

GAHWNY Executive Board Meeting --18 June 2013 at the Roycroft Inn, East Aurora, NY

Meeting began at 10:30 AM

In attendance were: Amie Alden, Exec. Chair; Michelle Henry, Vice Chair; Dorie Bannister, Treasurer; Cindy Amrhein, Webmaster; Rondus Miller, Town of Hume Historian, Allegany County liaison; Rob Goller, Town of Aurora/Village of East Aurora Historian, Erie County liaison; and Preston Pierce, Ontario County Historian and liaison.

Secretary Candace Broughton was unable to attend so Dorie Bannister compiled the minutes for this meeting.

Checking account balance is \$4405.19 with no outstanding debts.

The current **paid membership** for 2013 is 107 and includes members from the following counties:

Albany	1	Allegany	6
Cattaraugus	5	Chautauqua	12
Erie	13	Genesee	18
Livingston	15	Madison	1
Monroe	10	Niagara	9
Onondaga	1	Ontario	6
Orleans	3	Wyoming	7

Student History Award – Amie stated press notices announcing the award program were recently sent to all community colleges (and satellites) in Western New York including: Erie Community College, Finger Lakes Community College, Genesee Community College, Jamestown Community College, Monroe Community College, and Niagara Community College. Most colleges have responded favorably. Amie asked that board members and liaisons present contact the local community college personally and make sure they are aware of the award. The application will be on posted on our website in early August and in addition to the qualifications, all applicants will need at least one academic reference to qualify for the award.

Julia Reinstein award – We discussed at length possible revisions due to so few nominations in the past. It was decided that the name of the award be changed to better reflect the overall purpose. Beginning this Fall the award will be called the Julia Reinstein Career Achievement Award . Members will be asked to submit their nominations by 1 September for consideration and then the Board will meet on 10 September to discuss possible candidates and make a decision on the recipient. Amie reiterated that the Julia Reinstein award should not be based on the number of nominations a historian receives but specifically based on the person’s overall

Fall meeting will be at East Aurora, the place where the idea of this organization began five years ago. Our theme for this year is *Education* and Amie has already lined up the state historian, Robert Weible to give an update of what is happening at the state level. Michelle Henry agreed to do the grant-funded program she and Pam Brown, Town of Harmony Historian, developed related to using primary documents in schools. Preston Pierce agreed to talk about the National History Day competition for students and Rob Goller will contact the local teacher who is involved in the Aurora High School Film Academy to participate in our meeting along with some of his students who created documentaries.

Bylaws update: Amie would like the Board to review the Bylaws and make suggestions for additions or changes. Any alterations would be presented to the membership to vote on at the Spring 2014 meeting in Batavia.

Speaker's stipend - Amie suggested that if current members of the Executive Board present a program at GAHWNY meeting they should not receive a stipend (normally \$35 - \$100) to avoid any appearance of impropriety. She asked those in attendance what they thought and if this should be written into the By Laws. Discussion followed. It was agreed by all present that this should be procedure not policy so no need to add to By Laws.

Other: Sharing of Membership share mailing list (email addresses/phone numbers) by another organization. It was agreed requests for lists of historian's email and phone numbers would not be granted to outside organizations since public information can easily be accessed by other means. GAHWNY will only post names and addresses of WNY historians on the GAHWNY website.

Website: Cindy showed us what the new, improved blog-style GAHWNY website will look like. It is user friendly and also much easier for to update. Most of the pages from the old site have already been switched over to the new site and will be up and running very soon.

Mark your calendars:

Friday, July 19th – Deadline for information to be included in Fall Meeting registration packet

Thursday, August 1st - 10:00 am: collating party at Amie's office. This is a big mailing because we will have the Julia Reinstein nomination form included as well as the registration packet and 2013 dues forms to those that have not yet paid. Many hands will make this job so much easier.

Saturday, October 5th - GAHWNY Fall Meeting, East Aurora Town Hall. *This is our 5 year Birthday Bash!* Michelle Henry offered to bring a cake to celebrate.

