

# Inter County Association of Western New York



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Robert A. Green, Jr., President – Ontario County  
Peter Yendell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Livingston County  
Shelley Stein, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Genesee County  
Karen R. DeMay, Secretary – Ontario County  
Brenda K. Mori, Treasurer – Steuben County

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:**  
Donna Vickman, Cattaraugus County  
John Pastrick, Chemung County  
David Callard, Orleans County

*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 – November 17, 2017

The meeting, held at the New York Wine and Culinary Center, 800 South Main Street, Canandaigua, NY, hosted by Ontario County, was called to order by Association President Bob Green (*Ontario*) at 10:00 a.m.

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

President Green (*Ontario*) welcomed everyone in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Green (*Ontario*), and Shelley Stein (*Genesee*) provided the invocation.

### **Roll call of counties**

The following 12 counties answered roll call: Allegany (3), Chemung (4/1), Genesee (2/1), Livingston (3), Monroe (2), Ontario (4/2), Orleans (2), Schuyler (1) Seneca (1), Steuben (2/1), Wayne (3), Yates (1). There were **27 members and 9 guests in attendance**.

### **Welcome from Host County**

President Green introduced Ontario County Board Chairman Jack Marren. Mr. Marren, in turn, also welcomed everyone to Ontario County. He noted he had just attended a breakfast recognizing volunteers who work with Ontario's Office for the Aging. One attendee, age 102, was recognized for volunteering for 50 years. He also commented on the recent efforts with regard to shared services. It speaks volumes that so many of our counties worked through the process sharing problems. This process was helpful. Finally, he noted that later today Ontario County will celebrate National Adoption Day with three families adopting 5 individuals. This is a wonderful ceremony. He closed by saying please enjoy your day here in Ontario County.

President Green welcomed Community Relations Liaison Jake Chard from Senator Funke's office.

### **Approval of Minutes**

J. Pastrick (*Chemung*), made the motion, seconded by J. Sheppard (*Seneca*), to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2017, as written; motion carried.

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

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Treasury Balance ending September 30, 2017			\$4,756.48
"Cash Box" as of October 31, 2017		\$30.00	
Check Book Balance as of October 31, 2017		\$4,676.49	
<b>Receipts:</b>			
October Meeting @ Wayne (33)		\$660.00	
<b>Disbursements:</b>			
Ck#1173 – Maple Ridge Fruit Farm LLC (Wayne County Mtg)	\$709.99		
Treasury Balance ending October 31, 2017			\$4,706.49

**Dues not received from:** Tompkins

S. Stein (*Genesee*), made the motion, seconded by J. Sheppard, (*Seneca*), to accept the Treasurer's report dated October 31, 2017; motion carried.

**Recognition:**

President Green recognized outgoing Secretary Karen DeMay for her diligence and assistance during the past two years. He presented to her a plaque recognizing her efforts during his term as president. He also recognized and thanked Treasurer Brenda Mori for her hard work during the past two years.

**Welcome:**

President Green welcomed Mr. Richard Tobe, Deputy Director of State Operations for Special Projects from the Executive Chamber along with his colleague, Elizabeth Burakowski.

Mr. Tobe spoke about both shared services and the 2020 Census.

- The Shared Services effort was a success throughout the state. Almost 400 separate initiatives were submitted. Two initiatives, health care consortium and local justice courts, surfaced as very important issues. It is expected that these issues and others will go to the Governor for changes.
- 2020 Census. He reminded everyone of the importance of signing up for the LUCA project. (Local Update of Census Addresses). This is a very important step to count everyone including certain populations such as Native Americans, migrant workers, Amish, rural residents. Many of these addresses missed the census count during the last enumeration.

Following questions, comments, and discussion with the association members, President Green thanked Mr. Tobe for speaking with our group today.

**NYSAC Update**

Association President Green introduced Patrick Cumming, (*NYSAC Counsel*).

Patrick, joined by Shelley Stein (*Genesee*), reported on attendance at the Washington DC and NACo event yesterday, November 16, focusing on tax reform and economic competitiveness. Those who spoke with the attendees were Gary Cohn and DJ Gribbin, National Economic Council, Linda McMahon, Small Business Administration, Mick Mulvaney, Office of Management and Budget, Justin Muzinich, Department of Treasury, and Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture. Adelaide Miller, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, offered her contact information should anyone wish to contact her; E: [Adelaide.E.Miller@who.eop.gov](mailto:Adelaide.E.Miller@who.eop.gov)

Patrick presented updates and items of interest as follows:

- NYSAC is tracking election results. There are 173 newly elected county officials. NYSAC will offer a full day of newly elected training at January conference.
- The 2017 Legislative Session is still alive in Albany. Over 10,000 bills were introduced this year, 606 passed in both houses with most of them passing in June. The Governor signed 407, vetoed 20 with the rest outstanding. Counties should note the sparkler law, use and sales of devices, is now a statewide law.
- It will be difficult to ask state for fiscal help as NYS is facing billions in deficit.
- Indigent defense changes. The bill was expanded last year with a 7-year roll out. Some funding is anticipated in 2018.
- Office of Court Administration is going to counties and is looking to consolidate town and city court 1<sup>st</sup> arraignment coverage. OCA could force this change.
- More counties are looking to join the opioid litigations lawsuit. At this time 35 counties are in the process.

- Communications with counties and NYSAC are very active with regard to Raise the Age. Counties will be reimbursed if they are under the tax cap.
- FEMA has made declaration of disaster along Lake Ontario shoreline. Many counties have qualified and others continue with the qualification process.

Discussion followed among members after Patrick’s comments. President Green thanked Patrick for his report today.

President Green commented at this time on his two years serving as president. The Association met regularly and was well attended. During these two years it addressed many issues such as closing loopholes with internet sales tax, harmful algae blooms, Next Gen 911, and so many other important and issues. Second VP Shelley Stein presented Mr. Green with a gift from the association. Two books from the Library of Congress; one was a collection of inspirations and quotations, and the other was a collection of heroic stories of survival. On behalf of the association, she thanked him for his service both at inter county and also with his community.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

**Election of 2018 Officers:**

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Mark Schuster (*Livingston*) presented the slate of officers to serve this association in 2018.

Shelley Stein, President – Genesee County  
 Debbie Drawe, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Monroe County  
 Steven LeRoy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Wayne County  
 Brenda K. Mori, Treasurer – Steuben County

With no other nominations, J. Sheppard (*Seneca*) made the motion, seconded by P. Marini (*Wayne*), to elect these individuals to serve the association for the year 2018; motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Schuster and Ms. Marini complemented outgoing President Green on his exemplary service to the association for the last two years.

**Resolutions:**

FINAL NUMBER	PRESENTING COUNTY	RESOLUTION TITLE	ACTION TAKEN
26	Livingston, Cattaraugus, Erie, Allegany, Cayuga	A Resolution to Increase State Support for Cornell Cooperative Extension County Associations in NYS	<i>Motion to adopt</i> made by P. Yendell ( <i>Livingston</i> ), seconded by T. Dennis ( <i>Yates</i> ). <b>Motion carried unanimously</b>
27	Cattaraugus	A Resolution Honoring 2017 as the 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage in New York State	<i>Motion to adopt</i> made by R. Green ( <i>Ontario</i> ), seconded by G. Hebert ( <i>Monroe</i> ). <b>Motion carried unanimously</b>
X	Allegany	A Resolution Urging the New York State Congressional Delegation to Preserve the Federal Income Tax Deduction for State and Local Tax	<i>Motion to adopt</i> made by K. LaForge ( <i>Allegany</i> ), seconded by C. Faratella ( <i>Steuben</i> ). <b>Motion defeated; 6 in favor, 19 opposed.</b>

**Presentation/Program:**

FLCC President Dr. Robert Nye, was welcomed by outgoing President Green. Dr. Nye presented information regarding Operating chargeback formulas and process. He touched upon the capital chargebacks, operating chargebacks and factors affecting the current operating chargeback methodology. He also spoke about the new Excelsior Tuition Education Program offering free tuition to qualifying students. This is a concern for two-year colleges as some students are passing on attending a two-year community college and going straight to the 4-year state colleges. He sees a need to focus on taking trade schools and programs and expanding on this. It is important that colleges build upon the collaborative efforts such as BOCES. All educational institutions need to be flexible and ready for change.

President Green thanked Dr. Nye for his informative presentation.

**Adjournment:** On motion of S. LeRoy (*Wayne*), seconded by S. Stein (*Genesee*), the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 AM followed by lunch; motion carried.

**Reminder:**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2018.

Please note that the following counties have committed to hosting the association next year, 2018.

January 29 - 31, 2018	@ NYSAC
February 16, 2018	
March 16, 2018	
April 20, 2018	Livingston
May 11, 2018	Schuyler
June 15, 2018	Genesee
<i>No meeting in JULY</i>	XXX
August 17, 2018	Steuben
September 24-26, 2018	@ NYSAC
October 19, 2018	Cattaraugus
November 16, 2018	

Respectfully submitted,



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Karen R. DeMay, Secretary  
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