

New York State Association of Self-Insured Counties Business Meeting

Friday, May 3, 2002

The meeting was called to order by President Kathleen Jasinski at 10:00 AM at the Riveredge Hotel in Alexandria Bay.

The minutes of the October 5, 2001, Business meeting were read and approved as written on motion of Bill Baker, second by Susan Lent.

Paul Casey gave the Treasurer's Report, indicating a total balance of \$18,423 as of April 30, 2002. Paul advised that the Riveredge Hotel had not been paid yet for the Spring Conference, and outstanding dues were still owed but were coming in. The Treasurer's Report was approved on motion of Amy Clute, second by Ed Castellana.

The Nominating Committee gave the only Committee Report. The nominated officers for 2002 – 2003 were:

President:	Linda Way-Hartmann
Vice-President:	Paul Casey
Secretary:	Deborah Burnham
Treasurer:	Joe Peckham
Board of Directors:	Sandra Bower
	Susan Lent
	Peter Stirpe
	Kathleen Jasinski
	Jeffrey Whittemore

President Jasinski inquired three times of the floor if there were any additional nominees. When there were none, Cindy Cocca cast the ballot to accept the nominations, seconded by Bethany O'Rourke.

The next item discussed was the location for the Fall Conference, scheduled for October 2 – 4, 2002. It was agreed that we would return to Canandaigua again in 2002, but consider other locations in the future. It was decided to continue, for the time being, holding the Spring Conference at Alexandria Bay because of its popularity with attendees. The members were asked to provide suggestions for future Conference sites. The criteria seem to be accommodations for at least eighty (80) people plus conference rooms, with resort facilities the most widely attended.

Regional meetings were again discussed. The Board shared their opinion that holding additional NYSASIC meetings in specific regions would be a strengthening move for the organization. The purpose of the Regional meetings would be to network/encourage/educate peers in our individual vicinities with short, day luncheon meetings. The Regional meetings could also be an opportunity to introduce non-member municipalities to NYSASIC, and evaluate potential conference sites. The WNY region will plan a meeting in the near future.

Under the category of "Old Business", Joe Peckam again encouraged members to utilize the Yahoo website for NYSASIC issues. Several members expressed satisfaction with how the site works, and suggested that the Yahoo Club is a good resource.

For "New Business", the "new" 207c legislation was discussed. Unfortunately, revision of 207c benefits is still a live issue. A motion was made by Chris Gozza, seconded by Cindy Cocca, to have Paul Casey, as Legislative Committee Chairman, draft a statement of opposition to 207c revision on behalf of NYSASIC.

Information on the upcoming New York Self-Insurers Association conference was made available for any NYSASIC members who might be interested.

It was suggested and agreed to send a card to Rich Baia, Montgomery County, who is struggling with illness.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 AM on motion of Jeff Whittemore, second by Paul Casey.