

6-5-2019

**NYALGRO Executive Board Meeting
June 5, 2019
Rivers Edge Resort, Alexandria Bay, NY**

Board Member's Present:

President - Desiree Potvin

Vice President - Michele Rowe

Treasurer - Rosemary Switzer

Secretary – Mary Ellen F. Beams

Members Present: Wendy McConkey, Angela Arasim, Jessica McClennan, Karen Sweeting, Dave Lowry, James Tammaro, Erica Linden, Louisa Ingrassia, Donna Mumbulo

President Potvin called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:30 am following breakfast.

President Potvin addressed the Board Members, she thought the conference was amazing, and thanked all of the board members for their hard work.

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion by Angela Arasim, seconded by Donna Mumbulo, following was

Adopted Ayes 11 Nays 0

Acceptance of the NYALRGO Executive Board meeting minutes of March 25, 2019.

Committees Reports:

Budget/Finance/Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Rose Switzer informed the Board that the budget report is the same as yesterday. The report showed as of 6/5/2019 overall total \$21,299.76.

Board Member Jim Tammaro expressed his concerns for NYALGRO paying for everyone's dinner on Tuesday night when the Executive Board members go out for dinner. Conference members have now been joining the Board that night for dinner and the expense has increased significantly. The Board all agreed if funding is available then dinner will only be paid for Board members only.

Acceptance of the Treasurers Report

A motion by Karen Sweeting, seconded by Angie Arasim, following was

Adopted Ayes 11 Nays 0

Acceptance of the NYALRGO Board meeting treasurer's report of June 6, 2019.

Membership - Board Member McClennan gave her report yesterday at the conference business meeting.

Scholarship/Awards – Board Member Donna Mumbulo will deliver award winner Kevin Orr his plaque due to he could not make the banquet to receive his award. Jeff plaque has the wording her instead of him on it and Board Member Donna Mumbulo will have that corrected.

Tess McBeth sent the Board a thank you note for receiving her scholarship. All scholarship winners were very happy to be here.

Board Member Jim Tammaro we have put our best effort into the education scholarship but it has not worked out. Do we want to continue to do this and if so what do we want to accomplish? It's time to rethink the whole thing. Let's put it on the agenda for the retreat and do some brain storming.

Standards/Technology – Board Member Wendy McConkey will put the speakers PowerPoint presentations on NYALGRO's website. Board Member Sweeting will reach out to get PowerPoint presentations from the remaining speakers that have not turned them in.

Publicity/Newsletter - The Board Members discussed getting the newsletter out the end by August 15th with a deadline date for articles on August 1st. In this newsletter testimonials from the scholarship winners will be included along with comments from the surveys.

Nominations/Elections – Board Members Angie Arasim and Erica Linden will assist Board Member Donna Mumbulo with the upcoming election in the fall. President Potvin informed the Board Members up for election this year, if you plan on running for another term, send your Bio info to Board Member Donna Mumbulo.

Sunshine – Board Member Mumbulo asked to email her whether it's good news or bad.

Review of Annual Conference:

Overall Review of Conference ~ Surveys/Accommodations/Food/Etc. Board Member Sweeting thought the conference went well little things that came up were handled, overall people were satisfied. Social Media class got reviews. Some of the speakers were not as loud as the others. Board Member Jim Tamaro suggested the possibly attendees could text their questions for the speakers and Board Member Jessica McClennan suggested that the monitor bring the microphone to the person. It was also suggest that we have mock exercises if at all possible. More hands on step by step real life situations.

Registration Table Committee ~ Board Member Mary Ellen Beams reported that everything went well.

Sales Booth Committee ~ Board Member Angie reported that we sold a few items and made \$72.45. She suggested next conference to cut the prices to move the inventory.

Vendor Committee – Board Member Rowe stated that the vendors worked out well this year. One of the vendors was hospitalized and could not attend so Board Member Michelle Rowe will send a card to him. The Board discussed for next year's conference of putting the vendor's names on the tables before they arrive. Vendor's certificates will be given out at lunch. Vendor's comments were to do vendor bingo again.

First Time Attendees – Board Member's Rowe, Tamaro and Ingrassia reported that they felt it went very well and feel fifteen minutes is enough time. Board Member Erica Linden will help with that committee.

Board Member Ingrassia stated that she has attended many conferences but never understood all the work that goes into it until now.

Election Buddy .com

Board Member Dave Lowe volunteered to play around with election buddy .com and see if he can set up a mock election for the Board to try. If possible he will email the mock election to everyone to vote in and report back to the Board.

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Amendments to the By-laws

The Board discussed the following proposed amendment to the By-laws:
Article 4 section 3 Directors will be elected for 4 years instead of 2 year term commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31 4 years later.
Article 5 amend this section to include Election Buddy.com.

President Potvin will put the suggested amendments on the agenda for the retreat in September at Corning.

Board Member Tamaro announced to the Board that the June of 2020 conference will be his last he will be retiring from the Board after that.
That position on the Board is that of Emeriti membership and is appointment of the president of NYALGRO as an advisor to the Board. This position holds no voting privileges.

Next Meeting Date/Location

FALL RETREAT - Sunday, September 29, 2019 Corning
Monday, September 30, 2019 Corning

Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Jessica McClennan, seconded by Board Member Donna Mumbulo and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Ellen F. Beams
Secretary, NYALGRO