



2025 Sunday Executive Board Meeting

April 27, 2025 – Woodcliff Hotel & Spa, Fairport

1 **The 2025 Sunday Executive Board Meeting** was called to order at 8:34 am by **President Pam**
2 **Reussow**.

3 **Reflections Chair Kathlene Lyman** gave the opening reflections welcoming everyone to our 60th
4 “Family Reunion” as well as welcoming in our new president. She also thanked the hosts and Past
5 Presidents for attending.

6 **President Pam Reussow** welcomed everyone to the new year and thanked Westside Suburban
7 MOTC.

8 **President Pam Reussow** appointed **Lisa Cartini POM of CNY** and **Myriam Lavora MOTC**
9 **Queens** to the Minutes Approval Committee.

10 **President Pam Reussow** appointed **Kathy Brousseau Schenectady MOTC** as Advisor and
11 **Ruth Barone Greater Rochester MOTC** as Parliamentarian.

12 **Recording Secretary Doreen Greci** called the Roll. Present were: **President Pam Reussow,**
13 **Vice President Michele DelleBovi, Treasurer Melissa Cocchiara, Recording Secretary**
14 **Doreen Greci, Advisor Kathy Brousseau, Parliamentarian Ruth Barone, Certificates Cathy**
15 **Renko, Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chair Cathy Marsicano, Librarian Kristina Bird, Marie**
16 **Simmons Scholarship Chair Myriam Lavora, Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice**
17 **Chair Renie Cutt, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Kristina Bird, Marie**
18 **Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Nancy Converse, Marie Simmons Scholarship**
19 **Committee Member Tracy Schaner, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Alternate Lisa**
20 **Cartini, Midterm Meeting Co-Chair Renie Cutt, Midterm Meeting Co-Chair Lori Connolly,**
21 **Newsletter Contest Chair Sharon Witul, Newsletter Editor Ericka D’Auria, Nominating Chair**
22 **Barbi Cudney, Nominating Committee Member Jane Martinec, Nominating Committee**
23 **Member Tracy Schaner, Nominating Committee Member Marie Vito, Photographer Karyn**
24 **Audycki, Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora, Reflections Kathlene Lyman, State**
25 **Meeting Co-Liaison Kristina Bird, State Meeting Co-Liaison Tracy Schaner, 2026 State**
26 **Meeting Chair Ruth Barone, 2026 State Meeting Co-Chair Kathy Brousseau, State/National**
27 **Liaison Diana Miller, Twin Photo Registry Karyn Audycki, Unity Project Chair Jane**
28 **Martinec, Ways and Means Chair Sharon Wetzel, Ways and Means Committee Member**
29 **Linda Gettings, Webmaster Susie Smith, Website/Social Media Committee Member Lori**
30 **Connolly, Past Presidents: Myriam Lavora (2x), Sharon Witul, Ruth Barone, Barbi Cudney,**
31 **Lorena Cutt, Susie Smith, Lisa Cartini, Kathy Brousseau**

32 **MSS Committee Member Anne Clements** entered the room at 8:40 AM.

33 **President Pam Reussow** stated the Board Directory, Equipment Inventory and Badge lists were
34 being passed around. She asked that everyone please make sure to complete.

35 **Vice President Michele DelleBovi** stated she is excited about the coming year.

36 **Treasurer Melissa Cocchiara** presented the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget for review. She said
37 the amount collected in dues has been decreasing because we are losing members. **Susie Smith**



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stated that revenue is going down because the Show & Sell money no longer goes to NYSOMOTC, and NYSOMOTC is now responsible for covering the President's room at convention plus tax if the host club cannot negotiate a free room. Discussion followed. **Kathy Brousseau** stated that we should revisit the rule about paying for the President's room. In 2019, the pricing with the Holiday Inn in Saratoga was flexible as far as comping the president's room, but now it's not. Kathy said we should also revisit who benefits from the Show & Sell. She didn't think the club realized what the impact of that would be on our budget. **Melissa Cocchiara** suggested that a committee be formed. **Ruth Barone** stated that the budget is a guideline. The committee formed to adjust the budget is to include **Melissa Cocchiara, Susie Smith, Kathy Brousseau, and Myriam Lavora**. They will meet via Zoom and are to report back by June to **President Pam Reussow** and a report should be given at Midterm. **Susie Smith** also recommended Chairs review their budget line and confirm whether it should increase or decrease. A motion from the floor to accept the 2025-2026 budget was made.

"I, Renie Cutt a member of Greater Rochester MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move to approve the 2025-2026 proposed budget as presented." Seconded by Myriam Lavora.. Motion passed.

Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Diana Donovan-Campisi was not in attendance, but it was reported that \$414 was raised in raffle sales this weekend. The Calendar Raffle raised \$906 in total before the \$500 was paid to the winners. The 50/50 took in \$235 (\$117 to winner and \$118 to the MSS Fund). **MSS Vice Chair/Treasurer Renie Cutt** confirmed the above as correct later.

Midterm Board Meeting Co-Chair Renie Cutt and Co-Chair Lori Connolly reported that they are planning to have a Zoom Midterm Board Meeting on October 18. A \$10 registration fee was suggested. **Susie Smith** said when she did a Zoom Board meeting, they just had people register ahead of time and then took attendance on the screen to ensure that nobody who wasn't registered was in the meeting. A committee consisting of **President Pam Reussow, Kathy Brousseau, Ruth Barone, Renie Cutt, Lori Connolly, Susie Smith, and Michele Camilleri** was appointed. They will meet in June.

Newsletter Editor Ericka D'Auria stated articles are due May 6, 2025. She said the first issue is very long, so please keep it short especially if you are a committee member. She does not need 2 articles on the same thing (both incoming and outgoing chair do not need to submit something).

Future State Meetings:

Suggestions on how to conduct future state meetings: **Melissa Cocchiara** suggested at last year's Midterm Meeting that using the same hotel chain would be a way to get a better rate. **President Pam Reussow** added that we could possibly use the same locale even.

The reasons for rethinking the way State Meetings are run are the following:

- Past Presidents have had to run 2 State Meetings when there were no bids from the clubs to host.
- There are less than 80 attendees at this year's State Meeting and only 9 out of 12 clubs attending.



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- Clubs have fewer members and less manpower to run a State meeting.
- Clubs shouldn't have to do massive fundraising to put on a State meeting.
- Clubs vary in membership around the state.

Each club could share in the responsibility for putting on a convention. The Chairs would have less to deal with especially securing a hotel location. Also, we need to encourage younger members to get involved. **President Pam Reussow** suggested that paring down the meetings could help. Many members feel that 3 meetings are too much for the weekend. Perhaps changing to 2 meetings. We have to be sure to pick a city with an airport. **Kristina Bird** suggested using Zoom for a board meeting, after having the general in-person, possibly a week later. **Ericka D'Auria** suggested eliminating the Sunday Board Meeting on non-election years. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed consisting of **President Pam Reussow, Melissa Cocchiara, Ruth Barone, Tracy Schaner, Diana Miller, and Michele Camilleri** to explore this matter. **Ruth Barone** recommended reaching out to Multiples of America for guidance. She has a contact in Massachusetts that she discussed the Inclusive Package with for the 2026 State Meeting. The committee will develop options for 2027 and send their findings to the Executive Board in an email and this will be discussed at Midterm. **President Pam Reussow** will head up the committee. **Susie Smith** will set up a Zoom.

Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora reported no revisions are proposed yet. The MSS Bylaws change will affect the Procedure Manual though. **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** stated that the electronic voting change in the By-Laws will affect the Procedure Manual. She also recommended that the Parliamentarian's procedures be amended to state that the Advisor will offer assistance to the Nominating Chair. This is not stated in the Parliamentarian's procedure. Additionally, in the Eligibility Qualifications for Executive Board, Members under the section To Become Nominating Chair, the reference to Bylaw Article VII, should be Sec. 1. B (not A). Board members were asked to review the procedure for their position and present suggestions for changes, if needed.

Past President Lisa Cartini brought up a possible change in the Advisor's procedure regarding a gift for the out-going President. Due to budget constraints, she looked into a more affordable gift. She consulted with the Elected & Appointed Officers for pricing for various options and got their suggestions and approval to proceed accordingly via email. Much discussion from board members followed. **Ruth Barone** then gave pricing details from Recognition Experts who makes the plaques and has the camera ready logo already in place for our organization. **Past President Lisa Cartini**, who had been appointed Minutes Approval, had to leave the meeting due to personal matters. **Ericka D'Auria** was appointed to Minutes Approval. **President Pam Reussow** stated we need to make a decision about what to do in the future. Discussions ensued and many suggestions were made. **President Reussow** requested that **Myriam Lavora** and **Kathy Brousseau** discuss this matter and come up with a plan for consideration going forward.



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1 **2025 State Meeting Co-Chairs Kristina Bird and Tracy Schaner** reported that Show & Sell had
2 17 vendors (15 outside vendors and 2 vendors from NYSOMOTC). They made \$480 on the Show
3 & Sell tables. A couple baskets were donated to the raffle room by vendors. The coupon booklet
4 had 11 vendors participating. **Susie Smith** stated that since Show & Sell money doesn't go to
5 NYSOMOTC anymore, the State Meeting Co-chairs really don't need to give a report on it at the
6 board meeting. They can put it in their convention report.

7 **President Pam Reussow** called for a break at 10:04 AM.

8 **President Pam Reussow** called the meeting back to order at 10:20 AM.

9 **State/National Liaison Diana Miller** gave her report about our ad in the National Convention
10 Booklet. Cost of ad may increase this year.

11 **2026 State Meeting Chair Ruth Barone, and 2026 State Meeting Co-Chair Kathy Brousseau,**
12 reported on their progress in planning next year's State Meeting. They said there will not be any
13 food provided in the Hospitality Room. It will be available for gathering only. There aren't enough
14 people on their committee to oversee the room. **Diana Miller** said that **Nassau County POMC**
15 could help provide food and help staff the room. Ruth and Kathy requested gift donations from the
16 Executive Board and one from each club, with a minimum value of \$25. The 2026 workshop
17 surveys distributed at the Saturday General Meeting were given to **Kathy Brousseau**. Everyone
18 was reminded to complete the goal of 75 surveys with HundredX. Myriam gave thanks for all
19 donations to the 2026 raffle table this year. **Ericka D'Auria** and **Melissa Cocchiara** both stated
20 that it should be added in the contract that Show & Sell vendors must donate a gift item for the
21 raffles.

22 **Way & Means Chair Sharon Wetzel** reported the Eleanor Siegel \$50/50 raised \$430 with \$215
23 going to the winner. Approximately \$620 was raised in Ways and Means raffle baskets.

24 **Old Business:**

- 25 1. Zoom meeting is being scheduled for the Midterm Board Meeting committee.
- 26 2. Archive storage: **Susie Smith** wanted to know why the topic of relocating the archives was
27 tabled from Friday. A plan of action should have been decided already. **Michele Camilleri**
28 recommended at the Midterm Board Meeting that NYSOMOTC secure a storage unit for
29 the bins of files and other archive items. **Ruth Barone**, stated that **Michele Camilleri**
30 needs to be in the room to be included in any decisions made. **Karyn Audycki** stated that
31 at the Midterm meeting **Michele Camilleri** was seeking permission to weed out stuff to
32 dispose of. This will be a long process. Discussion followed. **Kathlene Lyman**, said that
33 according to the Midterm minutes, **Michele Camilleri** asked if she could get prices for
34 storage units which she did. The committee needs to decide if we want to get a storage
35 unit, what categories of records/reports need to be kept, and what should be scanned on to
36 a flashdrive. An Archive Committee was formed consisting of **Michele Camilleri, Myriam**
37 **Lavora** and **Karyn Audycki**.



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- 1 3. **President Pam Reussow** stated that the MSS committee would be meeting this summer
2 to discuss changes to how the scholarship application is distributed and who can receive
3 one. The 30 year anniversary of the Marie Simmons Scholarship is also coming up in 2026.

4 **New Business:** The topic of **Future State Meetings** was addressed earlier in the meeting.

5 **Jane Martinec, Unity Project Chair**, thanked **Ericka D'Auria** for her patience with waiting for
6 submissions to the newsletter. She doesn't know what the NYSOMOTC would do without her.

7 **Past Presidents Ruth Barone, Barbi Cudney, Renie Cutt, Susie Smith, Myriam Lavora, and**
8 **Kathy Brousseau** were called on to give their well wishes.

9 **Reflections Chair Kathlene Lyman** announced that she needs an address for all card requests
10 and gave the Closing Reflection.

11 **President Pam Reussow** adjourned the 2025 Sunday Executive Board Meeting at 11:03 am.

12 **Respectfully Submitted,**

14 **Doreen Grenci – Recording Secretary**

16 **Myriam Lavora – Minutes Approval Committee**

18 **Ericka D'Auria – Minutes Approval Committee**