



New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs
2025 Saturday General Meeting – April 26, 2025
Woodcliff Hotel and Spa, Fairport, NY

Boy Scout Troup 167 of Pittsford, New York presented the Colors and led the pledge of Allegiance. Coincidentally, they have 3 sets of twins in their troop!

Don Jeffries, CEO of Visit Rochester, welcomed the group to Rochester/Monroe County. Mr. Jeffries indicated that he was also a twin.

President Kathy Brousseau called the 60th Annual State Meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Reflections Chair Kathlene Lyman gave the Opening Reflection. She talked about togetherness and families. Our organization is a tree with roots and little buds! The meeting was further dedicated to Nita Landes.

President Kathy Brousseau welcomed the group and thanked 2025 State Meeting Chairs Krissy Bird and Tracy Schaner, along with their club, Westside Suburban MOTC.

President Kathy Brousseau asked for 2 members to volunteer to act as Minutes Approval. Both **Myriam Lavora** and **Barbi Cudney** volunteered.

Acting Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt called the Roll. Present were: **President Kathy Brousseau**, **Vice President Pam Reussow**, **Treasurer Susie Smith**, **Acting Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt**, **Advisor Lisa Cartini**, **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone**. **Past Presidents: Myriam Lavora (2X)**, **Sharon Witul**, **Ruth Barone**, **Linda Goldsworthy**, **Barbi Cudney**, **Lorena Cutt**, **Susie Smith**, **Lisa Cartini**. **Member Clubs Delegates: Greater Rochester MOTC Lori Connolly**, **MOTC Queens Myriam Lavora**, **MOTC Suffolk Doreen Greci**, **POM of CNY Susie Venditti**, **Schenectady MOTC Jane Martinec**, **TNT of CNY Nancy Converse**, **Western New York MOMs Sharon Witul**, **Westside Suburban MOTC Cindy Sanger**, **Nassau County POMC Cathy Marsicano**.

President Kathy Brousseau acknowledged the 2024 – 2025 Executive Board.

President Kathy Brousseau appointed **Marie Vito** and **Laurel Swartz** of **Western NY MoMs** as Pages for the meeting.

Parliamentarian Ruth Barone reviewed the Delegate Report and Voting Procedures. Clubs Represented -9, Delegates Votes -27, Officers Votes -6, Past President Votes -9, Total Registered Votes -42, Majority +1 -22, and 2/3 Votes -28.

President Kathy Brousseau appointed **Diana Miller** and **Cathy Marsicano** of **Nassau County POMC** as Tellers for the meeting.



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1 **President Kathy Brousseau** gave her report, thanking everyone for being here as well
2 as thanking the Board for the support she received over the past two years. Report
3 attached.
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5 **Vice President Pam Reussow** read her report and discussed her activities during the
6 year. Report attached. This past year, we had 12 clubs with 361 members (down 53
7 members from the previous year).
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9 **Acting Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt** reviewed the 2024 Saturday General
10 Meeting Minutes. There were no corrections noted. **“With no objections, I, President**
11 **Kathy Brousseau, accept the Saturday General Meeting minutes as presented this**
12 **day, April 26, 2025.”**
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14 **2025 State Meeting Co-Chairs Krissy Bird and Tracy Schaner** thanked each one of
15 their club members for their help with this meeting. They indicated that the state
16 meeting assessment fee and the state meeting loan checks were given to the treasurer
17 at the end of the Friday Executive Board meeting.
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19 **Treasurer Susie Smith** reviewed the financial income/expenses for the years 2023-
20 2025. Eleanor Siegel Fund Opening Balance \$794.47, total income was \$2,470.24,
21 total expenses of \$2,000, leaving a closing balance of \$1,264.71. General Fund
22 Opening Balance \$5,941.95, total income \$4,067.25, total expenses \$5,902.76, closing
23 balance \$4,106.44. Report attached.
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25 **The Audit Committee, Barbi Cudney and Melissa Cocchiara**, advised that their
26 review of the Books of the General Fund was completed and found them to be correct.
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28 **“If there are no objections I, President Kathy Brousseau, accept the Audit report**
29 **of the General Fund as presented this day April 26, 2025.”**
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32 review of the Books of the Eleanor Siegel Fund was completed and found them to be
33 correct.
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35 **“If there are no objections I, President Kathy Brousseau, accept the Audit report**
36 **of the Eleanor Siegel Fund as presented this day April 26, 2025.”**
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38 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Vice Chairperson/Treasurer Lorena Cutt** gave her
39 report. Attached. Opening Balance \$9,649.35, Income \$2,235 Expenses \$3,538.91
40 Closing Balance \$8,345.44.
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2 review of the Books of the Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund was completed and found
3 them to be correct.
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5 **“If there are no objections I, President Kathy Brousseau, accept the Audit**
6 **Committee Report for the Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund as presented this day**
7 **April 26, 2025.”**
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9 **Advisor Lisa Cartini** read her report and thanked President Kathy Brousseau Report
10 attached.
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12 **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** gave her report (attached) and reviewed the voting
13 procedure. She then presented the first Bylaw to be voted on regarding Article VI
14 Executive Board, Section 1 Members, Letter D VOTE. The current Bylaw reads as
15 follows:

16 D. Operation of the Executive Board may be by mail, electronic mail, virtual or in
17 person meetings.

18 i. Electronic mail will be sent to the entire Executive Board by the President
19 only:

- 20 • President and Parliamentarian to be in the “To field”.
- 21 • In the first line of the email, state the entire Executive Board is Bcc’d.
- 22 • Advise that they must “reply to all” within one week.
- 23 • Provide instructions how the Board Member is to cast their vote using
24 specific words in their response of In Favor, Opposed or Abstain
- 25 • Second email is sent to those Executive Board Members who have not
26 responded. If no response is received within three days, it is
27 considered an “Abstention” vote
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29 The proposed recommendation would be to amend sub-bullet 4 & 5 and add sub-bullet
30 6 as follows:

- 31 • Provide instructions how the Board member is to cast their vote using specific
32 words in their response of **Yes or No** (Sub-bullet 4)
- 33 • Second email is sent to those Executive Board Members who have not
34 responded. If no response is received within three days, **the vote will not be**
35 **considered in the final tally.** (Sub-bullet 5)
- 36 • **Approval is based on a majority of the votes cast by the Executive Board.**
37 (Sub-bullet 6)
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39 **“I, Myriam Lavora, a member of MOTC Queens, at this NYSOMOTC Annual State**
40 **Meeting, move to approve the amendment to Article VI Executive Board -Section1**
41 **Members, Letter D as presented at this NYSOMOTC State Meeting.”** Seconded by
42 **Linda Goldsworthy.** All were in favor. Motion carried.



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Parliamentarian Ruth Barone presented the proposed addition to Article IX, Section 6 Vote - adding letter C regarding appointing a vote to an Acting elected or appointed officer. The current Bylaw reads as follows:

Section 6. VOTE

The voting body of the Saturday General Meeting shall consist of:

- A. Properly certified and registered delegates of member clubs. Each member club will be allowed three (3) votes. There shall be an alternate for each delegate, who shall vote only in the absence of the delegate.
- B. Each Elected Officer, Appointed Officers and Past Presidents of the NYSOMOTC shall have one (1) vote.

The recommendation is to add letter C as follows:

- C. In the event an elected or appointed officer is unable to attend the State Meeting and an acting member of the Executive Board is appointed, the vote of the elected or appointed officer will be assigned to the individual appointed to take their place.

“I Barbi Cudney, a member of Westside Suburban MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Annual State Meeting, move to approve the amendment to Article IX State Meetings, Section 6 VOTE as presented.” Seconded by **Myriam Lavora**. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Note: during the writing of the motions, **President Kathy Brousseau** called for Pop-up raffles and discussed the 2026 State Meeting Fundraiser, HundredX Causes and how they worked. The deadline to complete the surveys is May 13th.

Nominating Chairperson Jane Martinec read her report (attached) and reviewed the proposed slate of Officers for the 2025-2027 term: **Pam Reussow** for President, **Michele DelleBovi** for Vice President, **Melissa Cocchiara** for Treasurer and **Doreen Greci** for Recording Secretary. Although a slate of officers was proposed, all prospective candidates needed to be nominated. The Eligibility List for President was put up on the screen to review.

President Kathy Brousseau asked for nominations from the floor. **Linda Gettings** nominated **Pam Reussow** for President; Pam accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. **Sharon Witul** nominated **Michele DelleBovi** for Vice President; Michele accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. **Lesley Longmcleod** nominated **Doreen Greci** for Recording Secretary; Doreen accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. **Cathy Renko** nominated **Melissa Cocchiara** for Treasurer; Melissa accepted the nomination. There were no other



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1 nominations. The candidates were asked to give a brief introduction about themselves.
2 With a single slate of officers proposed, **Acting Secretary Lorena Cutt** cast a single
3 vote for the slate of Officers. **“I, Renie Cutt, cast a single vote for the proposed**
4 **slate of Officers; President Pam Reussow, Vice President Michele DelleBovi,**
5 **Recording Secretary Doreen Greci and Treasurer Melissa Cocchiara.”**
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7 **President Kathy Brousseau** called a morning break at 9:56 a.m. The meeting
8 resumed at 10:16 a.m.
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10 **Acting Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt** called the Roll. Present were: **President**
11 **Kathy Brousseau, Vice President Pam Reussow, Treasurer Susie Smith, Acting**
12 **Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt, Advisor Lisa Cartini, Parliamentarian Ruth**
13 **Barone. Past Presidents: Myriam Lavora (2X), Sharon Witul, Ruth Barone, Barbi**
14 **Cudney, Lorena Cutt, Susie Smith, Lisa Cartini. Member Clubs Delegates: Greater**
15 **Rochester MOTC Lori Connolly, MOTC Queens Myriam Lavora, MOTC Suffolk**
16 **Doreen Greci, POM of CNY Susie Venditti, Schenectady MOTC Jane Martinec,**
17 **TNT of CNY Nancy Converse, Western New York MOMs Sharon Witul, Westside**
18 **Suburban MOTC Cindy Sanger, Nassau County POMC Cathy Marsicano.**
19 **Subsequently, Past President Linda Goldsworthy entered the room and was**
20 **included in the count.**
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22 **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** reviewed the Delegate Report. Clubs Represented -9,
23 Delegates Votes -27, Officers Votes -6, Past President Votes -9, Total Registered Votes
24 -42, Majority +1 -22, and 2/3 Votes -28.
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26 **President Kathy Brousseau** called for nominations from the floor for Nominating Chair.
27 **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** asked Susie Smith if she had the list of eligible
28 members up on the screen, and Susie indicated that she did. Ruth also advised that
29 the list was in each delegate’s packet. **Jane Martinec** nominated **Barbi Cudney**.
30 There were no other nominations. Barbi Cudney discussed her involvement with the
31 organization. **Acting Secretary Lorena Cutt** cast a single vote for the office of
32 Nominating Chairperson. **“I, Renie Cutt as Acting Secretary, cast a single vote for**
33 **Barbi Cudney for Nominating Chairperson”.**
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35 **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** began the procedure for electing Nominating Committee
36 members. **President Kathy Brousseau** called for nominations. Accepted nominations
37 from floor included **Jane Martinec** (nominated by **Kathlene Lyman**), **Tracy Schaner**
38 (nominated by **Barbi Cudney**), **Nadine Fitoussi** (nominated by **Linda Goldsworthy**),
39 **Marie Vito** (nominated by **Ruth Barone**). Nominations including Diana Donovan
40 Campisi and Jeannine Kellenberger were both declined. With no other nominations,
41 they were closed. **President Kathy Brousseau** asked each nominee to introduce
42 themselves to the Membership: Marie Vito (WNY Moms); Tracy Schaner (Westside



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Suburban MOTC); Nadine Fitoussi (MOTC Suffolk); Jane Martinec (Schenectady MOTC). **Acting Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt** cast a single vote for the proposed slate.

“I, Renie Cutt as Acting Secretary, cast a single vote for the slate of Nominating Committee; Jane Martinec, Nadine Fitoussi, Tracy Schaner and Marie Vito.

President Kathy Brousseau called for bids for the Future 2027 State Meeting Bids. No bids were presented. **President Kathy Brousseau** advised this would be revisited after lunch, giving clubs an opportunity to discuss the possibility of hosting.

Club Scrapbook Page Chairperson Melissa Cocchiara reported the theme was “60 Years of Diamond Smiles”. Participating clubs included POM of CNY, MOTC Queens, MOTC Suffolk, Westside Suburban MOTC and Schenectady MOTC. 3rd Place awarded to Westside Suburban MOTC, 2nd place awarded to MOTC Suffolk and 1st Place to POM of CNY. Members’ Choice awarded to POM of CNY.

Newsletter Contest Chair Melissa Cocchiara read her report. 2 clubs participated – MOTC Suffolk, and Western New York MOMs. 1st Place awarded to MOTC Suffolk.

Vice President Pam Reussow acknowledged State Representatives Patty Bassett (Chemung Valley MOTC), Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), Kelly Carter (Multiple Moms Mingle), Cathy Marsicano (Nassau County MOTC), Shirley Savage (Southern Tier MOTC), Nancy Converse (TNT of CNY), Sharon Witul (WNY MOMS) and Super State Representatives Lori Connolly (Greater Rochester MOTC), Lisa Cartini (POM of CNY), Jane Martinec (Schenectady MOTC), Doreen Greci (MOTC Suffolk), and Karen Audycki (Westside Suburban MOTC).

Melissa Cocchiara thanked clubs for making the quilt squares. She received 9 squares and there is a square for the middle. Another club will be mailing a square.

Reflections Chair Kathlene Lyman conducted the Memorial Service. Members from respective clubs read each of the names of deceased members.

President Kathy Brousseau called a break for Lunch at 11:20. The afternoon session resumed at 1:52 p.m.

Acting Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt called the Roll. Present were: **President Kathy Brousseau, Vice President Pam Reussow, Treasurer Susie Smith, Acting Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt, Advisor Lisa Cartini, Parliamentarian Ruth Barone. Past Presidents: Myriam Lavora (2X), Sharon Witul, Ruth Barone, Linda Goldsworthy, Barbi Cudney, Lorena Cutt, Susie Smith, Lisa Cartini. Member Clubs Delegates: Greater Rochester MOTC Lori Connolly, MOTC Queens Myriam Lavora, MOTC Suffolk Doreen Greci, POM of CNY Susie Venditti, Schenectady**



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Parliamentarian Ruth Barone reviewed the Delegates Report.

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2026 State Meeting Invitational Skit presented by the **2026 State Meeting Committee**. Theme is "All The Presidents' Friends". **Co-Chairs Ruth Barone and Kathy Brousseau** read their report (attached) and revealed the logo. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs. Room Rates \$169. April 30th - May 3, 2026.

Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairperson Myriam Lavora read her report, introduced her committee, and announced that the 2025 Scholarship was awarded to **Brooke Carter**, daughter of Kelly Carter (Multiple Moms Mingle) . Brooke was unable to attend, so Myriam read her acceptance letter.

Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Diana Donovan Campisi presented her report. \$906 was collected for the calendar raffle, 50/50 raffle total was \$235 and the misc. raffles totaled \$414. The total scholarship fundraiser income was \$1,555. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Dawn McDonald (\$117). The winning date for the Calendar Raffles was July 15. There were two winners, Kristen Pace (MOTC Suffolk) and Kim Pajak (WNY MoMs).

Membership Pins Chairperson Michele DelleBovi acknowledged the new attendees, 5, 10, and 15-year attendees. She then read reflection summaries from 20-year recipients Lorena Cutt and Lesley Longmcleod, 25-year recipients Maria Agosh (POM of CNY), Lisa Cartini (POM of CNY) and Karyn Audycki (Westside Suburban MOTC), 30-year recipient Kim Tassone (POM of CNY) and 35-year recipient Linda Gettings (GRMOTC).

Midterm Board Meeting Chairpersons Lorena Cutt and Lori Connolly read their report (attached). The midterm meeting will be virtual this year. There will be a committee to determine how to proceed with that.

2026 State Meeting Fundraiser Chairperson Myriam Lavora pulled the winning tickets for the 2026 State Meeting raffles. The 50/50 raffle winner of \$160 was Jeannine Kellenberger of MOTC Suffolk. The free night/registration raffle winner was Diana Miller of Nassau County POMC.



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State National Liaison Diana Miller reported that she created the ad for last year's Multiples of America Convention held July 24- 27, 2024 in Louisville, Kentucky. The 2025 convention will be held in Tucson, Arizona (July 24 – 26).

Website Committee Chairperson Susie Smith announced the new passwords for the website; Club members - LcL2526, Board Members - Xqtiv56.

Ways and Means Chairperson Sharon Wetzel advised that \$620 was raised from the baskets. The 50/50 raffle winner was Karen Nichols (\$215).

President Kathy Brousseau called again for bids for the 2027 State Meeting. No bids presented. Advised all to go back to clubs and discuss the possibility. A good fundraiser is the HundredX Causes! She reminded everyone to complete as many surveys as they could for the 2026 State Meeting fundraiser.

President Kathy Brousseau advised there was no old business to discuss.

President Kathy Brousseau called for a break at 3:04 p.m. Meeting resumed at 3:20 p.m. She asked again if there was a club interested in hosting 2027.

New Business: None

Advisor Lisa Cartini thanked President Kathy Brousseau for a job well done and presented her with her gift.

Parliamentarian Ruth Barone conducted the Installation Ceremony for the newly elected officers.

Newly installed **President Pam Reussow** called upon **Past Presidents Myriam Lavora, Sharon Witul, Ruth Barone, Linda Goldsworthy, Barbi Cudney, Renie Cutt, Susie Smith, Lisa Cartini and Kathy Brousseau** to offer their final comments.

Announcements: Pick up raffle prizes in the Seneca Room and complete evaluation forms. Sunday Board Meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. Board members not continuing in their position need to drop materials off to Myriam Lavora.

Reflections Chair Kathlene Lyman gave a Closing Reflection reminding everyone to rekindle their many friendships and think about all that we have accomplished over the past 60 years!

President Pam Reussow adjourned the 60th Annual Saturday General Meeting at 4:06 p.m.



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Respectfully Submitted,

Lorena Cutt – Acting Recording Secretary

Barbi Cudney – Minutes Approval

Myriam Lavora – Minutes Approval