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54th Annual Saturday General Meeting Minutes

NYSOMOTC



Michele Camilleri
RECORDING SECRETARY



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Presentation of Colors & Pledge of Allegiance by Troop 2237 **Josie DeMarle & Alexis Griffin** and Troop 2423 **Kailyn Miller & Ciara Miller**

President Susie Smith opened the NYSOMOTC's 54th Annual State Meeting at 8:33 AM.

Chaplain Nita Landes gave the Opening Prayer.

President Susie Smith welcomed everyone to the NYSOMOTC Annual State Meeting hosted by Schenectady MOTC.

President Susie Smith appointed **Barbi Cudney** and **Myriam Lavora** to the Minutes Approval Committee.

Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri called the Roll. Present were:

President Susie Smith, Vice President Lisa Cartini, Treasurer Michele Szatkowski, Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri, Advisor Lorena Cutt, Parliamentarian Mary Grace Roach, Past Presidents: Nita Landes, Myriam Lavora (2), Sharon Witul, Shirley Savage, Michele Camilleri (2), Ruth Barone, Linda Goldsworthy, Joanne Czajkowski, Glenda Chappell, Mary Grace Roach, Barbi Cudney, Lorena Cutt, Delegates: WNY Moms Michele DelleBovi, Marie Vito, Lauren Lasker, NCPOM Merry Chui, Cathy Marsicano, Theresa Koubek, Chemung Valley MOTC Michele Burns, Pam Mongiovi, Katrina Smith, Southern Tier MOTC Mary Lou Surmik (2), Shirley Savage, MOTC Suffolk Doreen Greci (3), TNT of CNY Jill Cerchia, Joanne Czajkowski, Glenda Chappell, Schenectady MOTC Jane Martinec (2), Leann Warren, POM of CNY Peggy Fiorini (2), Susan Venditti, Westside Suburban MOTC Barbi Cudney (2), Stacy Meyers, MOTC Queens Myriam Lavora (2), Michele Camilleri, Greater Rochester MOTC Lori Connolly, Linda Gettings, Pam Reussow.

President Susie Smith called for volunteers for the four Pages. **Laurel Swartz** of WNY Moms, **Sue Thompson** of POM of CNY, **Shira Dubey** of MOTC Suffolk and **Janine Weber** of MOTC Suffolk were appointed.

Parliamentarian Mary Grace Roach gave the Delegates' Report. Clubs represented 11, Delegates' Votes 33, Officers' Votes 6, Past Presidents' Votes 14, Total registered votes 53, Majority plus 1 28, 2/3 votes needed 40. She then reviewed the Voting Procedures.



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President Susie Smith called for volunteers for the 4 Tellers who will assist the Parliamentarian in voting procedure. **Dawn McDonald** of WNY Moms, **Lina Rivera Santana** of Nassau County POM, **Kristina Bird** of Westside Suburban MOTC and **Cathy Renko** of Westside Suburban MOTC were appointed.

President Susie Smith reviewed what she had accomplished during the year. She stated she looks forward to the next year.

Vice President Lisa Cartini gave her report. She stated there are 12 clubs with 544 members for the 2018-2019 Year. We had 13 clubs with 592 members for 2017 – 2018 Year.

Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri presented the Minutes for the 2018 Saturday General Meeting for corrections from the membership. There were no corrections. **“If there are no objections I, President Susie Smith will accept the 2018 Saturday General Meeting Minutes as presented this day, May 4, 2019 at the 2019 Saturday General Meeting.”**

2019 State Meeting Chairman Kathy Brousseau and Co-Chairman Kathy Lyman welcomed everyone and reviewed the activities for the weekend. They thanked their club and the local clubs for all they did to help them with this State Meeting.

Treasurer Michele Szatkowski reported the General Fund Financial Report Opening Balance \$7428.42, Total Income \$2885.92, Total Expense \$3189.14 Closing Balance \$7145.21. She then reported Eleanor Siegel Fund Financial Report Opening Balance \$90.39, Total Income \$2529.66, Total Expenses \$2089.61, Closing Balance \$530.44. Lorena Cutt and Glenda Chappell gave the Audit Committee Report. They audited the books and an error was found in the Membership Pins. Expense came out of the General Fund but should have been from the Eleanor Siegel Fund. This transfer will be made before Midterm. It was recommended the Eleanor Siegel Fund be in a savings account.

“If there are no objections I, President Susie Smith will accept the Audit Committee’s Report on the General Fund and the Eleanor Siegel Fund as corrected.”

MSS Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathlene Lyman gave the Financial Report for the MSS Fund. Opening Balance \$5159.21 Total Income \$3230.00, Total Expenses \$3500.00, Closing Balance \$4188.21



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1 **Lorena Cutt and Glenda Chappell** gave the Audit Committee's Report. They had
2 reviewed the books and found them to be correct.

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4 **"If there are no objections I, President Susie Smith will accept the Audit
5 Committee's Report on the Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund as presented."**

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7 **Parliamentarian Mary Grace Roach** presented the recommended changes to the By
8 Laws. She discussed the change to Article 2 Section 2b Logo Usage. She asked if
9 there were any questions or discussion. This change was previously published and
10 needs a half plus one affirmative vote.

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12 **"I, Lesley Longmcleod, a member of MOTC Suffolk, at this NYSOMOTC Annual
13 State Meeting, move we accept recommendation to include/amend By Law Article
14 II section 2 B a: A written request is to be sent to the State President prior to the
15 Midterm Executive Board Meeting. The Executive Board shall approve or deny
16 usage of the logo or name."** Katrina Smith of Chemung Valley MOTC seconded the
17 motion. All were in favor. Motion Passed.

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19 **Parliamentarian Mary Grace Roach** presented the recommendation by the Executive
20 Board to change the term of office for Elected Officers. Discussion followed.

21 **"I, Shirley Savage, a member of Southern Tier MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Annual
22 State Meeting, move to change Article V section 2 to read 'no officers shall serve
23 more than one term in the same office consecutively.'" The motion was seconded
24 by Glenda Chappell. Motion passed with more than 2/3 affirmative vote.**

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26 **Parliamentarian Mary Grace Roach** presented the recommendation by the Executive
27 Board to change the term of office for the Nominating Chairman and the Nominating
28 Committee to take effect for the 2020 – 2021 year.

29 **"I, Shirley Savage, a member of Southern Tier MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Annual
30 State Meeting, move that we add subparagraph "A" to Article VIII Section 1 to
31 read 'The Nominating Chairman and Committee Members term of office shall be
32 two years or until successors are elected.'" The motion was seconded by Myriam
33 Lavora. Motion passed with more than 2/3 affirmative vote.**

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35 **The 2021 State Meeting Bid** was tabled until later, for clubs to consider this matter.

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37 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Linda Goldsworthy** presented the 2019
38 Scholarship Recipients **Alexandra Cerchia** and **Eliza Hilfer**. A brief statement from
39 each recipient was read by the chairman.



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The Community Service Project was discussed by **Linda Goldsworthy**. Together we made 14 blankets and 21 hats for the Ronald McDonald House in Albany. Members were asked to bring socks and she collected 224 pairs. The Card Project was created with art of Meghan Roach from her Senior Art Project at Alfred University to convey the beauty of diversity. The Meghan Alice Roach Scholarship for Young Artists will receive the funds from the sale of the cards. **Michele Camilleri** asked the membership to donate one night's hotel products for contribution to the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless.

Midterm Board Meeting Chairman Michele Szatkowski and Co-Chairman Shirley Savage presented the recap of attendance at the 2018 Midterm Board Meeting. There were 35 attendees, 33 Board Members, 7 Past President, 4 Club Presidents and 6 State Reps. The 2019 Midterm Board Meeting will be Saturday, October 19, 2019. We will stay at the Quality Inn in Vestal. Everyone is welcome to attend. Room rates are \$84.95 plus tax unless your club is tax exempt. Reservations must be made by September 1, 2019 and the Registration Form is due by October 1, 2019.

Nominating Chairman Kristen Pace gave her report and reviewed the open positions. **Barbi Cudney** discussed the duties of the Twin Photo Registry Chairman. The Eligibility List was presented and confirmed that all on the list were present.

President Susie Smith called for nominations for Nominating Chairman. **Janine Weber** nominated **Kristen Pace** for Nominating Chairman. There were no other nominations from the floor. **Kristen Pace** was called on to talk about herself.

"I, Michele Camilleri, as Recording Secretary for the New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs, and on behalf of its membership, cast one vote for Kristen Pace, for the office of Nominating Chairman."

President Susie Smith called for Nominations from the floor for the Nominating Committee. She stated there are 4 positions on the committee. **Linda Goldsworthy** nominated **Marie Vito**. **Marie Vito** declined. **Daniele Eton** nominated **Diana Donovan-Campisi**. **Diana Donovan-Campisi** declined. **Ericka D'Auria** nominated **Amy Sperber** MOTC Suffolk. She accepted. **Phoebe Kannisto** nominated **Janine Weber** WNY Moms. She accepted. **Lauren Lasker** nominated **Hope Kaufman** MOTC Suffolk. She accepted. **Barbi Cudney** nominated **Kristina Bird** Westside Suburban MOTC. She accepted. **Pam Reussow** GRMOTC was nominated. **Pam Reussow** declined the nomination. **Myriam Lavora** nominated **Jane Martinec**. She accepted.



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A discussion followed on whether more than one member from a club can serve on the committee. It was decided that the elections were fair and would represent what the membership wanted.

Each candidate was called on to introduce themselves to the membership. The Parliamentarian and the Tellers left the room to tally the votes.

Parliamentarian Mary Grace Roach presented the Nominating Committee Election Results. **Elected were Janine Weber, Kristina Bird, Hope Kaufman and Jane Martinec.**

President Susie Smith called a break at 11:01 AM. She resumed the meeting at 11:13 AM.

State National Liaison Kathy Brousseau presented the information for the Multiples of America 2019 Convention in Alexandria, VA. It is the 59th Annual Convention. It will be held July 24 -28, 2019 and the theme is "A Capital Experience". Room Rates are \$149. She showed the convention booklet. **Kathy Brousseau** apologized for inadvertently leaving the Marie Simmons Scholarship page out of the NYSOMOTC convention booklet.

The Memorial Service was conducted by **Chaplain Nita Landes** with the help of **Ruth Barone and Myriam Lavora.**

President Susie Smith called the Lunch Break at 11:28 PM. She resumed the meeting at 2:03 PM.

President Susie Smith gave an update on the Community Service Project. We collected 250 pairs of socks made 21 hats and 23 blankets.

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Suburban MOTC Barbi Cudney (2), Stacy Meyers, MOTC Queens Myriam Lavora (2), Michele Camilleri, Greater Rochester MOTC Lori Connolly, Linda Gettings, Pam Reussow.

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Research/Twin Data Doreen Greci presented her findings on the Research Project Naming of Multiples. Report attached

MSS Fundraiser Nancy Converse gave her report. Presales on the calendar date \$1538.00. Raffle prizes collected \$620.00 Total Sales \$2158. MOTC Suffolk sold the most dates and POM CNY was the first to send in their calendar Raffle. Winning Date August 12. MOTC Suffolk was the only name on the date and they donated the money back to the Fund.

Membership Pins Chairman Michele DelleBovi presented the 2019 Membership Pins There were 12 First Time Attendees. Five Year Recipients: **Ericka D'Auria, Jeanine Kellenberger, Theresa Koubeck, Jane Martinec and Joanne Mayo, Ten Year Recipient Holly Shear** not present, Fifteen Year Recipient Lisa Vanderbrook. **Membership Pins Chairman Michele DelleBovi** read a statement from the following Recipients. Twenty Year Recipient Nancy Converse, Twenty-Five Year Recipients: Pam Reussow, Michele Szatkowski, Peggy Fiorini, Kim Tassone, Nancy McPeak, Linda Redmond, Thirty Year Recipient Glenda Chappell, Thirty-Five Year Recipients: Sharon Witul and Theresia Carpenter.

President Susie Smith called for a ten-minute break 3:03 PM. Meeting resumed at 3:15 PM.

Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chairman Susie Venditti reported 7 clubs participated including WNY Moms, GRMOTC, Schenectady MOTC, MOTC Queens, MOTC Suffolk, POM CNY and Westside Suburban MOTC. The Members' Choice: WNY MOMs; Third Place: POM of CNY; Second Place: WNY Moms; First Place: MOTC Suffolk

Newsletter Contest Chairman Kristen Pace reported 4 clubs participated, Nassau County POM, MOTC Suffolk, Westside Suburban MOTC, WNY Moms. Fourth Place was awarded to Westside Suburban MOTC, Third Place was awarded to Nassau



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County POM, Second Place was awarded to WNY Moms, First Place was awarded to MOTC Suffolk.

Door Sign Contest Chairman Sharon Wetzel announced the winners of the Door Sign Contest as Most Creative Room 305, Funniest Room 410, Members Choice Room 115 Best overall 303.

2020 State Meeting Invitational Skit was presented by **Co-Chairmen Renee Orr and Mariko Denton** and the members of WNY Moms. Their theme is "Friendship in Focus". The dates are April 24-26, 2020 at the Buffalo Grand Hotel. Room Rates are between \$129-\$149.

Vice President Lisa Cartini presented the State Representatives with certificates. She then presented the Super State Rep Awards to **Doreen Greci** MOTC Suffolk, **Barbi Cudney** Westside Suburban MOTC, **Jane Martinec** Schenectady MOTC and **Susie Venditti** POM of CNY

2021 State Meeting Bid was postponed as no club was interested in hosting at this time. It was decided that the clubs would go back to their members and discuss this and contact the president by the extended deadline of October 1, 2019.

New Business

Electronic Banking/payments presented by **Treasurer Michele Szatkowski** (see her report from Friday) The Executive Board is considering moving towards electronic payments. Discussion followed. It was decided that the Executive Board will continue to review this matter.

Remembrance Committee Proposal reported by **Barbi Cudney**. The purpose was the handling of donations or cards to members who have been lost or family members they have lost. The creation of a fund, sending only a card to all those who have suffered a loss, or creating a donation/arrangement to board Members and Officers. The committee felt there should be guideline for the remembrance handling. Discussion followed. It was decided to send a card in these situations. A show of hands affirmed the new procedure and the Chaplain's Responsibilities would be updated to reflect the change. **Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora** asked the State Reps to review the packets she sends as included therein is the form to send information to the Chaplain.

Past Presidents in attendance were called on to give their regards.



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2019 State Meeting Chairman Kathy Brousseau and Co-Chairman Kathy Lyman
made a few announcements about activities for the weekend.

President Susie Smith asked that everyone return the badge holders.

Chaplain Nita Landes gave her last Closing Prayer.

President Susie Smith adjourned the 54th Annual Saturday General Meeting at 4:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Camilleri – Recording Secretary

Myriam Lavora – Minutes Approval

Barbi Cudney – Minutes Approval