

# 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Business and Election Meeting

## NYSBOC BOARD OF DELEGATES

**DATE: September 11, 2014**

**LOCATION: Mayville, NY**

\* President James E. Morganson stated that it was his honor and privilege to formally open the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting at 1:00 PM. Today is September 11<sup>th</sup> and I have a very special talent here today to sing the National Anthem and God Bless America, Miss Brianna Collichio. Please stand. Father John Flanigan gave the blessing and requested a moment of silence for deceased members. President Morganson recognized all the members in the fire service and the military. Because of your sacrifice this is why we can meet in peace here today.

\* A roll was called and the following were present:

		Name		Name		Name	
Dele#/ Pd Mem	President	Morganson, James E.	1				
	1st Vice President	Edward Cusato	Exc				
	2nd Vice President	Donald Mekulik	1				
	Secretary	BJ Gettel	1				
	Treasurer	Douglas Scarson	1				
	Historian	Mark Schwartz	1				
	Past President	Wayne Cichon	1				
3 - 183	Capital	Cordell, Robert	1	Ricotta, Sam	1	Theriault, Rick	1
	Capital	Griffith, Roger (a)	1	Kinizzo, Tom (A)	1		
3 - 327	Central	Cusato, Ed		Keeler, George	1	Williams, John	1
1 - 31	Columbia	Ferratto, Edward		Couse, Jerry		Vieni, Charles (A)	
		Koloski, Stan (A)					
3 - 134	Finger Lakes	Bailey, Jim	1	Rech, Terry	1	Morris, Pat	1
				Cichetti, Wayne (A)	1		
2 - 65	Mid Hudson	Thompson, Bruce		Parrington, Denis (A)	1	Corrao, Tom	1
1 - 10	Mohawk Valley	Stine, Rich	1	Kernan, Ruth (A)			
1 - 34	Monroe	Bowers, Don	1	Drexler, Rob	1	Scarson, Doug	1
3 - 174	Nassau (BIANCO)	Bonnie, Robert	1	Haramis, Stephen	1	Malitino, Michael	1
	Nassau (BIANCO)	Falmigetti, Eric (A)	1	Gilhooly, James (A)	1		
3 - 335	Niagara	Bleichfeld, Rich	1	Eberhardt, Jim	1	Rank, Kevin	1
	Niagara	Metzger, Dave (A)	1				
2 - 112	Northern Adirondack	Morganson, James E.	1				
1 - 10	Ontario	Benedict, Al	1	Storke, Scott (A)	1		

2 - 115	Rockland	Berrios, Ruben		Buckley, Thomas			
3 - 132	Southern Tier	Cross, Brent	1	Ezell, Kevin	1	Platt, Richard	
	Southern Tier	Knickerbocker, Wm (A)					
1 - 10	St. Lawrence	Tuttle, Timothy	1				
2 - 101	Suffolk	Donnelly, Joseph	1	Frabrizio, Edward	1	Maher, Tom	1
3 - 230	Tri County	Canfield, Gerard		Jaques, Eugene	1	Ben Maldonado	
	Tri County	Smith, Joe (A)		Ottino, Logan (A)			
3 - 140	Westchester	Blasi, Frank		Tarchine, Ralph		Testa, Michael	
1 - 35	WSTB	LaBarbera, Chuck (A)	1	Monaco, John	1	Pacanowski, James	1
1 - 10	Yates	Lyon, Bruce					
			21		15		9
38		Total	45				
	NYS DOS	Addario, John	1	Nemeth-Weisser, Julie	1	Nichols, Dan	
	NYS DOS	Piester, Ron					
	Log Editor	Eberhardt, Jim	1				
8	Past Pres	Casella, Dan	1	Copp, Wm. Scott	1	Flanigan, John	1
	Past Pres	Gregory, William		Kiebel, Ron		McCabe, Dennis	
	Past Pres	McDaniels, Steve	1	Jacobski, Wm			
	ICC	Drexler, Rob	1	Harris, Dottie	1	Piester, Ron	

**Secretary's Report:** BJ Gettel

We have a quorum. Motion to approve June 6, 2014 minutes by Don and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gene.

**Presidents Report:** Jim Morganson

Thanked the host chapter for their hospitality. President Morganson gave a quick power point presentation. Memories from the past year that included pictures with Sgt Eddie Ryan, Atlantic City and the ICC Conference where we were the recipients of the Merit Award that Jim Gilhooly help us achieve. Father Flanigan was able to give prayers at the ICC Annual Banquet Dinner. Also a picture of the entire delegation. Eastern States pictures. The meeting in Long Island was a thrill. President Morganson stated that it was a thrill and honor to be treated with such kindness. Pictures of the various awards were shown. Upon Dan Casella's behalf, I spoke with Tony G. about CEDAR. Senator Little and Senator Skellas worked on getting us funding for the Code Books.

**The 1208 Training Regulations are DONE.** A lot of good work from the people here. As I was driving here I received a call from Ron's boss that he is trying to get them instituted by the first of the year. That is a very good possibility.

A highlight for us on the conference agenda live trainers for the energy code. That is tremendous stride for us considering that Ron told us that we would have to take this course on line. It wasn't

Ron's fault and it is mandatory. NYSBOC is grateful to the training unit for helping us with live training opportunities.

Slides that went on about the CEDAR process. Other slides included items that are on the website. This was a quick send out to Senator Little who will receive the Policy of the Year Award from the ICC. The last slide was in here because that is enough bull from me and we will move on with the agenda.

**Treasurers Report:** Douglas Scarson

There is a page for the committees and need feedback from the Chairman's before the December Meeting. There will be a budget for the December meeting.

Dan Casella: The Cedar Committee has a budget and would like to have more money. Dan will send an email to Doug.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Annual Business Meeting Conference:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, President & Chuck LaBarbera of Western Southern Tier

Chuck Labarbera thanked everyone for making this conference a huge success and thanked everyone for coming.

President Morganson asked for suggestions where we would be going next year in Region 2. John Williams offered Central Chapter to Vernon Downs. To be determined by the Secretary and I will communicate with her.

**Ambassadors Report:** John Flanigan

*Members, who as individuals, can represent this Organization. Qualifications include length of service, committee memberships, office holders and persons with experience in many disciplines (Building/Fire). It shall be the goal of any ambassador to develop relationships with other Chapters, State Organizations and elected officials. A list of all our associates should be established and a continual upgrade should be done as the Ambassadors reach out.*

No report at this time per John Flanigan.

**Building Log:** Jim Eberhardt

*The "Log" will serve as the "Official" source of all NYSBOC news and publications. Beyond that, the "Log" committee will act as Press Secretary to the NYSBOC community. They will insure that any time the Organization is mentioned in a part of the State, the story will be repeated in print across the State. Individual stories will become State wide press releases to promote the goodwill done by NYSBOC Members.*

Thanked everyone for their support. Jim is looking for pictures and articles. The help of the internet has been a huge plus however he needs the delegates to add to this. Please get it out there.

**Bylaws: Jim Bailey & BJ Gettel**

*Maintain and update the policy and procedures for the organization.*

**Proposed Amendment 2014 #1 BUILDING LOG**

ARTICLE VII - GOVERNING BODY

Section 1. Board of Delegates.

(a) The property, business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed and transacted by the Board of Delegates composed of the following persons: The delegates from each recognized chapter of the Corporation, President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and the PAST Presidents of the corporation while holding active membership.

(b) The Board of Delegates recognizes that representation before the Legislative and Executive Branches of the State Government is essential to foster the aims and purposes of the Corporation. The Board of Delegates is hereby authorized to contact a Public Affairs Organization hereafter called PA. The Board of Delegates may arrange for at least the following services on behalf of the Corporation:

- \* Legislative monitoring
- \* Lobbying on behalf of the Corporation
- \* Liaison with other Government Groups
- \* Provide an Albany headquarters to serve as a mail and telephone contact for all persons with business with the Corporation.
- \* Design, collate, produce, ~~publish~~, and distribute the New York State Building Officials Conference "Building Log" -at least ~~two (2)~~ times annually, ~~this~~. This "Log" shall be provided to each member of the Corporation and other persons of interest to a total number of mailings per issue, as has been established by the Board of Delegates.

Explanation/reasoning:

- This amendment was discussed at the December 6, 2013, March 14, 2014, and the June 6, 2014 Delegates Meeting to reduce.
- This amendment relaxes the requirement and potential stress on the Log Editor.
- It also allows for more issues to be published at the discretion of the Log Editor.

Motion from Jim Bailey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Casella, agreed and carried.

**Proposed Amendment 2014 #2, FISCAL YEAR**

ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers.

(a) The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian, each who shall be an Active Member as defined by Article III, Section I, and each who shall be elected biennially, pursuant to Article X; and the Immediate Past-President.

(b) Each officer shall serve in a respective office for a term of two (2) years or until a successor has been duly elected and has affirmed the oath of office.

1. The Treasurer shall serve for a term of four (4) years.

2. When an election results in a change of the Treasurer, the outgoing Treasurer shall continue to serve as Treasurer until the financial records for the year are completed.

(c) In addition, each recognized chapter of the Corporation shall annually elect, or appoint Delegates, in accordance with Article II, Section 9 who are active members of the respective chapter and who shall serve as active members of the Board of Delegates.

Motion by Jim Bailey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Ezell, agreed and carried.

Dan Casella: at the June we discussed this but I feel it's more appropriate now with a larger audience; I want to reintroduce the motion of having the annual meeting on election year only be in a centralized location and have the delegates meeting to rotate as we normally do.

President Morganson: Is that a motion by you?

Dan Casella: Yes.

Bob Bonnie: 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

President Morganson: Discussion and as I remember the discussion the annual meeting would always rotate and we would find a central location for the delegates meeting. That is what I remember. I just heard it as a motion opposite the original discussion.

Dan Casella: If that is the case and that is codified then I will rescind my motion.

President Morganson: No we can discuss this. Let's get it done.

Dan Casella: I know at the June meeting that it did not pass.

Bob Bonnie: If we look at this thing in a reasonable manner, you have the centralized meeting for an election year makes a lot of sense. Yet on the other hand, I like going around the State. I like seeing things that we would not have an opportunity to see otherwise. I like to see the rotation continue on off year elections.

Dan Casella: That is my proposal.

Jim Eberhardt: When we originally designed that we changed it from an even number to an odd number to specifically be able to rotate the ABM to the various regions of the state so that Regions 2 & 4 would not always get the elections. The elections are held every 2 years. We got this fixed. How many times are we going to fix it.

Bob Bonnie: It is not fixed it is broken. How can you have an election in the far part of the state and 90% of the people it is a hardship to get to? So does this mean that every 2 years we throw a Board out because people are unhappy? All I am saying is that we get a central location for the election year. Let's have the elections done in a manner that everyone can participate.

John Orr: It is beneficial to have us all in one room, where it may become a hardship, has this Board looked at regional voting, a location for a chapter to host a site to vote? Especially the way electronics are today. Maybe teleconferencing.

President Morganson: I am a big proponent of making this website a place to be the go to location. Especially for training and voting. There is great validity for what you just said. We do have to talk about cdpAccess today yet. Dan, do you anticipate a vote on this today?

Dan Casella: Yes and I will restate my motion that we have elections in a centralized location that is convenient to all chapters.

Steve McDaniels: Point of Order Mr. President. I understand what the discussion is but this is a bylaw change and needs to go to the by-laws committee.

Bob Bonnie: I would like to start that process.

Dan Casella will work with the bylaws committee as directed by the President.

**Certification and Education:** Sam Ricotta & Mark Schwarz

*As a priority overseeing the Continuing Education Credits and ensuring new opportunities to improve course material, availability, and advancing recognition of the value of in-service credit hours.*

*Coordinating educational opportunities, with architects, engineers and industry.*

Mark: You had mentioned briefly about the changes to part 1208 and it will be in your favor. Hopefully everyone has read it. I don't want to get too specific. There is a lot to it. Just to summarized quickly.

Sam Ricotta: I will defer to Julie and John are both here and I would be in favor of them talking about it. The one thing that I will mention is that the pre-requisite training for the Energy Code is only available at a conference or it will be on line. It is being offered at the Capital District and Tri-County Conferences. John will address that in his report.

**Codes Coalition:** Gene Jaques & John Williams

We met in August and they are endorsing candidates for the ICC which are the following

Guy Tomblarin for President  
Alex "Cash" Olszowy for Vice President  
M. Dwayne Garriss for Secretary/Treasurer  
Richard Truitt for Section E  
Jay Elbettar for Section A  
William J. Bechtold for Director-at-Large

Explain that the Coalition was made up of NYSBOC, Fire Chief's, Fire Marshals, Fire Districts and FASNY. There were other candidates but they did not do well.

**Codes Consensus:** Don Mekulik *A technical advice group that would spread information with a common voice in response to code questions. A clearinghouse where members could get answers/guidance regarding code related matter. Ultimately any member could review and choose from a list of “standard” answers to a code questions about which other members have already reached “consensus”.*

With the formation of the Forum on the website, I feel this committee is not longer necessary and can be dissolved. President Morganson will discuss this further and still wants Don involved. There are some things that the internet doesn't make go away.

**Codes Development:** Steve McDaniels, *2013 is the time to expand NYSBOC's role in Code Development. To that end, I ask that we keep the existing subcommittee structure in place. That group will establish a format to continue dialog about relevant Code issues. Must have direct access and the ability to monitor the latest in DCEA & ICC Code Development discussions.*

President Morganson had the committee stand up and be recognized. This is the greatest thing that is going on right now.

Steve Mc Daniels: Met and had conference calls, emails, and it doesn't appear that after the recent hearings that there will be a lot of our work to be added to the ICC 2018 Code. There will be 5 – 6 changes on the existing building code that are strictly for New York. Not a large number of specific changes. Thanked everyone for their involvement. It has been an eye opening experience for a lot of people. We will need to send someone to the hearings.

President Morganson thanked everyone for their efforts.

**Committee for Information Management:** Tom Costello *To develop a strategic development plan for information management services and support for the entire organization and techniques to substantially improve performance, efficiency, and outcomes.*

**NYS Office of Planning & Development, Building Standards and Codes:** Ron Piester  
John Addario – Code council voted in August to move forward with the 2015 Code. The State gave DOS conceptual approval. We are moving forward with Rule Making Documents. At the Nov 18<sup>th</sup> meeting they will also be looking at the Energy Code Update for movement. The public comment period has ended.

Training regulation went to the Governor's office for preliminary approval and we hope we get a response soon. Hopefully that will implemented by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Part 1208: Training is still 24 hours and you will be able to get all 24 online. There will be electives that can be used. Regulations to have an advisory committee review the electives. We are hoping for effective date of January 1<sup>st</sup> as well. Instead of the current 7 categories it will be broken down into 3 categories.

Energy code prerequisite class is either online or at conferences. No fees for the on line training.

We have expanded train the trainer program. It is a 6 hour course with speaker notes. There are steps for you to take. Contact me if you are interested.

ICC Certifications will still be allowed. The Part 1208 updates are not on the website yet. There will be an email blast out once we get the clearance.

**Emergency Management/CEDAR Team:** Dan Casella, Steve McDaniel, Ed Cusato, Mark Schwarz, Robert Cordell, Eric Bradshaw, and Eric Famigetti

*Promote & complete the true implementation of the CEDAR program and continue to develop partnerships within the Emergency response structure. Serve and an advisory position to DCEA policy making for the betterment of the organization.*

Dan Casella: Spoke to Eric Bradshaw and there is progress. Will report later.

**Events, Association & Conferences:**

*Combine the Association of Towns, Conference of Mayors, and Eastern State reports as time sensitive presentations. Only active subjects will be discussed as they relate to the Delegates Meeting calendar.*

President Morganson: Part of moving to the 2015 code was the support letters. We had a wonderful letter from the Association of Towns. Since then, they have chosen Don Mekulik to move onto their Board. It is the position that John Flanigan use to have that was vacant for 10 years. Hopefully the next time we meet it will be filled and they would have met so we can get a report. Partnerships are my favorite word and the Association of Towns came up big for this Association.

**ICC:** Dottie Harris, Ron Piester, Rob Drexler

Dottie spoke about the conference in Ft Lauderdale and hopefully many of you have registered. The biggest thing is the cdpAccess. Now you will be able to vote for the business meeting and Group C hearings on line. Please participate it is important. You can vote on line and please take advantage of that on line. Especially for the code changes. Dan Nichols gave a report to the fire marshals last week. We are very lucky to have him on committees. Dottie stated that many have applied for committee.

Rob Drexler: Conducted 2 round table discussions over the summer in Washington DC about the big fires. We gained a lot of information and will give a final report. Are there things the we can do to prevent these types of fires.

We met again in Washington to review the code council. Should we extend or shorten it? We talked about the cycle itself and not the process. The process is awesome. The final report will be issued at the Business Meeting.

At the ABM we will be talking about certification of the members. cdpAccess is working. There are over 700 code proposals and 1300 people contributed. That is a huge difference from years past. You need to get involved and please participate. We need to get more involved and take New York to the next level.

2014 ICC Annual Conference is September 26<sup>th</sup> through October 4<sup>th</sup>: Highlights - Meeting on Saturday for Fire Marshalls and Building Officials. The Bob Fowler Motorcycle Run is Saturday and



Sunday. The Meet and Greet is on Sunday night 7PM – 11P. Monday is the ABM and then a welcome party. Tuesday is the Annual awards will be a luncheon only. Government relations meeting will be on Tuesday. Please come out and see what goes on. Tuesday night is the Annual Banquet. 2015 ICC Conference is in Long Beach, CA. I have been working all year with the folks from California. Save your money it will worth going.

Committee members to be appointed: There are 7 members from the NYSBOC group. I can't say who they are because they haven't been notified yet. Thanked everyone that is being appointed to the committees. This is a plus for New York.

Thanked the legislative committee and Dottie Harris for securing monies for the code books. The amount of work is unbelievable. Great job to Bob Cordell and his people. There was a lot of work behind the scene is unbelievable.

**Legislative/Technical Committee:** Bob Cordell

Bob Cordell: About the code books, we have been fighting this battle for a long, long time. We have been running around for 12 years. Now the code book battle is over thanks to Senator Betty Little & Senator Dean Skellas got the message and a few other ones. Without Dottie we could not do this by ourselves. We will have money for code books into the future. We are in the 5 year plan now. This is an ongoing commitment. Codes Coalition is a big part of this now. We are all working together. We are starting to work closer together. We all do the same job.

Dottie stated that it was huge at the Coalition meeting. Everyone testified and to see the partnership is huge. I was so proud of all of you. I can't thank you enough.

**Membership & Recruitment Committee:** BJ Gettel & Kevin Rank

*As a goal, can we get at least one person from each Chapter to promote NYSBOC. Help coordinate an effort to first account for and service our existing members while actively seeking new members. Be responsible for the gathering of membership information and membership dues from each Chapter yearly.*

No report

**Scholarship Committee:** Tom Corrao & Wayne Cichon

Tom Corrao: Awarded 10 Scholarships in a total of \$5500. There were fewer applications. Doug read a letter from Jennifer Shaw saying thank you for the money. That was one of the 10 recipients that thanked us for the award.

**Ways & Means:** President & Treasurer

No ways and means.

**Website Management:** Jim Bailey & BJ Gettel

*Promoting, informing, and updating code enforcement officials through a means of the internet.*

No report

**Old Business:**

Honorary Status Nominees:

Mid Hudson: Bruce Thompson nominated Julie Ann Butler for Honorary Status.

Tri County: Gerard Canfield nominated Wayne Kidney for Honorary Status.

Capital: Sam Ricotta nominated Robert Cordell for Honorary Status.

Motion to approve all by Dan Casella, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam Ricotta, agreed and carried.

**New Business:**

No new business from the membership.

President Morganson: I would like the membership to consider a committee to tackle a new vision for the organization. I call it the 2020 Vision. We are only 5 short years away from 2020. Where would this organization like to be in 5 years, what does the membership want, and what can we provide to the membership? I won't do it today because of time constraints but I would like some members to volunteer to set this committee up. Anyone that is interested please come find me.

**Election of Officers:** Wayne Cichon

Wayne Cichon: I will be brief. The place where we got the authority to get the voting devices is covered under the bylaws. The candidates that are on this ballot have been properly vetted by this entire committee. At this point we are moving onto the elections. Each candidate gets 5 minutes to speak.

President Morganson: Mr. Chairman?

Wayne Cichon: This is not a question and answer period. This is each candidate will have 5 minutes. If they don't wish to speak, that is up to them. They will be given the opportunity. I do want to say that we do not have Ed Cusato with us due to a death in the family and George Keeler will read his letter when it is his turn.

President Morganson: Point of order Mr. Chairman. You made the statement that the candidates were properly vetted. I have a letter, I sent you a letter, and I have one that was sent to me indicating that you have 2 people on your list of candidates that have not supplied the proper paperwork. I would submit to you, it is my duty as the President, to submit what I know as information that Doug Scarson did not submit a resolution from his Chapter. Further I would submit that Ed Cusato did not submit a letter of intent. These are the facts that were submitted to me by some other members and I presented them to you. The response would be?

Wayne Cichon: The Committee has properly vetted all candidates.

President Morganson: Is that saying that you got a resolution from Mr. Scarson for his candidacy?

Wayne Cichon: The Committee has vetted all candidates.

Dan Casella: I know that there is a resolution required for all honorary members for a candidate. I am unclear respectfully that a particular candidate must submit a resolution from their chapter. I just want to make sure.

President Morganson: This is the information that was sent out. For you to be an eligible candidate you had to meet certain criteria. You had to write a letter of intent and a resolution from your chapter. Anyone that was interested in running had 2 years to gather those 2 documents. I am now making the statement that I have been told that there are 2 people that are up for election that have not met that criteria.

Dan Casella: My opinion and my opinion only. We have a requirement for the treasurer. Conceivably if in fact that Mr. Scarson is not eligible to be part of the election process, what do we do as an organization and how do we move forward because my opinion says that elections are only held at the Annual Business Meeting. We don't have a treasurer for a year, how does that work?

President Morganson: The treasurer would be appointed. The bylaws state that.

Drew Lawrence: I make a motion to waive those requirements. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Bonnie.

President Morganson: Under discussion.

Steve McDaniel: What are we discussing? Waiving what requirements?

President Morganson: Waiving what you sent in for a candidate. There is a suggestion that there is unequal treatment of candidates. There are 2 candidates that did not file the necessary paperwork.

Wayne Cichon: In your opinion Mr. President.

President Morganson: Yes.

Don Bowers: We have bylaws. We have an election committee. It is their job to make sure that the candidates are able to run. He is telling us that these candidates are able to run.

President Morganson: The suggestion is up and we had a candidate at our very last election who got beat out of being able to run on the question of an email.

Don Bowers: So are you telling me that our committee is not doing their job?

President Morganson: I am asking. It is my job to ask the question.

Bob Bonnie: I would like to see an amend Mr. Lawrence's motion accepting the recommendation of the election committee.

President Morganson: Second?

Dan Casella: Second.

President Morganson: Any discussion on that motion.

George Keeler: Mr. President I don't know where this information came from on Mr. Cusato but I can personally say that I personally proof read the letter of intent that was sent to the Election committee.

President Morganson: I appreciate that information. I did not have that until this moment. It is equal treatment to candidates.

Steve McDaniel: There are 2 motions on the floor. I do believe that one has to be rescinded.

Drew Lawrence rescinded his motion.

President Morganson: Any further discussion.

Wayne Cichon: I would like clarification of the motion.

Bob Bonnie: The motion is that we accept the recommendation of the election committee as to who is eligible to run in this election, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gene Jaques.

John Monaco: Mr. President, can you elaborate anymore on how you were told that the 2 candidates did not have the proper documentation.

President Morganson: It was information that I received

Wayne Cichon: I would like to call the vote.

Tom Carroa: I don't see why we need to vote on the committees report if there are no issues.

President Morganson: Because there was a question, because there was a challenge to that. We had a similar problem at the last election. We had a member that stood down and waited 2 years for his turn. The question was and answered by the back of the room that the letter got to the Board. Further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the motion. All agreed and no opposition to the motion. Carry on Wayne.

Wayne Cichon: Welcome to the most historical election. We have not had a contested election of this magnitude in 40 years. So it is pretty important. I know some people have some issues with the committee spending \$1400 of NYSBOC money. You are not going to sit here and tell me that after everything that we do, that this integrity of this election and the actual number of votes that are counted here today are not going to be important to the integrity of this process.

With that each candidate received 5 minutes to speak if they wished to. Bob Bonnie made a motion that the Secretary cast one ballot for all the uncontested votes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Casella. Agreed and carried. Electronic voting devices were used to cast the votes for the uncontested candidates. All voted into office.

Historian: Mark Schwarz

Treasurer: Douglas Scarson

Secretary: BJ Gettel

Dan Casella: What happens in the event of a tie?

Wayne Cichon: Will decide later. Now onto the Officers.

2nd Vice President: 115 eligible  
Chuck LaBarbera: 51  
Jim Bailey: 62

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: 115 Eligible  
Don Mekulik: 55  
James Gilhooly: 59

President: 115 Eligible  
James Morganson: 53  
Edward Cusato: 61

Motion to adjourn Dan Casella and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Famigetti.

Respectfully Submitted,

*BJ Gettel*

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Secretary

**Next Meeting Date & Location:**

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014: Hilton Gardens, Newburgh

March 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015: Central Chapter will be hosting, location to be determined.

June 5, 2015: Slingerland Fire House

September 9 – 11, 2015: Vernon Downs