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Association Annual Meeting Minutes

In Person and Virtual via Zoom

October 17, 2023

Betsy Jensen and Liz Callahan welcomed all in attendance, most attendees were in person with a few people attending via zoom.

Betsy asked each board member to stand and introduce themselves, what county they are with and their position on the board and/or committees.

Liz asked the staff to introduce themselves and their title within the association. Liz then went on to recognize Michelle Leveski's milestone anniversary of 20 years of service in this association. Liz introduced Nicole Tommell and Ashley McFarland as Central NY Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops.

Liz explained the agenda for the evening, that after the annual business meeting, each staff member will go to their stations and welcome each attendee to visit each station and talk to the staff member about their program. Each attendee was given a passport to have staff sign when at their station, and those who get all 5 signatures on their passport will be entered to win a door prize. Also, after the business meeting concludes, there are hors d'oeuvres and refreshments from local producers to enjoy.

Betsy and Liz continued by acknowledging the volunteers and supporters of the association as well as committee and board members.

Betsy Jensen called the annual business meeting to order at 6:25pm and asked that everyone in attendance review the minutes from last year's annual meeting. Shelby MacLeish moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Deb Gansinger Hall. The business meeting continued with a brief overview of the association's financial reports by Tom Pullyblank. The association is financed through multiple mechanisms of fed state and county levels, as well as individual and corporate donors and fundraisers.

Liz discussed the letter that was given out at the start of the meeting addressed to Govern Hochul in support of Cornell Cooperative Extension their state appropriations for 2024/2025 within the SUNY Executive Budget. She asked all in attendance to sign the letter in support.

Betsy continued with the Ballot for Election for vacancies on the program advisory committees, and all candidates in attendance were invited to introduce themselves. Because of the in-person attendance, voting was able to be done in person and the

actual counting of ballots was forgone, and Betsy asked that the ballot be accepted as presented. Carol Phelps moved to approve the ballot as presented and Tom Pullyblank seconded, the ballot was passed unanimously.

The meeting was then opened for new business and discussion, with no new business or discussion. Mahla Zare moved to adjourn the business meeting and was seconded by Lynn Dunn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Nicole Thompson
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