



**Midterm Executive Board Meeting Agenda
October 14, 2023
Albany Airport Hilton Garden Inn**

The 2023 Midterm Executive Board Meeting was called to order at 8:10 A.M by President Kathy Brousseau.

Reflections Chair Kathlene Lyman gave the Opening Reflection. Her theme was together again and unity.

President Kathy Brousseau welcomed everyone to the 2023 Midterm Meeting.

President Kathy Brousseau appointed **Myriam Lavora** and **Lori Connolly** to the Minutes Approval Committee.

Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri called the Roll. Present were **President Kathy Brousseau, Vice President Pam Reussow, Treasurer Susie Smith, Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri, Advisor Lisa Cartini, Parliamentarian Kathlene Lyman, Archivist Michele Camilleri, Certificates Cathy Renko, Librarian Kristina Bird, Marie Simmons Scholarship Chair Merry Chiu, Marie Simmons Scholarship Vice Chair/Treasurer Renie Cutt, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Members Myriam Lavora, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Nancy Converse, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Sharon Witul, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Alternate Cathy Renko, Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Diana Donovan-Campisi, Membership Pins Chair Michele DelleBovi, Midterm Board Meeting Co-Chair Renie Cutt, Midterm Board Meeting Co-Chair Lori Connolly, Newsletter Contest Chair Merry Chiu, Nominating Chair Ruth Barone, Nominating Committee Member Michelle Kesner, Nominating Committee Member Jane Martinec, Photographer Karyn Audycki, Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora, Reflections Kathlene Lyman, Research Nadine Fitoussi, 2024 State Meeting Co-Chair Susie Smith, 2025 State Meeting Co-Chair Tracy Schaner, 2025 State Meeting Co-Chair Kristina Bird, State/National Liaison Diana Miller, Unity Project Jane Martinec, Ways and Means Chair Sharon Wetzel, Ways and Means Committee Member Peggy Fiorini, Webmaster Susie Smith, Website/Social Media Committee Member Michele Camilleri, Website/Social Media Committee Member Lori Connolly. Past Presidents: Myriam Lavora (2X), Sharon Witul, Michele Camilleri (2X), Ruth Barone, Linda Goldsworthy, Lorena Cutt, Susie Smith, Lisa Cartini.**

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President Kathy Brousseau gave her report which detailed the activities she has undertaken since State Meeting. Report attached. She reported that an email vote was conducted on moving the Midterm Board Meeting for 2023 only, to the second Saturday instead of the third as required by Article VI Section 3. 32 Board Members responded yes, and 5 members did not vote. Email vote was approved.

Vice President Pam Reussow reviewed her duties and has written the articles for the



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1 Presidential Papers. Total Members 361. Total clubs 12 clubs. She recommended that
2 the file keeps a copy of the current Member Club Directory. Club Statistic Forms
3 deadline to the Newsletter Editor and updating the Directory by Mid- August so that the
4 directory can be created with as much club info. She continued to review the changes
5 she felt were necessary to the Vice President's Procedure Pages.
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7 **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** gave her report. She then presented the May
8 5, 2023, Friday Executive Board Minutes for corrections. There were none.

9 **"I, President Kathy Brousseau will accept the 2023 Friday Executive Board**
10 **Meeting Minutes as presented this day, October 14, 2023."**
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12 **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** presented the 2023 May 7, 2023, Sunday
13 Executive Board Meeting. Correct the date in the header from May 6, 2023, to May 7,
14 2023, page 3 line 3 add Kathlene Lyman, page 3 line 18 remove and, same line end of
15 sentence add "at State Meeting".

16 **"I, President Kathy Brousseau will accept the 2023 Sunday Executive Board**
17 **Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2023, as corrected this day October 14, 2023."**
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19 **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** presented the 2023 Saturday General
20 Meeting for corrections. The following corrections were made Page 2 put a line space
21 between line 12 & 13, page 3 line 8 add "gave her report after Kathlene Lyman, line 22
22 add a colon at the end of line, colon on line 27, page 5 line 7 add a colon at the end of
23 the line, and on line 13 line 8 remove the "Y" from MOTYC, page 7 line 16 correct
24 spelling by removing second s from Kesner, page 9 line 24 remove the slash for
25 M/Oms.

26 **"I, Myriam Lavora, a member of MOTC Queens, at this NYSOMOTC**
27 **Executive Midterm Board Meeting, move to recommend the corrected 2023.**
28 **Saturday General Meeting Minutes be presented to the General Membership**
29 **at the 2024 State Meeting."** Seconded by **Renie Cutt**. Motion carried.
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32 **Treasurer Susie Smith** gave her report. Attached. She then presented the financial
33 report on the General Fund and the Eleanor Siegel Fund. The Eleanor Siegel Fund
34 Opening Balance \$653.37 Total Income \$2000.04 Total Expenses \$2024.00 Closing
35 Balance \$629.41
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37 **Past President Ruth Barone** asked why the Parliamentarian expenses were so much
38 and if it included expenses from multiple years. It was decided that we would create a
39 template to accurately reflect the expenses as they apply to the year. Discussion
40 followed. **Advisor Lisa Cartini** asked if the Treasurer could keep the books open until
41 the Friday Meeting to include all expenses. The date the books are closed is published
42 and all vouchers are due by that date, according to Standing Rule XI. **Past President**
43 **Ruth Barone** asked about the inclusion of the donation for the Eleanor Siegel Fund on
44 the Treasurer's Report or the Midterm Chair's Report. The donations were recorded in
45 the Treasurer's Report.



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Treasurer Susie Smith reported the General Fund Opening Balance \$6467.53 Total Income \$3647.25 Total Expenses \$3558.85 Closing Balance \$6555.93.

Parliamentarian Kathlene Lyman discussed the ad hoc committee proposal for the email guidelines. Report attached. She stated you should always place NYSOMOTC in the subject line and reply only to the sender and not include all. She presented the proposed change to Bylaw Article VI Executive Board Letter D see attached Parliamentarian Report. **Past President Ruth Barone** stated that we would need to recommend this proposal to the general membership for their consideration. Asked how this would work with bullet iii. It was asked if the file was paper or electronic. **Past President Linda Goldsworthy** asked that we define to the membership who is the Executive Board. The proposal was tabled until Old Business so that changes can be made and reviewed.

Advisor Lisa Cartini gave her report. She reviewed the Evaluation Form report. 34 members responded. Overall positive responses. Report attached. It was recommended that all the reports be emailed to the Officers and the State Reps prior to the Saturday General Meeting so they have them and it will alleviate the need for copies. Discussion followed. Deadlines for all reports are firm and must be adhered to. The reports will be emailed to all board members and State Reps. They can print them or view them electronically. **Myriam Lavora** and **Lori Connolly** volunteered to assist in the printing of 8 sets of reports for the Officers and Minutes Approval for the 2024 State Meeting.

President Kathy Brousseau called the morning break at 9:55 AM. **President Kathy Brousseau** recalled the meeting at 10:15 AM.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist Michele Camilleri gave her report. Attached. She discussed the importance of history not just of the organization but also individual members.

Certificates Cathy Renko gave her report. Attached. As of this date, her position does not have any tasks but will prepare any certificates as needed for the State Meeting.

Club Scrapbook Page Contest Melissa Cocchiara was absent. **Kristina Bird** read her report. It was reported 6 pages were judged at the State Meeting. She reviewed her activities at the State Meeting. The theme for the 2024 State Meeting is "Show your Playbill Smiles". Report attached.

Librarian Kristina Bird gave her report. She asked that you make suggestions on books. She has reached out to Multiples of America to see if they had any recommendations. They no longer offer library recommendations. Report attached.



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1 **MSS Chair Merry Chiu** gave her report on her activities. She will schedule a meeting
2 for the committee in the next month. Report attached.

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4 **MSS Treasurer/Vice Chair Renie Cutt** gave her report. The account has been
5 transferred to Chase and is aligned with all the other bank accounts of the organization.
6 Opening Balance \$8556.35 Total Income \$250.00 Account Balance \$8806.35. Report
7 attached.

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9 **MSS Fundraiser Diana Donovan Campisi** Collected \$618 in raffle scratch off. Four
10 tickets baskets were available. Myriam Lavora, Nancy Cootware, Kathlene Lyman, and
11 Michelle Williams were the winners.

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13 **Membership Pins Michele DelleBovi** gave her report. Attached.

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15 **Midterm Executive Board Meeting Co-Chair Renie Cutt and Co-Chair Lori**
16 **Connolly** 27 attendees with 9 clubs represented. Renie reviewed the menu and
17 activities for this meeting. \$165 was collected from the registration forms for the
18 Eleanor Siegel Fund. Expenses. 1710.79 including the President's room of \$197.06.
19 There was a shortfall of 163.73 shortage in expenses. The menu could have been a
20 make your own sandwich, but they felt a hot lunch was a better option.

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22 **Newsletter Contest Chair Merry Chiu** reviewed her activities up to Midterm and stated
23 she will not continue after this year.

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25 **Newsletter Editor Ericka D'Auria** was absent. **Treasurer Susie Smith** read the report.
26 Report Attached. Correction to the Directory remove Ann O'Gorman. Linda Gettings
27 phone number is 585-729-9033, Lisa Cartini's is 315-345-0179. Michele DelleBovi will
28 reach out to Mariko Denton for her new mailing info. Add Nadine Fitoussi's information.
29 Report attached.

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31 **Nominating Chair Ruth Barone** gave her report and established her district zones for
32 the committee members to contact the clubs in their district. The chair discussed the
33 resume form completion and due date. The proposed resume form was presented for
34 review. Everyone is expected to complete a form and return it to the Nomination Chair
35 as soon as possible. It was discussed as to whether the Eligibility Lists need to be
36 created for the 2023-2024 or just for the next election year of 2024-2025. Discussion
37 followed. No lists are needed. We discussed separating Twin Data and Research.
38 **"I, Michele Camilleri, a member of MOTC Queens, at this NYSOMOTC Executive**
39 **Midterm Board Meeting, move that we recommend to the General Membership**
40 **that we separate the positions of Research and Twin Data Registry in Article VIII**
41 **Section 2 Members Letter N and place them in alphabetical order."** Seconded by
42 **Myriam Lavora.** All were in favor. **Doreen Greci** and **Kathy Brousseau** have
43 discussed updating the Twin Data Registry Form and what data is needed.

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45 **Photographer Karyn Audycki** gave her report. She is looking forward to trying some



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new techniques. Report attached. Discussion on the placement of photos on the Website, Facebook, and Facebook Members only page. The photographer will give the thumb drive of the photos to the Archivist, Webmaster, and the State Meeting Chair.

Reflections Chair Kathlene Lyman gave her report on the activities she accomplished since the State Meeting. Cards were sent out for get well and loss as well as thank you cards for donations. The Memorial Book is being updated so that it includes all the names on each club page. This will be available to review at the State Meeting.

President Kathy Brousseau called the Lunch Break at 11:36 AM. **The meeting was recalled at 1:04PM**

Rec. Secretary Michele Camilleri called the Roll. Present were **President Kathy Brousseau, Vice President Pam Reussow, Treasurer Susie Smith, Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri, Advisor Lisa Cartini, Parliamentarian Kathlene Lyman, Archivist Michele Camilleri, Certificates Cathy Renko, Librarian Kristina Bird, Marie Simmons Scholarship Chair Merry Chiu, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Myriam Lavora, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Nancy Converse, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Sharon Witul, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Alternate Cathy Renko, Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Diana Donovan-Campisi, Membership Pins Chair Michele DelleBovi, Midterm Board Meeting Co-Chair Lori Connolly, Newsletter Contest Chair Merry Chiu, Nominating Chair Ruth Barone, Nominating Committee Member Michelle Kesner, Nominating Committee Member Jane Martinec, Photographer Karyn Audycki, Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora, Reflections Kathlene Lyman, Research Nadine Fitoussi, 2024 State Meeting Co-Chair Susie Smith, 2025 State Meeting Co-Chair Tracy Schaner, 2025 State Meeting Co-Chair Kristina Bird, State/National Liaison Diana Miller, Unity Project Jane Martinec, Ways and Means Chair Sharon Wetzel, Ways and Means Committee Member Peggy Fiorini, Webmaster Susie Smith, Website/Social Media Committee Member Michele Camilleri, Website/Social Media Committee Member Lori Connolly. Past Presidents: Myriam Lavora (2X), Sharon Witul, Michele Camilleri (2X), Ruth Barone, Linda Goldsworthy, Susie Smith, Lisa Cartini.**

Procedure Manual Myriam Lavora gave her report. Attached

2023 Co-Chairs Mariko Denton and Renee Orr were absent. **Michele DelleBovi** gave a summary of their final report. Report Attached. They conducted a survey asking attendees how much of an increase in registration fees would be fair. Most responded \$60-\$65 would be a fair price. An overage check in the amount of \$2070.99 was turned over to MOTC Suffolk for the 2024 State Meeting. Report attached.

2024 State Meeting Co-Chairs Susie Smith (and **Janine Weber** – absent) gave their



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report on what will be happening at the 2024 State Meeting. April 11 – 14, 2024. Hauppauge Hyatt. Instead of the Door Sign Contest they are holding a Table Centerpiece Contest at the Saturday Night event. Their Service Project will be for “Women Empowering Women”. Report attached.

2025 State Meeting Co-Chairs: Kristina Bird & Tracy Schaner reported the 2025 State Meeting will be held at the Hotel Canandaigua. More info to follow. They will work to incorporate the 60th State Meeting which will be April 24 – 27, 2025.

Research Nadine Fitoussi gave her report. She is a clinical child psychologist. The research project will be “Gender Expression, Gender Identity and Sexual identification in Multiples.” Report attached.

Twin Data Registry Doreen Grenci absent. **President Kathy Brousseau** gave the report for Doreen. Twin Data Registry Chair and the President discussed updating the form.

State Meeting Liaison Renee Orr and Mariko Denton absent. No report submitted.

State/National Liaison Diana Miller read her report. Orlando, FL was the first in person meeting and the theme was “Dream Big”. We were shown a copy of the journal ad that was submitted for the convention. The dates for 2024 are July 25-27 but there is no location known at this time. Report attached.

Twin Photo Registry VACANT. Ruth Barone read the job description. **Sharon Witul** volunteered to be the Twin Photo Registry Chair.

Unity Project Jane Martinec gave her report. Jane asked if we should consider a name change. She asked members for submissions. Report attached.

Ways & Means Sharon Wetzel gave her report. The theme this year is “Broadway Shows”. Report attached.

Website Susie Smith gave her report. She thanked her committee. New email account is NYSOMOTC@gmail.com. Passwords for the website are: Club Members MariE2023 Board Members 23ForMe. Report attached.

Old Business:

1. **Revisions to the State Meeting Registration Form-** the committee met and made suggestions to update the form. They suggested the following: remove marital status, add check boxes for number of multiples, add check box for angel child/children, add age groups of children, reworded the question about accessibility accommodations, added question about dietary accommodations.



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2. Electronic Voting Proposed Change to Bylaw Article VI Executive Board Letter D. currently reads: "Operation of the Executive Board may be by mail, virtual or in person meetings."

Proposed Amendment: "Operation of the Executive Board may be by mail, electronic mail, virtual or in person meetings." {with the following sub-bullets}

- i. Electronic mail will be sent to the entire Executive Board by the President only:
 - President and Parliamentarian to be in the "To field".
 - In the first line of the email, state the entire Executive Board is Bcc'd.
 - Advise that they must "reply to all" within one week.
 - Provide instructions how the Board Members are to cast their vote using specific words in their response of, "In Favor, Opposed or Abstain".
 - A Second email is sent to those Executive Board Members who have not responded. If no response is received within three days, it is considered an "Abstention" vote.
- ii. Approval is based on a majority vote of the Executive Board who are entitled to vote. President and Parliamentarian will work together to determine whether a majority vote has been achieved.
- iii. Results will be sent by email to the entire Executive Board.
- iv. Results will be recorded in the minutes of the next in-person Executive Board Meeting.

With regards to the Procedure Manual, there is no reference in the President's Procedures to correspondence. Recommendation would be to add the following:

Notifications/Correspondence: Communication between the President and the Executive Board is done via the Presidential Papers and by Electronic Mail.

- a. For electronic voting process reference Article VI. Executive Board Letter D for criteria.
- b. Type NYSOMOTC in the subject line of the email.
- c. Retain a copy of all official correspondence in your file.

Reasoning: A specific criteria needs to be developed to be followed by NYSOMOTC when using electronic mail for voting purposes. In support of this, Roberts Rules 45.56 titled Absentee Voting states: "Exceptions to this rule must be expressly stated in the bylaws. Such possible exceptions include (a) voting by postal mail, email, fax and (b) proxy voting." Discussion followed.



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1 **"I, Myriam Lavora, a member of MOTC Queens, at this NYSOMOTC Executive**
2 **Midterm Board Meeting, move to recommend to the General Membership that we**
3 **change Article VI Executive Board Letter D add subsections 1 through 5, as**
4 **presented at this meeting."** Seconded by **Lori Connolly**. All were in favor.

5 **President Kathy Brousseau** asked for a show of hands to approve the addition to the
6 Procedure Manual as it pertains to the recommended changes to the Bylaws. All were
7 in favor except for one abstention.

8 **New Business:**

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10 **1. AV Expenses and the Budget - 2024 State Meeting Co-Chair Susie Smith**
11 discussed the State Meeting and asked who would pay for the AV expenses.
12 (This discussion did not include the Midterm Board Meeting AV expenses.)
13 Susie stated this year's expenses were \$695. 2024 fees will be: projector and
14 support system \$210 per meeting and the sound system package \$265, plus
15 labor \$95 per hour for a total projected cost of 2024 of \$1400 for AV.
16 Discussion followed regarding the purchase of a screen and a \$50
17 microphone with a built-in speaker. **Procedure Manual Chair Myriam**
18 **Lavora** proposed using some of the State Meeting Overage to cover a
19 maximum of \$400-\$500 to cover AV expenses. **Past President Linda**
20 **Goldsworthy** suggested using the back of the State quilt as the screen.
21 **Advisor Lisa Cartini** found a screen on Amazon that weighs 7 pounds and is
22 24 inches. The Board agreed to use Nassau County's screen for 2024 and
23 purchase a microphone/speaker.
- 24 **2. Club Size and membership counts – Vice President Pam Reussow**
25 questioned what the criteria is for counting the members (do lifetime members
26 count as they do not pay dues) Discussion followed. It was agreed that all
27 members including lifetime or honorary count.
- 28 **3. Fundraising for the Marie Simmons Scholarship - Diana Donovan**
29 **Campisi** suggested doing away with the Midterm Board Meeting Fundraiser.
30 Discussion followed. **Parliamentarian Kathlene Lyman** pointed out that we
31 need to have at least two fundraisers during the year. There are two
32 fundraisers run during the year, the raffle baskets at State Meeting and the
33 calendar raffle. After further discussion **President Kathy Brousseau** asked
34 by a show of hands if all agreed that we not hold the scratch of ticket raffle at
35 Midterm Meetings but may choose to reinstate it later. All were in favor.
- 36 **4. 2025 State Meeting Co-Chair Kristina Bird** suggested reviewing and
37 updating the State Meeting Guidelines. She asked to review the contents of
38 the storage containers and discard old or broken items. The ad hoc
39 committee on Gender Identity will review all forms. The State Meeting Chairs
40 for 2023 (if possible), 2024 & 2025 and the Procedure Manual Chair will
41 discuss updating the State Meeting Guidelines.
- 42 **5. Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora** asked if a motion was ever made
43 which states that the State Organization will be responsible for the expenses
44 of the AV. **Procedure Manual Myriam Lavora** and **2024 State Meeting Co-**



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1 **Chair Susie Smith** researched the matter in the Minutes and did not find a
2 motion had been made since this matter was originally discussed in 2017.
3 **“I, Lisa Cartini, a member of POM of CNY, at this NYSOMOTC Executive**
4 **Midterm Board Meeting, move that NYSOMOTC will incur the AV expenses**
5 **required for the State Meeting weekends.”** Seconded by **Diana Miller**. All
6 were in favor.

7 **6. President Kathy Brousseau** stated the Marie Simmons Scholarship
8 Committee per a discussion at the 2023 State Meeting, was to discuss an
9 increase in the awards. As of this meeting they have not met to discuss this.
10 They were asked to discuss this matter and make a presentation at the 2024
11 Friday Executive Board Meeting.

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13 Each Past President was called upon to give their well wishes.

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15 **Announcements:**

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17 1. **President Kathy Brousseau** thanked **Midterm Meeting Co-Chairs Renie Cutt**
18 **and Lori Connolly** for their work on the Midterm Meeting.
19 2. All vouchers are due to the Treasurer.

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21 **Reflections Chair Kathlene Lyman** gave the Closing Reflections asking everyone to
22 keep our veterans in our thoughts.

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24 **President Kathy Brousseau** adjourned the Midterm Executive Board Meeting at 3:28
25 PM.

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28 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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32 **Michele Camilleri – Recording Secretary**

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36 **Myriam Lavora – Minutes Approval**

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40 **Lori Connolly – Minutes Approval**