

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
2021 Saturday General Meeting  
April 24, 2021, Via Zoom**

**The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting** via Zoom was called to order by **President Susie Smith** at 9:09 AM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Acting Chaplain Myriam Lavora** gave the Opening Prayer.

**President Susie Smith** welcomed the membership and reviewed the procedures for the meeting.

**President Susie Smith** appointed **Myriam Lavora and Barbi Cudney** 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 Ruth Barone; Past Presidents: Myriam Lavora, Sharon Witul, Michele Camilleri, Ruth Barone, Linda Goldsworthy, Glenda Chappell, Barbi Cudney, Lorena Cutt; Member Clubs: Chemung Valley MOTC Katrina Smith, Greater Rochester Lori Connolly, MOTC Queens Myriam Lavora, MOTC Suffolk Doreen Greci, Nassau County Catherine Marsicano, POM of CNY Susan Venditti, Schenectady MOTC Jane Martinec, TNT of CNY Glenda Chappell, WNY Moms Melissa Lehnies and Westside Suburban Karyn Audycki**

**Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** reported: 10 Clubs Represented with 30 Delegates, 6 Officers, 11 Past Presidents, 47 Total Registered Votes, 25 Majority plus 1, 2/3 vote 31.

**Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** stated **Cathy Marsicano and Merry Chiu** both from Nassau County POM were appointed Tellers. She then reviewed the Voting Protocol and stated the ballot procedure will change due to the virtual meeting.

**Past President Nita Landes** joined the meeting.

**Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** presented the following changes to the By Laws:  
**Article IX Section 1 State Meeting Time:** Proposed change: The Annual Meeting of the State Organization shall be held on the last Saturday of April, unless altered by a majority vote of the member clubs or safety considerations warrant the convention location and format be decided by the Elected and Appointed Officers.

**"I, Kathy Brousseau, a member of Schenectady MOTC, at this N.Y.S.O.M.O.T.C. Annual State Meeting, move to accept the amendment to Article IX, Section 1 TIME as presented."** **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** reported the vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

**Article VIII Section 5 Elections** Electronic Voting, Business items which would require a vote of delegates, and which include but are not limited to election of the Officers, Nominating Chairman, Nominating Committee, and future state meetings may be held via electronic voting with a minimum of thirty days' notice with the opportunity for discussing electronically or otherwise.

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1 **"I, Nita Landes, a member of Westside Suburban MOTC, at this N.Y.S.O.M.O.T.C.**  
2 **Annual State Meeting, move to accept the addition of Electronic Voting to Article**  
3 **VII, Section 5 as presented."** Parliamentarian Ruth Barone reported the vote was  
4 unanimous. Motion Carried

5 **Reports:**

6 **President Susie Smith** gave her report on her accomplishments this year. Report  
7 attached.

8 **Vice President Lisa Cartini** gave her report on her activities during the year. Report  
9 attached.

10 **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** presented the 2019 Saturday General Meeting  
11 Minutes for any corrections. There were no corrections. **"If there are no objections I,**  
12 **President Susie Smith will accept the 2019 Saturday General Meeting Minutes as**  
13 **presented this day, April 24, 2021, at the 2021 Saturday General Meeting."** There  
14 were no objections.

15 **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** presented the 2020 Saturday General  
16 Meeting Minutes. The following corrections were made to the 2020 Saturday General  
17 Meeting: Page 1 Line 21 add "been" between have given.... **"If there are no**  
18 **objections I, President Susie Smith will accept the 2020 Saturday General Meeting**  
19 **via Zoom Minutes as corrected this day, April 24, 2021, at the 2021 Saturday**  
20 **General Meeting."** There were no objections.

21 **President Susie Smith and 2021 State Meeting Chairman** stated there were 81  
22 people registered and she and the committee enjoyed putting this convention together.  
23 Report attached.

24 **Treasurer Michele Szatkowski** reported the following: General Fund Opening Balance  
25 \$7843.28, Total Income \$1049.55, Total Expenses\$1411.37, Closing Balance \$7481.46

26 **President Susie Smith** stated she previously appointed **Michele Camilleri and**  
27 **Lorena Cutt** as the Audit Committee. **Michele Camilleri** stated, **"The records for the**  
28 **General Fund for the year beginning April 20, 2020, and ending April 19, 2021,**  
29 **have been audited and found correct."**

30 **President Susie Smith** stated: **"If there are no objections I, President Susie Smith**  
31 **will accept the Audit Committee's Report on the General Fund as presented."**  
32 There were no objections.

33 **Treasurer Michele Szatkowski** reported the following: Eleanor Siegel Fund Opening  
34 Balance \$392.49, Total Income \$50.00, Total Expenses \$85.05, Closing Balance  
35 \$357.44.

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1 **Michele Camilleri** stated, “The records for the Eleanor Siegel Fund for the year  
2 **beginning April 20, 2020, and ending April 19, 2021, have been audited and found**  
3 **correct.”**

4 **President Susie Smith** stated: “If there are no objections I, **President Susie Smith**  
5 **will accept the Audit Committee’s Report on the Eleanor Siegel Fund as**  
6 **presented.”** There were no objections.

7 Full Treasurer’s Report attached.

8 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Vice Chairman/Treasurer Kathlene Lyman** reported  
9 the following: Opening Balance \$5849.21, Total Income \$3588.00, Total Expenses  
10 \$500.00, Closing Balance \$8937.21. The records were not available for the Audit  
11 Committee to perform the audit.

12 **President Susie Smith called for a break at 10:12 am. The Meeting resumed at**  
13 **10:22 am.**

14 **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** gave her report. Attached.

15 **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** reviewed the Eligibility List for the office of President.  
16 She then reviewed the Eligibility List for Nominating Chairman.

17 **Past President Linda Goldsworthy** noted that she was not included in the Eligibility  
18 List.

19 **President Susie Smith** called for nomination from the floor for the office of Recording  
20 Secretary. **Lesley Longmcleod** nominated **Diana Donovan Campisi** for Recording  
21 Secretary. **Diana** accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations from the  
22 floor. Nominations Closed.

23 **President Susie Smith** called for nominations from the floor for the office of Treasurer.  
24 There were none. **Lorena Cutt** was listed in *Presidential Papers* on the Slate and did  
25 not need to be nominated.

26 **President Susie Smith** called for nominations from the floor for the office of Vice  
27 President. **Treasurer Michele Szatkowski** nominated **Barbi Cudney** for Vice President  
28 **Barbi** accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Nominations Closed.

29 A question was presented by **Glenda Chappell** as to whether a member was required  
30 to reside in New York State. After a review of the Bylaws, Standing Rules and  
31 Procedure Manual it was determined that residency is not a requirement to hold office.

32 **President Susie Smith** called for nominations from the floor for the office of President.  
33 There were none. **Lisa Cartini** was listed in the *Presidential Papers* on the Slate and did  
34 not need to be nominated.

35 Each candidate was called on to introduce themselves to the membership.

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1 **“I, Michele Camilleri, as Recording Secretary for the New York State Organization**  
2 **of Mothers of Twins Clubs, and on behalf of its membership, cast one vote for**  
3 **Lisa Cartini, President, Barbi Cudney, Vice President, Lorena Cutt, Treasurer and**  
4 **Diana Donovan-Campisi, Recording Secretary.”**

5 **President Susie Smith** called for nominations for the office of Nominating Chairman.  
6 **Jane Martinec** nominated **Kathy Brousseau**. She accepted the nomination. **Lesley**  
7 **Longmcleod** nominated **Ericka D’Auria**. She accepted the nomination. There were no  
8 further nominations. Each candidate was called on to introduce themselves.

9 **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** announced the election of **Kathy Brousseau** for  
10 Nominating Chairman for 2021 – 2023.

11 **President Susie Smith** called for nominations for the Nominating Committee. **Lesley**  
12 **Longmcleod MOTC Suffolk** nominated **Ericka D’Auria MOTC Suffolk**. She accepted  
13 the nomination. **Kristen Pace MOTC Suffolk** nominated **Hope Kaufman MOTC**  
14 **Suffolk**. She accepted the nomination. **Merry Chui Nassau County POM** nominated  
15 **Cathy Marsicano Nassau County POM**. She accepted the nomination. **Susie**  
16 **Venditti POM of CNY** nominated **Linda Goldsworthy POM of CNY**. She accepted the  
17 nomination. **Kathy Brousseau Schenectady MOTC** nominated **Jane Martinec**  
18 **Schenectady MOTC**. She accepted the nomination. **Diana Donovan-Campisi MOTC**  
19 **Suffolk** nominated **Daniela Eaton MOTC Suffolk**. She accepted the nomination.  
20 **Kristen Pace** nominated **Kristina Bird Westside Suburban MOTC**. She accepted the  
21 nomination. There were no further nominations. Each candidate was called upon to  
22 introduce themselves.

23 **Cathy Marsicano** and **Merry Chui** will no longer be Tellers as Cathy is a candidate for  
24 Nominating Committee. **Michele Camilleri** was appointed as a Teller.

25 **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** announced the election of **Hope Kaufman, Linda**  
26 **Goldsworthy, Kristina Bird and Cathy Marsicano** as the Nominating Committee.

27 The Memorial Service was conducted by **Acting Chaplain Myriam Lavora**. She gave  
28 an inspirational reading, *“A Life Well Lived”* and she listed the names of those who have  
29 passed on.

30 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Shira Dubey** presented her report and stated  
31 that the committee did not receive any completed applications for this year. Report  
32 attached.

33 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Nancy Converse** presented her report  
34 \$1878.00 was collected for the Calendar Raffle. She received 139 lottery tickets for 3  
35 prizes. 245 tickets were sold. She collected \$490. 9 clubs participated.

36 **Midterm Board Meeting Michele Szatkowski** will update us on the status of Midterm  
37 Meeting in the next edition of *Presidential Papers*.

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1 **President Susie Smith** shared that **Shirley Savage** had fallen and broken her  
2 shoulder.

3 **President Susie Smith** called for the lunch break at 11:37 am. The meeting  
4 resumed at 1:30.

5 **President Susie Smith** stated all positions are open. Contact Lisa Cartini if interested.

6 **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** called the Roll. Present were: **President**  
7 **Susie Smith, Vice President Lisa Cartini, Treasurer Michele Szatkowski,**  
8 **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri, Advisor Lorena Cutt, Parliamentarian**  
9 **Ruth Barone; Past Presidents: Nita Landes, Myriam Lavora, Sharon Witul, Michele**  
10 **Camilleri, Ruth Barone, Linda Goldsworthy, Barbi Cudney, Lorena Cutt; Member**  
11 **Clubs: Chemung Valley MOTC Katrina Smith, Greater Rochester Lori Connolly,**  
12 **MOTC Queens Myriam Lavora, MOTC Suffolk Doreen Greci, Nassau County**  
13 **Catherine Marsicano, POM of CNY Susan Venditti, Schenectady MOTC Jane**  
14 **Martinec, WNY Moms Melissa Lehnies and Westside Suburban Karyn Audycki**

15 **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone reported:** 9 Clubs Represented 27 Delegates, 6  
16 Officers, 10 Past Presidents, 43 Total Registered Votes, 22 Majority plus 1, 2/3 vote 28.

17 **Research/Twin Data Registry Chairman Doreen Greci** gave her report on this year's  
18 project entitled "Birthdays and Multiples". She presented her findings. Report attached.

19 **State National Liaison Kathy Brousseau** distributed information on Multiples of  
20 America's Convention. It will be a virtual meeting. Report attached.

21 **Membership Pins Chairman Michele DelleBovi** listed the names of this year's  
22 recipients. She noted there were 8 First Time Attendees. Five Year Recipients: **Shira**  
23 **Dubey, Daniela Eaton, Janine Weber and Kristina Bird. Ten Year Recipients:**  
24 **Doreen Greci and Susie Smith. Fifteen Year Recipient: Elyse NeMoyer. Twenty**  
25 **Year Recipient: Suzanne Karaszewski. Twenty-Five Year Recipients: Jacquelyn**  
26 **Lotano and Cynthia Sanger. Thirty Year Recipients: Michele Camilleri, Cathy Renko**  
27 **and Michele DelleBovi. Thirty-Five Year Recipient: Myriam Lavora. Forty Year**  
28 **Recipient: Debbie Barton.**

29 **Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chairman Susie Venditti** gave her report. Attached.  
30 The Theme was *Best Moments with Friends from a Distance*. 5 clubs participated. First  
31 Place was **Westside Suburban MOTC**. Second Place was WNY Moms. Third Place  
32 was **POM of CNY**. Members Choice Award went to **Westside Suburban MOTC**.

33 **Newsletter Contest Chairman Kristen Pace** reviewed her report. Attached. The  
34 winners were Third Place - **WNY Moms**, Second Place - **MOTC Suffolk** First Place -  
35 **Nassau POM**.

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**2022 State Meeting Chairman Peggy Fiorini and POM of CNY** presented a video on the hotel for 2022, places to visit and things to do during convention. **TNT of CNY** will host the Hospitality Room. The hotel is the Embassy Suites located on Carrier Circle with Room Rates at \$119. There will be a Mystery Night and a New Year's Eve Party. Their theme is *"Looking for you 2022!"* They presented their raffles to the winners.

**Zoom Background Contest Winners** Third Place - **Joanne Kudoda-Elnicky**, Second Place - **Phoebe Kannisto** and First Place - **Karyn Audycki**.

**2023 State Meeting Chairman Renee Orr** stated they will be changing hotels.

**Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** presented Article IX State Meeting Time. WNY Moms has proposed the state meeting be moved from the last Saturday in April to May 4 – 7, 2023 "I, **Kristina Bird, a member of Westside Suburban MOTC, at this N.Y.S.O.M.O.T.C. Annual State Meeting, move we accept the recommendation to move the Annual State meeting to May 4th - 7th, 2023.**" The motion was seconded by **Barbi Cudney**. The motion carried.

**Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Nancy Converse** presented the Calendar Raffle drawing. The winning date was October 2. **Melissa Ahner, Nassau POM and Lisa Vanderbrook WNY Moms** had the winning date. **Nassau County POM** donated their share back to the fund.

**Scavenger Hunt Results:** The winner was **Karyn Audycki** with 30 items, **Joanne Kudoda-Elnicky** was second with 29 items. There was a tie for Third Place **Sharon Wetzel and Shira Dubey** each had 28 items. A coin from the year you were born was the tie breaker. Both presented coins and it was decided they both would receive the Third-Place prize.

**Vice President Lisa Cartini** introduced the State Reps. She then announced the Super State Rep Awardees **Susie Venditti of POM of CNY, Doreen Greci of MOTC Suffolk, Jane Martinec of Schenectady MOTC, Cathy Marsicano of Nassau County POM and Barbi Cudney of Westside Suburban MOTC.**

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Raffle Ticket Sales - President Susie Smith** discussed the increase in tickets sales by allowing even those not attending convention to purchase tickets. A discussion followed. It was agreed that we would continue this practice.

**Outgoing President's Gift - Diana Donovan Campisi** presented **President Susie Smith** with a gift from her club. **Advisor Lorena Cutt** presented **President Susie Smith** with her Past Presidents Badge and Plaque. **Susie** then tearfully thanked everyone.

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- 1 **Installation of Officers:** **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** began the ceremony by  
2 thanking the outgoing officers. Installed were, **Treasurer Lorena Cutt, Diana Donovan**  
3 **Campisi Recording Secretary, Vice President Barbi Cudney and President Lisa**  
4 **Cartini. President Lisa Cartini** gave a brief thank you speech.
- 5 **The Past Presidents** were called on to make a statement.
- 6 **Announcements:** Please contact the Nominating Committee if you are interested in a  
7 position on the board.
- 8 Virtual Photos were scheduled for the Past Presidents and the Newly Elected Officers  
9 after the conclusion of the meeting.
- 10 **President Susie Smith** thanked everyone for their support during her tenure as  
11 President.
- 12 **The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting of the NYSOMOTC was adjourned by President**  
13 **Lisa Cartini at 3:31 pm.**
- 14 **Respectfully Submitted,**
- 15 **Michele Camilleri – Recording Secretary**
- 16 **Barbi Cudney – Minutes Approval**
- 17 **Myriam Lavora – Minutes Approval**