

Democratic Rural Conference of New York State

DRC General Membership Meeting

Saturday, April 16, 2016

8:40AM-8:42AM and 2:02PM-2:26PM

Albany, NY – The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stein called the meeting of the General Membership to order at 8:40 AM and acknowledged that there was a quorum present. On a motion by Mr. Peter Bujanow and a second by Mr. Ted Young, the meeting was taken into recess at 8:42AM.

RECONVENE

Chair Stein reconvened the meeting at 2:02PM. Secretary Clark presented the minutes from the General Membership meeting held on May 17, 2015. On a motion by Mr. Richard Souza and a second by Mr. Loren Kent, the minutes were approved unanimously by acclamation. Treasurer Alquist presented his Treasurer's Report, dated April 13, 2016. On a motion by Mr. Souza and a second by Mr. Young, the Treasurer's report was approved unanimously by acclamation. Mr. Donald Ackerman, Chair of the DRC Bylaws Committee, presented proposed changes to the organizations' bylaws that had been previously approved by the DRC Board of Directors. On a motion by Mr. Bill Hughes and a second by Mr. Souza, the changes concerning title consistency for the Board of Directors were approved unanimously by acclamation. On a motion by Ms. Doris Kirsch and a second by Mr. Young, the changes concerning requirements for a quorum were approved unanimously by acclamation.

DRC ELECTION

Chair Stein turned the meeting over to Mr. Mike Schell, Chair of the DRC Nominating Committee. Mr. Schell discussed the election process, the process for nominations and the process for balloting. On a motion by Mr. Alquist and a second by Mr. Bujanow, the election process was approved unanimously by acclamation. Mr. Schell presented copies of the maps illustrating where DRC Board Member, DRC Officers and Candidates for Director seats resided. He indicated that six people filed letters of intention to fill six open seats on the Board of Directors. He indicated that Mr. Mark Bellardini would be running for the seat with the term consisting of one year while Mr. Souza, Mr. Young, Mr. Bujanow, Ms. Lorie Longhany and Mr. John Hurley would be running for the five seats with the terms consisting of two years. Mr. Schell asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Mr. Schell asked if anyone wanted to hear the candidates speak in advance of the vote. No one wanted to hear the candidates speak. On a motion by Ms. Judith Hunter and a second by Ms. Kirsch, Mr. Bellardini was elected to serve a term of one year as a Director and Mr. Souza, Mr. Young, Mr. Bujanow, Ms. Longhany and Mr. Hurley were elected to serve a term of two years as Directors unanimously by acclamation.

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COMMITTEES AND ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

There was nothing new to report on the Neon system or by the Communications Committee. Chair Stein updated the membership on Mr. Bellardini's recent surgical procedure. Mr. Schell updated the membership on his discussions with SUNY Albany where he stated that the school will serve as the archives for all historical documents related to the DRC. Mr. Clark presented a resolution that had been adopted by the St. Lawrence County Democratic Committee regarding the Korean War Memorial. On a motion by Mr. Hughes and a second by Mr. Kent, the resolution was unanimously approved by acclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Souza and a second by Mr. Young the meeting was unanimously adjourned by acclamation.

By:

Date:

**Jason A. Clark,
Secretary**