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Meeting Agenda: Board Meeting
Meeting Information: Conference Call

Date: April 27, 2023
Time: 6:00pm

Conference Call #: 267-807-9598
Access: 154976636#

1. **Call to Order**
President Cathy Johansen
2. **Attendance at meeting:**

Officers

- Cathy Johansen
President
Peekskill PD – retired
- Meredith Kaiser
Vice President
- Gina Cocchiara
Membership Secretary
Bethlehem PD
- Kimberly Shappy
Recording Secretary
NYSP
- Nichole Weston
Treasurer
NYSP
- Diana Pizzuti
Immediate Past President
NYPD - retired

Board of Directors

- Leigh Bishop**
*Queens County District
Attorney's Office - former*
- Deborah Campbell
NYSP – retired
- Susan Deshensky
MTA PD - retired
- Anne Fitzsimmons
White Plains PD - retired
- Mary Hansen**
New Castle PD - retired
- Joanne Jaffe
NYPD - retired
- Nzingha Kellman
MTA PD
- Arianna Komninos
NYS DOCCS OSI
- Barbara Lark**
Buffalo PD – retired
- Margaret Ryan**
Dryden PD – retired
- Arlene Sabo
*SUNY Police - retired
Vassar College Security*
- Jennifer Sterling
NYPD – retired
- Rebecca Thompson
Syracuse PD – retired
- Melanie Cardin**
Legal Advisor
- Darcy Wells**
*Public Relations /
Communications Advisor*

1. President's Report: Cathy Johansen

- Mid-year meeting at Crowne Plaza: June 8-9
- Cathy checking with hotel about block of rooms and pricing
- Run as per usual: travel in the morning with start of meeting at noon w/lunch, dinner out with each other and resume meeting in the morning w/breakfast to conclude around noon to allow travel back home.

2. Vice President's Report: Meredith Kaiser

Cathy will be sending catalog of motions

3. Membership Secretary's Report: Gina Cocchiara

4 new members: 2 Capital, 1 Central & 1 out of state

Total: 282

Send new member info to Anne for newsletter and Becky for Central member

4. Recording Secretary's Report: Kimberly Shappy

- February minutes

Motion to accept – Diana, second – Cathy, all in favor, no opposed or abstaining

5. Treasurer's Report: Nichole Weston

a. Primary: \$5,847.04

b. Conference: \$26,056.93

Will follow up with tax preparer to make sure they filed the extension

6. Immediate Past President's Report: Diana Pizzuti – nothing to report

7. Communications Director: Deborah Campbell

- 30x30 letter to Gov. Hochul – complete and copy sent to board for review, waiting on budget to pass, goal: Gov to take notice and put together a committee to look at the suggestions
- NYWLE PowerPoint being updated by Kim and will be available to everyone who is going to do a speech or presentation. Think outside the box, rotary, local colleges, just don't know who you may impact, families of potential members.
- Suggestions: send letter to Chiefs of Police for Rockland County since we are having a conference there and have only one or two members in that area or after Mid-Year some Board members stay and do a presentation to members of different departments. Agencies may not be very responsive to things like this. Rockland Chiefs of Police Association may be better than each individual agency. Send letters/emails to departments before the conference - large departments like NYC, Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland – well in advance to know of the date.

8. Legal Advisor: Melanie Cardin – not on call

9. Public Relations / Communications Advisor: Darcy Wells – not on call

10. Committee Updates:

Community Service: Gina Cocchiara / Susan Deshensky – nothing to report

Conference – 2023: Cathy Johansen

- Credit authorization – Nichole sent same with contract
- Speaker line-up – preliminary agenda sent out to Board for review, still other topics we could add if we push it past lunch on Friday, Mexican cartels & AI
- Sponsors – need to start working on this – KeyBank since they are our bank? Deb will contact Motorola
Our members should help w/sponsors, especially with unions – business card size
- Registration - \$225 members give them a month advance to register, want to raise it to \$300 non-member really \$275 if you become a member when you register. All board members on call agreed to raise non-member to \$300.

Membership: Joanne Jaffe / Leigh Bishop

Newsletter sent to expired members so they are not realizing they are expired, we stop that and we need to find a way to constantly remind them their member is due.

Program Coordinator: Kimberly Shappy – scholarship due soon

Newsletter: Anne Fitzsimmons – Capital region dinner write up needed (Arianna working on same) and section regarding Nichole’s retirement from NYSP.

Gina will send all new members since 2023 – approx. 20 since they have not been featured yet.

Training/Leadership: Gina Cocchiara – nothing to report

Technology: Margaret Ryan – not on call

11. Regional Updates: (Regional Directors)

Capital: Arianna Komninos – Kim reported events in motion for the summer months

Central: Rebecca Thompson – May 18th tentative date for an event

Southern: Mary Hansen – not on call

Western: Barbara Lark – not on call

Members in wrong regions – we allow them to choose because they may live in a different region than where they work.

12. **New Business:** Metropolitan Transportation Authority PD Commanding Officer

Association Sponsor Golf Outing request - \$150 tee-sign

Motion to accept - Cathy, second - Gina, all in favor, no opposed or abstained

We need to standardize what we submit for sponsorships

NY Police and Fire Retirement Association sent raffle tickets to win money – agreed we would not purchase as an organization but will sent out to the Board so they can individually purchase and note NYWLE.

- Nichole purchased all three tickets we were sent!

13. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn – Cathy, second – Kim, all in favor, no opposed or abstained

After adjournment it was brought to our attention there was a correction needed to 30x30 Gov letter: first paragraph of second page – wording regarding decision making sentence does not make sense. Has since been corrected. – any further issues/mistakes found please bring to Deb and/or Kim’s attention.