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**Midterm Executive Board Meeting
Saturday October 17, 2020 Via Zoom**



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The October 17, 2020 Midterm Board Meeting was called to order at 8:51 AM by President Susie Smith.

Chaplain Joanne Czajkowski was not present to give an Opening Prayer.

President Susie Smith welcomed everyone to the Zoom Meeting and hoped that this would go well.

President Susie Smith appointed **Myriam Lavora** and **Kristen Pace** as the **Minutes Approval Committee**.

Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri called the Roll Present were: **President Susie Smith, Vice President Lisa Cartini, Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri, Treasurer Michele Szatkowski, Advisor Lorena Cutt, Archivist Michele Camilleri, Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chairman Susan Venditti, Librarian Sharon Witul, Membership Pins Chairman Michele DelleBovi, Midterm Meeting Chairman Michele Szatkowski, Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Shira Dubey, Marie Simmons Scholarship Vice Chairman/Treasurer Kathlene Lyman, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Alternate Vikki Quinn, Marie Simmons Scholarship Co-Fundraiser Glenda Chappell, Newsletter Contest Chairman Kristen Pace, Newsletter Editor Ericka D'Auria, Nominating Chairman Kristen Pace, Nominating Committee member Kristina Bird, Nominating Committee Member Jane Martinec, Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora, Research/Twin Data Registry Doreen Greci, State Meeting Co-liaison Kathy Brousseau, State Meeting Co-Liaison Kathlene Lyman, 2021 State Meeting Chairman Mariko Denton, 2021 State Meeting Chairman Renee Orr, 2022 State Meeting Co-Chairman Susan Venditti, State/National Liaison Kathy Brousseau, Twin Photo Registry Diana Donovan-Campisi, Ways & Means Chairman Sharon Wetzel, Webmaster Michele Szatkowski, Website/Social Media Committee Member Michele Camilleri, Website/Social Media Committee Member Lori Connolly, Website/Social Media Committee member Phoebe Kannisto, Past Presidents: Myriam Lavora, Sharon, Witul, Michele Camilleri, Ruth Barone, Linda Goldsworthy, Glenda Chappell, Mary Grace Roach, Lorena Cutt.**

President Susie Smith appointed **Ruth Barone** as **Acting Parliamentarian** until **Mary Grace Roach** entered the meeting.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President Susie Smith gave her report reviewing her activities during the past year. Report attached.

Vice President Lisa Cartini gave her report. She also reviewed the membership. There are 12 clubs with a total of 432 members. Report attached.



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Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri presented the 2019 Midterm Board Meeting Minutes for review Corrections: Kathlene Lyman's name was misspelled and corrected throughout. Correction on Page 6 Line 34, add a comma to 'we, the members,' and Line 37 add a comma to 'and, although not everyone applies,'

Parliamentarian Mary Grace Roach joined the meeting and assumed the duties of Parliamentarian. **President Susie Smith** thanked **Ruth Barone**.

"If there are no objections I, President Susie Smith will accept the 2019 Midterm Board Meeting Minutes as corrected this day, October 17, 2020 at this 2020 Midterm Board Meeting via Zoom." There were no objections.

Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri presented the 2020 State Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2020 via Zoom for corrections. Page 1 Line 38 add a space between no and 10. Michele DelleBovi's name was corrected on Line 12 and Line 35, Line 23 add a period after the last word on the line 'attendees., Line 24 capitalize the first word If and add a comma after 'so,...'

"I, Ruth Barone, a member of Greater Rochester, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board meeting, move to recommend that the Saturday General Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2020 be presented to the General Membership for their consideration and approval at the 2021 Saturday General Meeting." The motion was seconded by **Glenda Chappell**. Motion passed.

Treasurer Michele Szatkowski reported the General Fund Opening Balance \$7843.28, Income \$383.30, Expenses \$302.42, Closing Balance \$7924.16 and Eleanor Siegel Fund: Opening Balance \$392.49, No Income, Expenses \$85.05; Closing Balance \$307.44 She stated we will need to add funds soon to this account. Report attached.

Parliamentarian Mary Grace Roach reviewed her report of activities for the year. Report attached.

Advisor Lorena Cutt reviewed her activities. Report attached.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archivist Michele Camilleri gave her report. Attached.

Calligraphy Mary Grace Roach had no activities because there was no need for certificate.

Chaplain: absent No report.

Club Scrapbook Page Contest: Susie Venditti reported that the theme will still be Best Moments with Friends and she reviewed the guidelines. Report attached.



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1 **Librarian Sharon Witul** no report presented. Due to all she has going on in her
2 personal life, she has not done much but will have more information in the coming
3 months.

4 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Shira Dubey** discussed what the committee
5 has been doing and reviewed the deadlines. Report attached.

6 **MSS Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathlene Lyman** reported Opening Balance \$5849.21,
7 Income \$858.00, Expenses None, Closing Balance \$6707.21.

8 **MSS Fundraiser Glenda Chappell** Ten clubs participated in the Lottery tickets raffle.
9 There were three winners. This fundraiser earned \$858.00. It was noted that more
10 people participated in this fundraiser because those who do not attend had the
11 opportunity to purchase chances. It was suggested we move the lottery raffles sales to
12 the Midterm Meeting instead of at the State Meeting. It was also suggested adding the
13 purchase of raffle tickets as an item on the Midterm Registration Form. This
14 conversation was tabled until New Business.

15 **Membership Pins Michele DelleBovi** reviewed her report and discussed giving out the
16 pins for last year. She will be presenting two years of pins at the 2021 State Meeting
17 Report attached.

18 **Midterm Meeting Michele Szatkowski** reported we had to the cancel the meeting due
19 to the pandemic. She did not have exact numbers of attending but she will update this
20 info in her next report. She has already booked the meeting for 2021. Report attached.

21 **Newsletter Contest Kristen Pace** is looking forward to reviewing the hard work of the
22 newsletters. She asked for ideas on how to increase participation. Tabled until Old
23 Business.

24 **Newsletter Editor Ericka D'Auria** reviewed her activities and publishing the
25 Presidential Papers, The Executive & Member Club Directory. She asked if there were
26 any corrections. The next deadline for articles was 10/21. Please make sure to review
27 procedures to make sure you are adhering to your need to submit articles. The following
28 were corrected: MMM membership is down from 113 members to 30 members. Karyn
29 Audycki's name was spelled incorrectly, and Peggy Fiorini's town was omitted. It is
30 Baldwinsville. Lorena Cutt's email is lrc1996@outlook.com, Schenectady MOTC
31 updated their membership number down to 7. Report attached.

32 **President Susie Smith** called a Break at 10:13 AM and the meeting resumed at 10:25
33 AM.

34 **Nominating Chairman Kristen Pace** stated the committee has been preparing for the
35 coming year's election. She thanked her committee and asked that they send out the



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resume forms. All Board Members need to send in Resumes for the new year. All positions are open, and she asked that everyone consider taking on a board position Report attached.

Photographer Sharon Atti absent

Procedure Manual Myriam Lavora reviewed the updates to the Procedure Manual and stated they are available on the website. Updates are sent to the Officers, Archivist, and the Webmaster. Report attached.

Research/Twin Data Registry Doreen Greci the survey for 2021 is “Birthdays and Multiples”. She reviewed the survey. It was suggested that 18 and older be included in the survey. The survey will be made so that multiples can participate in the survey directly. She will update the survey and send it out. Attached. Doreen also reviewed the results of last year’s survey NICU Experience of Twin/Multiple Moms. Full results attached. **President Susie Smith** suggested that clubs review the ability to reach out to new moms and new moms with multiples in the NICU to share more about the local clubs. It was suggested that this be a statewide service project to engage in action based of the outcome of the survey, collecting, and preparing packets for new moms.

2021 State Meeting Co-Chairs Renee Orr & Mariko Denton reported the dates for the 2021 State Meeting April 22 – 25, at the Buffalo Grand Hotel. A new Third Call will be sent in December. Everyone is hopeful that we will be able to attend in person. The Niagara Falls tour was not offered as it did not draw many participants. The Cave of the Winds will be available for individuals to book on their own. **President Susie Smith** asked if the hotel will be able to allow full attendance with required social distancing in place. The larger rooms will but we may need to book appointments for smaller rooms to maintain social distancing. Limits, if still in place, might impact the potential income and attendance. **President Susie Smith** asked if we should move the Third Call mailing. **2021 Co-Chairman Renee Orr** stated the menu choices may not be available until early in 2021. Renee suggested that we delay sending out Third Call until mid-January but keep the deadlines in place for return of registration. If the menu is the only delay, then we can send the choices later and keep the mailings in place. We are still unsure where we will be in the pandemic and how it will impact attendance. **2022 State Meeting Co-Chairman Susie Venditti** suggested a flat fee for meals and then offer the choices at check in. Report attached. This discussion was tabled until New Business.

2022 State Meeting Co-Chairman Susie Venditti reviewed the plans for 2022 “Let the Fun Renew in 2022” is the theme. The dates are April 28 – May 1, 2022 at the Embassy Suite Hilton Syracuse and the cost is \$119 per room. TNT of CNY will host the Hospitality Room. Report attached.



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State Meeting Liaison Kathy Brousseau commended the convention committees on dealing with difficult times. They are doing a great job.

State/National Liaison Kathy Brousseau This year's Multiples of America convention in July was cancelled. They do plan on holding the next convention in July 2021 in San Antonio, Texas. **Mary Grace Roach** will once again do an ad for the convention journal. Report attached

Twin Photo Registry Diana Donovan Campisi recently received photos from Nassau County POMS.

Unity Project Jill Cerchia absent. Report attached.

Ways & Means Sharon Wetzel stated we will keep the theme. She will be using green tickets, green bags so that there is no confusion with tickets and various raffles. She offered selling pens for \$1 as a fundraiser. It was suggested that other items could be included as a mini garage sale. Everyone liked this idea. Report attached.

Website/Social Media Michele Szatkowski has updated the files but apologized for being behind in updating. She has had computer problems. She asked that individuals send items to update on the website. Passwords are Clubs: Brings Unity Board: Friendship. Report Attached. **President Susie Smith** reminded the Convention Committee that an edited version be created without personal information for the public and the detailed information be under password protection for members only.

President Susie Smith called for the lunch break at 11:49 AM and recalled the meeting at 1:33 PM.

Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri called the Roll. Present were: **President Susie Smith, Vice President Lisa Cartini, Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri, Treasurer Michele Szatkowski, Advisor Lorena Cutt, Parliamentarian Mary Grace Roach, Calligraphy Mary Grace Roach, Archivist Michele Camilleri, Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chairman Susan Venditti, Librarian Sharon Witul, Membership Pins Chairman Michele DelleBovi, Midterm Meeting Chairman Michele Szatkowski, Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Shira Dubey, Marie Simmons Scholarship Vice Chairman/Treasurer Kathlene Lyman, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Alternate Vikki Quinn, Marie Simmons Scholarship Co-Fundraiser Glenda Chappell, Newsletter Contest Chairman Kristen Pace, Newsletter Editor Ericka D'Auria, Nominating Chairman Kristen Pace, Nominating Committee Member Kristina Bird, Nominating Committee Member Jane Martinec, Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora, Research/Twin Data Registry Doreen Greci, State Meeting Co-Liaison Kathy Brousseau, State Meeting Co-Liaison Kathlene Lyman, 2021 State Meeting Chairman Mariko Denton, 2021 State Meeting**



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Mariko Denton stated her club had created a cookbook as a fundraiser for \$10. She will mail out any orders she receives.

Old Business:

- 1. Zelle Electronic Banking – Treasurer Michele Szatkowski** will set this up for payment of Dues in 2021 – 2022.
- 2. Flowers for Memorial Service** - additional flowers were needed because we were running low on silk flowers as the number of deceased members increase as well as wearing out. **Michele Szatkowski** donated over 156 long stem silk roses.
- 3. State Rep point changes - Vice President Lisa Cartini** presented the proposed changes to the Super State Rep Award. Attached. Add a point system for the State Rep sending out the Presidential Papers in a timely fashion. A point for serving on the executive board. For clubs that do not have a newsletter they should not be penalized for not having one under section 3. It was decided to remove section 3. There are only 5 clubs that produce newsletters. State Reps are supposed to highlight State in their newsletter, and they are also required to send a report of the activities of the club during a given month. Clarification of how points are applied during a year, for a club helping at a state meeting such as hospitality will be counted toward the next year's super state rep points. #11 clarification of additional points for someone from the club donating to either Marie Simmons Scholarship or Eleanor Siegel Funds. It was decided to remove the word "extraordinary" Discussion followed. The state rep receives an extra point should anyone in her club donate to either fund beyond what is expected such as Calendar Raffle, Chinese Auction, state raffles and MSS lottery tickets. All proposed changes were approved.

New Business:

- 1. Immediate Past Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Linda Goldsworthy** presented the proposed changes to the MSS Procedures. Attached. Change hold two meetings a year without designating when. Add when less than 3 applications are received a new process of how this will be handled. Application



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would be reviewed for completion and all requirements. They would be forwarded to the committee for their review although they would not be required to judge. Providing the information of the recipients for publication in the convention journal. All were in agreement with the changes.

2. **Increase Participation in the Newsletter Contest or end the contest:** Only 4 clubs currently produce newsletters and of those all participate in the contest. It was decided to leave the contest in place.

3. **The Pandemic and Third Call/State Meeting and the New Normal:** Will we have a convention or will it be remote Kathy Brousseau works with policy makers and is aware of the possible resurgence with the flu season coming on. This meeting has shown us that we can hold a virtual meeting and accomplish business We will need to purchase a Zoom account which costs approximately \$20 per month there is a limit of attendees of 100. The Website/Social Media Committee will need practical experiences as they may be required to take on more responsibilities. We need to consider how are we going to fundraise. We need to make a recommendation to the General Membership the requirements for holding a virtual meeting for State Convention. Major point of discussion, how do we elect our new officers? The delegates could vote via the poll system. Resumes could be sent to the Nominating Chairman via a writeable pdf form so that nominations from the floor can still be accepted. The By-Laws and Standing rules are vague enough so that we do not need to change By-Laws if we go virtual. The decision to hold the convention virtually will be based on the governor's decision to enact a shut down. **2021 State Meeting Chairman Mariko Denton** suggested we assess the situation and delay Third Call until January 15. The Officers and Convention committee will meet before and determine if we need to delay further. To help those less technical it was suggested we hold a training class Zoom 101.

Past Presidents: Called on all the past presidents for their news and thoughts.

President Susie Smith thanked everyone for attending and for their participation.

Chaplain Joanne Czajkowski sent an email with a prayer and **President Susie Smith** read it.

President Susie Smith adjourned the October 17, 2020 Midterm Zoom Board Meeting at 3:53PM.



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5 **Michele Camilleri**

6 **Recording Secretary**

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9 **Myriam Lavora**

10 **Minutes Approval**

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13 **Kristen Pace**

14 **Minutes Approval**