NAMI-NYS Board Meeting Minutes Approved 6 Dec 19  
Sunday, October 27, 2019  
Location: NYS Education Conference-Albany NY

NAMI-New York State, Inc. ("NAMI-NYS") NAMI provides advocacy, education, support, and public awareness so that individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives.

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<td>Ann Canastra</td>
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<td>MaryJo Muscolino</td>
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<td>Ariel Coffman</td>
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Other: Wendy Burch, Executive Director, NAMI NYS.  
Guests: Cheryl Netter

Called to Order by Ariel at 11:20am.

The board welcomed Martin and shared a little bit about each other.  The conference committee was thanked for their hard work.  The board volunteering at the event was appreciated. Important for the board to help increase staff morale. Ariel and Ceceile will send a thank you note to all staff.

Review of Board Book:

- Wendy will update info sheet & add the new bylaws.
- Reminder to turn in your Travel Voucher within 30 days if you would like to be reimbursed. Even if you don’t have expenses-but stayed overnight-you need to fill out and submit the form.
- The work on the bylaws and the employee handbook was recognized. Next to do is the updated of the Board of Directors Policies and Procedures.
- Board Members reviewed and signed Conflict of Interest forms.
- Committee Expenditure Forms-turn in to Wendy.

Dates for Board Meetings.

- Reminder of Legislative Conference-would like all board members to attend.
- Off the Mask in May. Board meeting will be Thursday, May 14 and set up for event on the 15th.
- Discussion of the National Conference-Please check your calendars and let Wendy know if you will be attending by December board meeting for early bird registration and hotels. People are able to make their own flight arrangements and get reimbursed. There will be a board meeting at the conference.
- Education Conference-open the conference with a board meeting & close with it. There may be a couple conflicts with the dates (other conference/Halloween)

Motion to go into executive session by Ellen Seconded by Rob Approved. Voted for: 14  
Executive Session at 11:57

Motion to exit executive session by MaryJo Seconded by Judy Approved. Voted for: 14
Officers of the Board:
President: Ariel
1st Vice President: MaryJo
2nd Vice President: Dhanu
Treasurer: Lynda
Secretary: Sue
Appointed: Colleen & Ann

Committees/chairs to remain intact until next meeting.

There are two appointee positions available. Information/applications will be sent to the entire board for review. A conference call will be held to vote-and the individuals selected will be invited to the December board meeting.

Nominating committee-Ariel appointed Ann as chair, MaryJo as co-chair. Rina & Dhanu & Evelyne will serve on the committee.
**Motion** to approve Ann as chair of the Nominating Committee by MaryJo Seconded by Sue. **Approved.** Voted for: 14

Motion to accept MaryJo, Rina, Dhanu and Evelyne as members of the nominating committee by Sue seconded by Judy. **Approved.** Voted for: 14

**Motion** to adjourn by Ceceile. Seconded by Rina. **Approved.** Voted for: 14

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gagne
Secretary