Inter County Association of Western New York

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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 - October 21, 2016

The meeting, held at Mercy Grove, 7758 East Main Road, LeRoy, NY, hosted by Genesee County, was called to order by Association President Bob Green *(Ontario)* at 10:00 a.m. R Cianfrini, *(Genesee)* led the Association in the Pledge of Allegiance, and R. Bausch *(Genesee)* provided the invocation.

Roll call of counties

- The following 13 counties answered roll call:

Allegany *(3)*, Cattaraugus *(3)*, Cayuga *(1/1)*, Chemung *(4/1)*, Genesee *(2/6)*, Livingston *(3/1)*, Monroe *(2)*, Ontario *(3)*, Orleans *(2)*, Steuben *(3)*, Wayne *(2)*, Wyoming *(1/1)*, and Yates *(1)*. ***30 members, 12 guests*** **in attendance.** It was also noted that Assemblyman Steven Hawley was represented today by his aide, Jaylene Carney.

Welcome from Host County

Genesee County Legislature Chairman Raymond Cianfrini welcomed everyone to Genesee County and to Mercy Grove. He touched upon some of the many reasons Genesee is great; Genesee Community College, Darien Lake Theme Park, Agriculture, City of Batavia, Batavia Downs Racing and Casino, Rolling Hills Asylum, Town of Alabama home to Western New York Science and Technology Advanced Manufacturing Park (STAMP), and LeRoy which is home to JELLO. He is happy to share many fine aspects of Genesee County with all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

J. Pastrick *(Chemung)*, made the motion, seconded by S. Leroy *(Wayne)*, to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2016, and September 21, 2016, as written; motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

H. Lando *(Steuben)*, made the motion, seconded by S. Stein *(Genesee)*, to accept the Treasurer's report dated September 30, 2016; motion carried.

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Treasury Balance ending July 31, 2016			**$5,939.65**
"Cash Box" as of September 30, 2016		$30.00	
Check Book Balance as of September 30, 2016		$5,725.95	
Receipts:			
August Meeting Registrations – Livingston County Meeting (38 pd attendees)		$760.00	
Disbursements:			
Ck#1161 – Partyman Catering – Livingston County Meeting	$943.70		
Treasury Balance ending September 30, 2016			**$5,755.95**

NYSAC Update

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

- The District Attorneys salary increase continues to be a priority. By resolution at the Fall Seminar we are asking New York State to reimburse counties for the increase.
- Another priority is Rescuing 911 campaign. The campaign was launched to call attention to the importance of 911 services throughout NYS.
- Homeland Security continues to be an important issue.
- Indigent Defense Bill, passed in senate and assembly earlier this year. It has not gone to the Governor yet.
- A recent History Summit was held in Albany to include County Clerks, Historians, and archivists.
- Round two of funding is now open for Broadband. There are opportunities for all counties to submit applications.
- Counties are encouraged to submit applications for reimbursement regarding e-waste.
- Sales tax figures show uneven growth throughout the state and on average, around 2 percent growth in the western region of the state.
- The 2017 Legislative Conference will be held January 30, 31, and February 1 in Albany.

G. Hebert *(Monroe)* asked for more details, those which counties can distribute to their constituents.

President Green thanked Katie Hohman and all members for discussion about these critical issues. Mr. Green reaffirmed the need to work on the Rescuing 911 campaign. It is not proper for the state to be skimming the funds. Ms. Hohman added New York is one of nine states that divert funds. There is a federal law that if funds are diverted, then a state is not eligible for federal grants. NY may possibly be ineligible.

Wyoming County, as all other counties, only receives back 12.5 percent of funds relating to DMV transactions. There is no money coming back to counties for transaction done online. S. Stein *(Genesee)* asked NYSAC to join up with the County Clerk's Association on this issue.

Old Business:

M. Morris (*Yates*) spoke about revisiting benchmarking with other states. (Inter County Resolution No. 20-2015, adopted June 19, 2015, entitled, "***Resolution in Support of Establishing Statewide Benchmarks for Measuring the Efficiency of State and Local Governmental Functions***"). President Green stated there has been neither communication nor any action by the Comptroller's Office. NYSAC affirmed no action is expected by the Comptroller.

There was brief discussion regarding the state mandated increase to salaries of District Attorneys. Some counties have held back, not moving to fund the pay increase.

New Business:

Association President Green called upon the **Nominations Committee** for a report. M. Schuster *(Livingston)* reported the committee represented by Shelley Stein (*Genesee*), Mike DiDio (*Cayuga*), and himself are presenting a slate of officers for 2017 to include, Robert Green as President, Peter Yendell as 1st Vice President, Shelley Stein as 2nd Vice President, Brenda Mori as Treasurer, and Karen DeMay as Secretary. The association will vote at the November 18th meeting.

Resolutions:

FINAL NUMBER	PRESENTING COUNTY	RESOLUTION TITLE	ACTION TAKEN
42	Allegany	Resolution Requesting That the Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (WREMAC) Not Eliminate the EMT-CC Level of Certification	***Motion to adopt*** made by K. LaForge (*Allegany*), seconded by T. Sweet (*Chemung*). ***Motion carried unanimously***
43	Cattaraugus	Calling for An Official Investigation Into The Price Gouging of Epipens	***Motion to adopt*** made by S. Labuhn (*Cattaraugus*), seconded by H. Lando (*Steuben*). ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Presentation/Program:

President Green introduced John Jakubowski from Strategic Workforce Development for Genesee County. Mr. Jakubowski spoke about the workforce development programs and efforts in Genesee County. He explained workforce development is a process, not an event. As part of the process, there are events along the way, but it is always a process. He shared the many benefits of the Genesee County Economic Development Center and the Wester New York Tech Academy.

Educational and training assets in this region are stackable programs that align to support food process, advanced manufacturing, and nanotechnology in the ag park and STAMP (Western New York Science and Technology Advanced Manufacturing Park). STAMP is the development of NYS's second shovel-ready mega site designed for nanotech-oriented manufacturing, advanced manufacturing, and large scale bio-manufacturing projects.

He further explained the process in developing a program offered jointly through Genesee Community College and Genesee Valley Educational Partnership focused on career paths in agriculture.

At this time President Green introduced our next speaker, Lynne Belluscio, LeRoy Historian, to share information about Mercy Grove. Ms. Belluscio presented an interesting and detailed history of the property, Mercy Grove. It origins were with the Woodward family, a former hospital, a former priests home, and now presently privately owned by James Gomborone. Restorations are near complete.

Mr. Jakubowski and Ms. Belluscio were thanked by the association for their informative presentations.

Adjournment: On motion of Mike Didio *(Cayuga)*, seconded by Bob Neal *(Cattaraugus)*, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM followed by lunch; motion carried.

Reminder: The next regular meeting will be held at Gowanda's Historic Hollywood Theater, 39 West Main Street, Gowanda, New York 14070, on November 18, 2016.

Please note that the following counties have committed to hosting the association next year, 2017.

February 17:	Genesee
March 17:	_____
April 21:	Cayuga
May 12:	Seneca
June 16:	Chemung
August 18:	Monroe
September	NYSAC Conf.
October 20:	Wayne
November 17:	Ontario

Respectfully submitted,

Karen R DeMay

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