

**GAHWNY Fall Business Meeting** at Beaver Hollow Conference Center, Java Center,  
Wyoming County

September 27, 2014

I. **Meeting called to order** at 11:30 AM by Amie Alden, GAHWNY Executive Chair. All present welcomed.

II. **Approval of minutes** from Spring Meeting held at Bohn's Restaurant, Batavia on April 12, 2014. Additions and corrections: Cindy Amrhein asked that the spelling of her name be corrected. Request noted. Motion to approve minutes made by Larry Haseley, Lockport Town Historian and seconded by Jeff Mason, Arcade Historian. Carried

III. **Treasurer's Report**-Doris Bannister, Wyoming County Historian.

As of September 11, 2014 Paid Memberships-107

Income-\$4526.80 Expenses-\$3278.71 Net income-\$1248.09

Cash on hand after meeting (approx.) \$3725.35 (the complete treasurer's report is on file)

Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Eileen LaFave-Bickford, Caledonia Town Historian. Seconded by Jeff Mason, Arcade Historian. Carried.

Question from Jody Lee Shaw, Town of Perrysburg Historian regarding collection of fees for copies of official records. State regulates \$23.00 fee. Jody has been appointed Town Registrar, which raises the question should a government historian fill this office. There are privacy law concerns, regarding who can see these records. While Jody's dilemma is an unusual one, suggestion made by Amie Alden that Jody should address the Town Board with her concerns. This topic will be discussed further at a later time.

IV. **Web site update:** Cindy Amrhein, Webmaster-Forms are available on the website for historians to enter information regarding their published history books and can be filled out electronically there. Book cover images can be emailed to Cindy or if an image is on Amazon or other websites Cindy can import the image. List of book titles available can now be searched keyword and by county. 964 views of our website last month, including Ukraine (2) France (3), and Germany (3). Most hits were for our GAHWNY "bookstore."

V. **Old business - GAHWNY Student History Award-** application information was distributed to SUNY Community Colleges in western New York; the application information is also available on our website. No applicants last year (2013); one qualified applicant so far this year; another potential applicant in process. The prize is \$1000.00 and could be split among qualified applicants. It is agreed that this prize is a great way for GAHWNY to give back to our communities. Recipients will be announced at the Spring 2015 meeting and invited to attend.

VI. **New Business - Elections**

Presentation of slate of candidates for two-year positions: Executive Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Slate offered: Executive Chair-Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian; Vice Chair-Michelle Henry, Chautauqua County Historian; Secretary-Candace Broughton, Town of Otto Historian; Treasurer – Robert Lowell Goller, Town of Aurora Historian.

Call for nominations from the floor-none. Tally-Results from mail-in ballots: 40 ballots tallied by Maureen Kingston, Nominating Committee Chair, Avon Town Historian. No write-ins or changes.

Motion to accept slate presented; approved by Lorna Spencer, Town of Freedom Historian. Seconded by Judy DeRooy, Gates Town Historian. Carried.

**Member news**-GAHWNY founder and past Executive Chair Sue Conklin, Genesee County Historian, has retired. She will be sorely missed.

New Genesee County Historian, Michael Eula and his wife were introduced and welcomed.

Congratulations were given to John Percy, Historian of the Town of Tonawanda, retired after more than 40 years.

## VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn and continue after lunch: made by Berneda J. Scoins, Town of Batavia Historian. Seconded by Jane Wolf, Seneca Town Historian. Carried. Awards given after lunch.

There were two recipients of the **Julia Reinstein Career Achievement Award**: The first was presented to Leo McCarthy, Town of Sardinia Historian now deceased, was recognized posthumously for his devotion to local history. Jeff Mason, Arcade Town Historian, presented a commemorative plaque to Leo's daughters, Kirstin and Andrea, who were present. Leo's successor is Ted Weidemann, who was welcomed into our group.

The second recipient was Larry Haseley, Town of Lockport Historian for dedicated service to his town and to this organization.

**The Crystal Beaver Award**-the GAHWNY Mascot is awarded to the county with most attendees at our bi-annual (Spring and Fall) meetings. At today's meeting the attendance was:

Allegheny-2    **Cattaraugus-9**    Chautauqua-4    Erie-8    **Genesee-9**

Livingston-8    Monroe-3    Niagara-1    Ontario-4    Wyoming-3

The result was a tie. Genesee County, Crystal's "foster parent", gave Crystal to Cattaraugus County, as represented by Jody Lee Shaw.

Motion to adjourn at 1:00 PM made by Karen D. Osburn, Geneva City Historian, seconded by Mary Jo Lanphear, Brighton Town Historian. The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Broughton, GAHWNY Secretary