

**PRE-NEC MEETING
NATIONAL CONVENTION
PITTSBURGH PA 8/22/2023**

The NEC meeting was called to order at 4pm by Chairman Linda Bonin. After the invocation by Kathy Hays from Kentucky and the salute to the colors, the minutes from the Spring NEC were read by the Chairman.

Motion by Linda Bonin/2nd by Tyann Schlenker (N.D.) to approve the minutes as read. CARRIED

Several of the NEC Women announced candidates for this convention:

- ❖ ILLINOIS - Laurie Shea for 3rd Vice President
- ❖ KENTUCKY – Barbara Guth for Treasurer
- ❖ PENNSYLVANIA – Amy Stopyra for President
- ❖ NEW YORK – Laura Bugaj for 3rd Vice President
- ❖ OHIO – Cindy Rice for 1st Vice President
- ❖ MARYLAND – Donna Tolan for Hospital
- ❖ INDIANA - Deb Gass for Americanism Officer
- ❖ NEW YORK – Mary Lanphere for 2nd Vice President
- ❖ KENTUCKY – Theresa Adkins for Scholarship Officer
- ❖ MICHIGAN – Allison Aldrich for Scholarship Officer
- ❖ PENNSYLVANIA – Mary McKinnon for Sgt-at-Arms

Chairman Bonin introduced our National President Karin Simmons who said a few words to the NEC. She thanks everyone for their contributions to her national project – Fisher House. President Simmons then introduced Executive Director Carol King.

****Carol talked about some upcoming changes to Membership. We will be going back to using Rejoins – but more on this later because there is some confusion with the process.**

Pre-printed cards are at the printers and will be shipped UPS to the Departments. The National Rosters will be sent from National Headquarters – soon. They will be sent to each Department by UPS or USPS – planning on the date of September 15th.

The Departments are not to send one check to cover 2 different projects and/or programs. Membership comes in one check. Donations come in a separate check.

There were several discussions on programs and projects carried on around the country.

The election was held for the next NEC Chairman. There were only two who were eligible to hold the position. Debbie Beck from Florida volunteered. The other eligible person declined. The eligibility is the NEC Chairman must be a new NEC woman and in her first year of a two-year term. (Doesn't make sense to me!)

*****I have an email to Carol King asking for better clarification. She and Sonja (who processes the D&R's) are going to talk about my questions and get back with me. I will forward the information when I know all the facts.***

Nancy Middleton, NEC Woman
September 4, 2023