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**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:**  
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*Representing the Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates*

## MINUTES - March 17, 2017

The meeting, held at Alfred State College, 10 Upper College Drive, Alfred, NY, hosted by Allegany County, was called to order by Association President Bob Green (*Ontario*) at 10:00 a.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

J. Sheppard (*Seneca*) led the Association in the Pledge of Allegiance, and S. Stein (*Genesee*) provided the invocation.

### **Roll call of counties**

The following 10 counties answered roll call: Allegany (3/5), Cattaraugus (2/1), Chemung (2), Genesee (1), Ontario (3), Orleans (2), Schuyler (2), Seneca (1), Steuben (2), Yates (2/1). **20 members, 10 guests in attendance.**

### **Welcome from Host County**

President Green introduced Allegany Legislature Chairman Curtis Crandall. Mr. Crandall welcomed every to Allegany County. The county and region have a unique rural landscape. He noted the popular kayak activities on the Genesee River. Among the unique villages and towns are located three institutions of higher educations; Houghton College, Alfred University, and Alfred State. These schools are major employers and are important positive economic drivers for our region. He closed by thanking the Allegany delegates and all Inter County members for their collective voice that works its way to Albany.

Mr. Greg Sammons, Vice President for Student Affairs at Alfred State, stated that Alfred State is delighted to host Inter County Association today. Following the business meeting he offered a tour of the Student Leadership Center. The center, which opened in 2013, is the heart of civic engagement and is a culmination of many efforts. It fosters outreach programs, works with non-profits, and serves as a location for students to commune.

### **Approval of Minutes**

S. Stein (*Genesee*), made the motion, seconded by B. Mori (*Steuben*), to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2017, as written; motion carried.

### **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

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Treasury Balance ending February 28, 2017			<b>\$5,210.35</b>
"Cash Box" as of February 28, 2017		\$30.00	
Check Book Balance as of February 28, 2017		\$5,360.35	
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Dues Received – 4 Counties		\$200.00	
February Meeting @ Genesee (34 people)		\$680.00	
<b>Disbursements:</b>			
Ck#1165 Batavia Downs Gaming – February Meeting	\$700.00		
<b>Treasury Balance ending February 28, 2017</b>			<b>\$5,390.35</b>

**Dues not received from:** Tompkins

D. Draxler (*Chemung*), made the motion, seconded by J. Sheppard (*Seneca*), to accept the Treasurer’s reports dated February 28, 2017; motion carried.

**NYSAC Update**

Association President Green introduced Katie Hohman, NYSAC Program Specialist, who presented an Albany update.

- Extending the 9-1-1 surcharge to prepaid devices continues to be a top priority. Assembly supports it, but Senate omitted surcharge on prepaid phones. Senate is opposing any increase to taxes.
- Internet Sales Tax is a negotiating item as the Assembly is in but Senate is out on this one.
- Health Insurance Consortiums proposal has been rejected by both Assembly and Senate. This is a cost shift to counties.
- NYSAC is encouraging support of Assemblywoman Fahy’s proposal for the phased in takeover of indigent defense services while increasing quality of legal services for the poor.
- Both houses have rejected Shared Services referendum. Discussion continues on this topic.
- Free college tuition: The assembly has accepted this, the Senate deleted from proposed budget. NYSAC continues to watch this item.
- District Attorney Salary Increases is supported by both houses.
- Raising the age of criminal responsibility continues to be debated. NYSAC and counties support this if state covers any added costs.

Katie further distributed the 2017-2018 State Budget NYSAC Summary of One House Budget Proposals and the packet of 2017 Budget Priorities.

Brief discussion followed among members after Katie’s presentation of highlights.

President Green thanked Ms. Hohman and all members for discussion about these critical issues.

**Old Business:**

President Green granted Privilege of the Floor to Yates County Delegate Mark Morris. Mr. Morris distributed copies of association minutes dating June 19, 2015. Resolution No. 2015-IC-20, entitled, “Resolution in Support of Establishing Statewide Benchmarks for Measuring the Efficiency of State and Local Governmental Functions” was referenced in his discussion. (copy attached to these minutes). Mr. Morris stated it has been almost two years with no action on the part of the Comptroller’s Office. He is asking permission from this association to follow up on the request. As reflected in those minutes, some members are not comfortable with this statewide benchmarking to compare costs of other states to ours. President Green noted Gabriel F. Deyo, Deputy Comptroller, will be attending the Association meeting April 21 and he suggested holding off until then for any action.

S. Stein (*Genesee*) suggested this would be something best passed on to National Association of Counties (NACO) as the information requested is on a national level, not on a county level.

After further discussion among delegates, we will wait until next month to see what the representative from the Comptroller’s Office has to say.

S. Stein (*Genesee*) stated that Soil and Water Conservation Districts have just been awarded Part C money. This is a competitive pot of money from the New York State Agriculture and Markets Fund. Districts must achieve certain milestones. She reminded everyone that these awards must be spent by December 31, 2017. The money can be used for culvert and bridge work. She encouraged everyone to speak with their district managers.

**New Business:** None

**Resolutions:**

2017 FINAL NUMBER	PRESENTING COUNTY	RESOLUTION TITLE	ACTION TAKEN
4	Genesee, Ontario,	Supporting NYS Senate Bill No. S1908 and NYS Assembly Bill No. A3397, Which Would Increase the	<i>Motion to adopt</i> made by S. Stein ( <i>Genesee</i> ), seconded by K.

	Orleans, and Yates	Counties' Share of Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Revenue to Provide a More Equitable Share for Counties	DeRoller ( <i>Orleans</i> ). <b>Motion carried unanimously</b>
5	Ontario	Resolution Thanking the Governor and the State Legislature for Making Heroin and Opioid Abuse Prevention a Top Public Safety, Public Health, and Mental Health Priority in NYS in 2017	<b>Motion to adopt</b> made by R. Green ( <i>Ontario</i> ), seconded by S. Labuhn ( <i>Cattaraugus</i> ). <b>Motion carried unanimously</b>
6	Ontario	Resolution Urging the State to Enact Legislation to Ensure a Fair Level Playing Field for All Retailers by Addressing Loopholes in Internet Sales Tax Collection Practices	<b>Motion to adopt</b> made by R. Green ( <i>Ontario</i> ), seconded by S. Stein ( <i>Genesee</i> ). <b>Motion carried unanimously</b>
7	Ontario	Resolution Calling on the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and the Governor of NYS to Provide State Funding to Support the Treatment of Individuals with Substance Use Disorders Who Are Incarcerated in County Jails, in Order to Help Combat the Heroin and Opioid Abuse Epidemic and Other Addictions, Save Lives, and Reduce the Rate of Recidivism	<b>Motion to adopt</b> made by J. Sheppard ( <i>Seneca</i> ), seconded by S. Stein ( <i>Genesee</i> ). <b>Motion carried unanimously</b>
8	Orleans, Schuyler, Livingston, and Yates	Urging NYS to Fund Probation Departments and Other Impacted County Departments and Agencies the Full Costs Associated with Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility to 18 Years of Age.	<b>Motion to adopt</b> made by J. DeFilippis ( <i>Orleans</i> ), seconded by K. DeRoller ( <i>Orleans</i> ). <b>Motion carried unanimously</b>
9	Orleans	Supporting Legislation to Partially Repeal the NY Secure4 Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement (SAFE) Act of 2013 for Areas Outside of New York City	<b>Motion to present</b> made by J. Sheppard ( <i>Seneca</i> ), seconded by P. Ingalsbe ( <i>Ontario</i> ); carried. <b>Motion to table</b> made by K. DeRoller ( <i>Orleans</i> ), seconded by S. Stein ( <i>Genesee</i> ); motion carried.

**Presentation/Program:**

At this time, President Green introduced Jonathan Hilsher, Director of Civic Engagement at Alfred State College. Mr. Hilsher shared how the center provides a variety of meaningful ways to get involved in making a positive difference in the community and beyond the campus. There are many opportunities and challenges that students can engage with local community and beyond. For example, students traveled during recent disasters to provide hours of community service. The center promotes volunteerism, cultural immersion, advocacy, and political involvement.

President Green thanked Allegany County for hosting this meeting, Alfred State College, and Mr. Hilsher for their hospitality, presentation and tour.

**Adjournment:** On motion of P. Ingalsbe (*Ontario*), seconded by B. Rigby-Riehle (*Allegany*), the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM followed by a tour of the Student Leadership Center with lunch to follow; motion carried.

**Reminder:** The next regular meeting will be hosted by Cayuga County on April 21, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,




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Karen R. DeMay, Secretary  
Inter County Association of Western New York