applicants' packets were reviewed and judged by the committee. She then announced the winners of the Marie Simmons Scholarship for 2018. The first winner was Holly Cartini, daughter of Lisa Cartini (member of POM of CNY). Lisa accepted the award on Holly's behalf and then read her note of thanks. The second winner was Brandon Hilfer, Myriam read his note of thanks.

Old Business:

1. **President Lorena Cutt** started the discussion on the term for office for elected officers. Option one - The term for office for elected officers change to two years instead of one year. Option two - When all elected officers are continuing in a second consecutive term, and having been re-elected, there is no reason for an installation ceremony between year one and year two. She asked for any questions or concerns from the



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floor. **Linda Goldsworthy** mentioned that all but one year, the elected officers held their position for two years. **President Lorena** also mentioned that it takes you about one year to learn your position, so the second year is much easier. **Glenda Chappell** asked if a term of two years would "scare" some of the new MoMs off of running for an elected office. **Dara Ordon (WNY MoMs)** mentioned that it takes a lot of work away from the meetings to do the job and people need to become comfortable in the with the position. She thinks two years makes sense and it does not "scare" her. Further discussion was held. **Ruth Barone** made a motion. "I, **Ruth Barone**, a member of Greater Rochester MOTC at this N.Y.S.O.M.O.T.C. Annual State Meeting, move to change Article V, Officers Section 2 Terms, which currently reads: The term of officers shall be 1 year or until successors are elected. Change to: The term of office shall be 2 years or until successors are elected." Seconded by **Nita Landes**. A vote was held. The amendment was passed unanimously.

2. **President Lorena Cutt** called **Andrea True** up to present her with a state meeting disc. Andrea was the winner of the 2018 state meeting logo contest.

New Business: None

Announcements:

~If you are a board member and not continuing in your current position, please return your badges and files to Myriam Lavora our Procedure Manual Chairman.

~You will need your State Meeting badge to get into the dinner this evening. If you have a special allergy don't forget to let your server know you are getting a special plate.

~Don't forget to drop off your 2018 State Meeting Evaluation form, President Lorena will let you know where that will be at the dinner tonight.

~If you are a delegate/alternate, please give Kathy your badges back. If you are a teller, please return the teller folders.

~Board meeting Sunday morning at 8:30am.

~Cocktail Hour in the Skyway Lobby at 6pm, cash bar and Entertainment featuring TNT Dance Explosion Dancers performing some of their award winning dances. Then come for our dinner with comedian and some surprises.

~If you would like a position on the board, see Susie Smith to see what positions are available. If you have not done so already, let her know if you are not continuing in your position.

Installation Ceremony: **Marie Vito** acknowledged the outgoing Officers and vacated the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. **Marie Vito** installed the new Officers: **President Susie Smith, Vice President Lisa Cartini, Treasurer Michele Szatkowski and Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri.**

President Susie Smith adjourned the 53rd Annual NYSOMOTC State Meeting at 3:30 p.m.



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- 1 **Chaplain Nita Landes** read the Closing Prayer.
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- 13 Myriam Lavora
- 14 Minutes Approval
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- 19 Barbi Cudney
- 20 Minutes Approval

