

New York State Organization Mothers of Twins Clubs
October 19, 2024
Hilton Garden Inn – Albany Airport

The October 19, 2024, Midterm Executive Board Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by **President Kathy Brousseau**.

Reflections Chair Kathlene Lyman gave the Opening Reflection. She discussed being thankful and working through the business of the day. She passed cards around for the Board Members to sign sending well wishes.

President Kathy Brousseau welcomed everyone to the Midterm Board Meeting. She hoped everyone enjoyed the scenic drive.

President Kathy Brousseau appointed **Myriam Lavora** and **Lorena Cutt** to the Minutes Approval Committee.

Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri called the Roll. Present were: **President Kathy Brousseau**, **Vice President Pam Reussow**, **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri**, **Advisor Lisa Cartini**, **Parliamentarian Kathlene Lyman**, **Archivist Michele Camilleri**, **Club Scrapbook Chair Melissa Cocchiara**, **Librarian Kristina Bird**, **Marie Simmons Scholarship Chair Myriam Lavora**, **Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chair Lorena Cutt**, **Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Lori Connolly**, **Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Sharon Witul**, **Membership Pins Chair Michele DelleBovi**, **Midterm Meeting Co-Chair Lorena Cutt**, **Midterm Meeting Co-Chair Lori Connolly**, **Newsletter Contest Chair Melissa Cocchiara**, **Nominating Chair Ruth Barone**, **Nominating Committee Member Jane Martinec**, **Photographer Karyn Audycki**, **Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora**, **Reflections Chair Kathlene Lyman**, **2025 State Meeting Co-Chair Kristina Bird**, **2026 State Meeting Chair Ruth Barone**, **2026 State Meeting Co-Chair Kathy Brousseau**, **Twin Photo Registry Sharon Witul**, **Unity Project Jane Martinec**, **Website/Social Media Committee Michele Camilleri**, **Website/Social Media Lori Connolly**. **Past Presidents: Myriam Lavora (2X)**, **Sharon Witul**, **Michele Camilleri (2X)**, **Ruth Barone**, **Linda Goldsworthy**, **Lorena Cutt**, **Lisa Cartini**.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President Kathy Brousseau gave her report. Attached. She stated that she had appointed **Myriam Lavora Marie Simmons Scholarship Chair**. She added **Michelle Burns** to the Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee as a Member – Alternate and **Lori Connolly** as a Committee Member. **President Kathy Brousseau** reported the results of the email votes. The outcome of the vote for the approval of the 2026 State Meeting to be hosted by the Past Presidents in Saratoga was 1 Abstaining, 27 In Favor, 8 No Response, Total Votes 36. Vote was approved. **President Kathy Brousseau** presented the outcome of the vote to holding the 2024 Midterm Meeting via Zoom instead of in person. The vote was: 4 Abstaining, 18 In Favor, 7 No Response, 8 Opposed Total Votes 37. Without a majority, the vote did not pass. Discussion followed on what constituted a majority and when a non-vote was decided to be a no vote.

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Vice President Pam Reussow gave her report. Attached. She stated we have 12 clubs with 321 members.

Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri read her report. Attached. She reviewed the minutes for 2024 Friday Executive Board Meeting. Michele called for corrections. There were none.

“If there are no objections I, President Kathy Brousseau will accept the 2024 Friday Executive Board Meeting Minutes as presented this day October 19, 2024, Midterm Board Meeting.” There were no objections.

Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri presented the 2024 Sunday Executive Board Meeting Minutes for corrections. The following were the corrections: Page 3 Line 5 add the word “so” after labeled; Page 3 Line 38 add a period after the word fee then add the word It to the beginning of the sentence created.

“If there are no objections I, President Kathy Brousseau will accept the 2024 Sunday Executive Board Meeting Minutes as corrected this day, October 19, 2024.” There were no objections.

Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri presented the 2024 Saturday General Meeting Minutes for corrections. The following corrections were made Page 4 Line 36 change for to “yes” after 43; Page 4 Line 35 change to (42 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.); page 5 line 25 add a comma after forward.

“I, Lisa Cartini, a member of POM of CNY, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move to present the corrected minutes from the Saturday April 13, 2024, General Meeting to the membership.” Seconded by **Myriam Lavora**. Motion approved.

Treasurer Susie Smith absent. General Fund - Opening Balance \$5941.95 Income \$1555.25, Expenses \$2105.26, Closing Balance \$5252.09
Eleanor Siegel Memorial Fund - Opening \$794.47 Income \$.013 Expenses \$1000 Closing \$2109.62. Total Income from Dues \$305.25 for 321 members in 12 clubs. Report attached.

Parliamentarian Kathlene Lyman gave her report.

Advisor Lisa Cartini gave her report. Attached. She reviewed the 2024 State Meeting evaluations. **Ruth Barone** asked if we could add the question to next form, “why did you not attend an event?”. Results were based on 41 completed evaluation forms.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Archivist Michele Camilleri read her report. Attached. She discussed the idea of renting a storage space. She will investigate pricing.

Certificates Cathy Renko absent; no report presented.

Club Scrapbook Page Contest Melissa Cocchiara gave her report. Attached.

Librarian Kristina Bird gave her report. Attached.

Marie Simmons Scholarship Chair Myriam Lavora gave her report as Interim Chair. Report attached. **Lori Connolly and Michelle Burns** were appointed to fill vacancies on the committee. The **Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Diana Donovan-Campisi** will send out the Calendar forms on November 1. 2026 will be the 30th Anniversary of the Scholarship.

Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chair Lorena Cutt gave her report. Opening Balance \$9649.35, Income \$11514.35, Expenses \$3538.91 Closing Balance \$7975.44. Report attached.

Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Diana Donovan-Campisi absent. Report attached. Calendars are due back by March 15. **Past President Linda Goldsworthy** suggested increasing fundraising because funds are being depleted. **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** suggested raising the calendar dates purchase price to \$5. Discussion followed. The committee will discuss this matter and present their decision at State Meeting. **Midterm Meeting Co-Chair Lori Connolly** questioned, “we just raised the amount but now we are concerned about funds, should we not have raised the amount?” **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** stated that the goal is to fundraise enough each year for the awards. **Past President Linda Goldsworthy** stated that \$1500 was not enough and we raised it to \$2000 for finance fluidity. It was suggested we consider giving the award to high school seniors. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee will review the application process and consider allowing high school seniors to apply but not receive their award until after attending college. The Marie Simmons Scholarship will take this matter under advisement and report back at the Friday Executive Board Meeting.

Membership Pins Chair Michele DelleBovi gave her report. Attached.

President Kathy Brousseau called a Break at 9:50.

President Kathy Brousseau recalled the meeting at 10:09.

Past President Nita Landes joined us via Zoom.

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1 **Reflections Chair Kathlene Lyman** reminded everyone to please sign the cards being
2 passed around for well wishes.

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4 **Midterm Executive Board Meeting Co-Chairs Lorena Cutt and Lori Connolly** gave
5 their report. Attached. 20 were originally registered but 17 attended. Expenses \$1010
6 with a \$10 loss. Three individuals canceled. It was asked that we refund **Sharon**
7 **Wetzel's** fees since she cancelled due to a car accident. The other 2 members
8 cancelled without a reason. It was decided that **Sharon Wetzel's** fees will be refunded;
9 the other two individuals will be notified that the fees will be a donation.

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11 **Newsletter Contest Melissa Cocchiara** gave her report. Attached. Entries for
12 consideration are due by March 1.

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14 **Newsletter Editor Ericka D'Auria absent.** No report given. Articles were due by
15 October 22.

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17 **Nominating Chair Ruth Barone** gave her report. Attached. She then presented the
18 List of Eligibility for President and Nominating Chair. She reviewed the positions of
19 individuals who had resigned and those who had been appointed. The Eligibility List will
20 be reviewed at the Friday Executive Board Meeting. Resume Forms were distributed.
21 **President Kathy Brousseau** called for Nominations for the vacated Nominating
22 Committee Member. By a show of hands, it was agreed to leave the committee as is
23 and the Nominating Chair will assume the additional responsibility.

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25 **Photographer Karyn Audycki** gave her report. Attached. She turned over the flash
26 drive and the copy of photos for the 2024 host Club MOTC Suffolk.

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28 **Reflections Chair Kathlene Lyman** gave her report. Attached. **Photographer Karyn**
29 **Audycki** asked if only the State Rep should reach out with the information or if anyone
30 who knows should. **Reflections Chair Kathlene Lyman** stated that getting the
31 information is more important than who sent it.

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33 **Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora** gave her report. Attached. Reviewed the
34 findings of the Ad Hoc committee to update the Twin Photo Registry and Club
35 Scrapbook Page Contest. The committee recommended the pages be turned over to
36 the Twin Photo Registry Chair after the Club Scrapbook Chair announces the winners.
37 Discussion followed on the division of the positions and their responsibility. Club
38 Scrapbook pages will be retained by the Club Scrapbook Contest Chair until they are
39 turned over to the next Chair or Archivist. **Newsletter Contest Chair Melissa**
40 **Cocchiara** suggested discontinuing the Twin Photo Registry and instead put it on the
41 website. It was stated that not everyone wants their photos on the web. **Procedure**
42 **Manual Chair Myriam Lavora** asked if we are eliminating the position of Twin Photo
43 Registry. It was decided to keep the position for now as this helps us maintain our
44 history of members.

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2024 State Meeting Co-Chairs Susie Smith and Janine Weber absent. **Vice President Pam Reussow** read their report. Attached. Ninety-seven attendees with ninety-two members and five guests. Ninety-five raffle baskets were available. Friday Night was the highest attended event. They turned over \$1799.40 overage to Westside Suburban MOTC for the 2025 State Meeting.

2025 State Meeting Co-Chairs Kristina Bird and (**Tracy Schaner** absent) gave the report. The State Meeting will be April 24- 27, 2025 at the Woodcliff Hotel and Spa Room. Room rates are \$169.00. There will be free parking. She reviewed the events for the weekend. Raffles tickets were available for purchase.

2026 Future State Meeting Chair Ruth Barone and Co-Chair Kathy Brousseau listed the members of the 2026 State Meeting Committee and their responsibility. The theme is, "All the President's Friends".

Research: Position vacant

Twin Data Registry Doreen Greci absent. **Vice President Pam Reussow** read her report. Attached.

State Meeting Liaison Susie Smith and Janine Weber absent. **Vice President Pam Reussow** read their report. Attached.

State/National Liaison Diana Miller absent **Vice President Pam Reussow** read her report. Attached.

Twin Photo Registry Sharon Witul gave her report. Attached.

Unity Book Chair Jane Martinec asked for submissions. She has submitted articles of stories or items submitted by members to the Presidential Papers to promote the Unity Book. She requested more stories and photos rather than recipes.

President Kathy Brousseau called the Lunch Break at 11:44 AM.

President Kathy Brousseau recalled the Meeting at 1:09 PM

Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri called the Roll. Present were: **President Kathy Brousseau, Vice President Pam Reussow, Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri, Advisor Lisa Cartini, Parliamentarian Kathlene Lyman, Archivist Michele Camilleri, Club Scrapbook Chair Melissa Cocchiara, Librarian Kristina Bird, Marie Simmons Scholarship Chair Myriam Lavora, Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chair Lorena Cutt, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Lori Connolly, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Sharon**

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1 **Witul, Membership Pins Chair Michele DelleBovi, Midterm Meeting Co-Chair**
2 **Lorena Cutt, Midterm Meeting Co-Chair Lori Connolly, Newsletter Contest Chair**
3 **Melissa Cocchiara, Nominating Chair Ruth Barone, Nominating Committee**
4 **Member Jane Martinec, Photographer Karyn Audycki, Procedure Manual Chair**
5 **Myriam Lavora, Reflections Chair Kathlene Lyman, 2025 State Meeting Co-Chair**
6 **Kristina Bird, 2026 State Meeting Chair Ruth Barone, 2026 State Meeting Co-Chair**
7 **Kathy Brousseau, Twin Photo Registry Sharon Witul, Unity Project Jane Martinec,**
8 **Website/Social Media Committee Michele Camilleri, Website/Social Media Lori**
9 **Connolly. Past Presidents: Myriam Lavora (2X), Sharon Witul, Michele Camilleri**
10 **(2X), Ruth Barone, Linda Goldsworthy, Lorena Cutt, Lisa Cartini.**

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12 **Ways & Means Sharon Wetzel** absent. **Membership Pins Chair Michele DelleBovi**
13 read her report. The theme is “Let’s make the world a brighter place.” It was asked, who
14 donates the baskets to the Ways & Means fundraiser and who receives the money. It
15 was stated that the clubs in attendance make the basket donations to Ways & Means.
16 This is the state fundraiser. The Executive Board Members have been asked to donate
17 raffle prizes to the Host Club as needed. Report attached.

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19 **Webmaster Susie Smith** absent. **Website/Social Media Committee Member Lori**
20 **Connolly** read the report. She then presented the charges for the upkeep and
21 maintenance of the website. The passwords are Club Member *24MOTC Board
22 Members NYSO24\$. The website’s email address is NYSOMOTC.org. **Website/Social**
23 **Media Committee Member Michele Camilleri** reviewed the website survey.

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25 **Old Business:**

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27 1. **Fee structure for Show and Sell** – It was suggested that a portion of the fee
28 go to the host club. It was also suggested that the fee should go up for
29 vendors and/or clubs. Discussion followed. Regarding raising the fees, many
30 felt that vendors should pay more, but also stated the vendor expect more
31 customers and longer times to sell. It was decided that Vendors fees are non-
32 refundable. It was determined that the fees collected for Show and Sell will go
33 to the host club. It was decided to raise the outside vendor fee to \$30 and
34 keep the Member Club Fee at \$15.
- 35 2. **Web Hosting Fees - Past President Ruth Barone** asked why this expense
36 is not under Eleanor Siegel Fund as equipment. It has a line on the budget for
37 General Fund. It was determined that the Eleanor Siegel Fund cannot support
38 the expenses. The committee needs to be watching over the expenses and
39 preparing us for the potential increase in fees and our ability to cover them.

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41 **New Business:**

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43 1. **Email vote process** – Currently the Bylaws state that if no response is received
44 it is considered an abstention. An Ad Hoc Committee will review and clarify Article

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6 Section 1 Letter D I. **President Kathy Brousseau** appointed **Parliamentarian Kathlene Lyman, Past President Michele Camilleri, Past President Renie Cutt, Past President Myriam Lavora** to review the matter. **Past President Ruth Barone** suggested including the Elected/Appointed Officers to discuss and determine the outcome of an electronic vote.

2. **Midterm Meeting via Zoom** – Discussion on holding the 2025 Midterm Meeting via Zoom. The Bylaws state where and when the Midterm Meeting is to be held. **Past President Linda Goldsworthy** suggested we go to an In Person/Zoom Meeting. Discussion followed. By a show of hands, it was decided to hold 2025 Midterm Meeting via Zoom. **Midterm Meeting Co-Chair Renie Cutt** suggested having a \$10 registration fee. Only registered members will be able to attend.

3. **Storage Unit for Archives** It was suggested we review the files in the Archives to see if we can downsize. **Archivist Michele Camilleri** will investigate pricing for storing the files at a storage facility. She will also review the files to see what is either duplicate documents or unnecessary.

4. **AV Expenses – 2025 State Meeting Co-Chair Kristina Bird** asked who is responsible for the AV costs. After a brief discussion, it was confirmed that AV Expenses are and have been the responsibility of the State Organization.

The **Past Presidents** were called on to give their well wishes and thoughts.

Announcements: October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. **Michele Camilleri** gave out items to remind everyone to get a mammogram.

Reflections Chair Kathlene Lyman said we should be thankful of what we accomplished. We are going to shine bright like a diamond in April 2025.

President Kathy Brousseau adjourned the October 19, 2024, Midterm Executive Board Meeting at 2:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Camilleri
Recording Secretary

Lorena Cutt
Minutes Approval Committee

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- 3 **Myriam Lavora**
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