

## State Executive Meeting April 17, 2026

Meeting was called to order by New York State Secretary Pete Harrigan as the New York State President Frank Brodfuehrer is still in the Women of the Moose Session at 10 am. The members that were present are New York State Past President Paul LaMartina, New York State Vice President Mike Stewart, New York State Chaplain Chris Gardner, New York State Treasurer Scott Faith Treasurer, New York State Secretary Pete Harrigan, State Liaison Ron Murch and Membership Chairman Rick Clawson.

New York State Secretary Pete Harrigan told everyone, New York State President Frank Brodfuehrer has accepted the position of Territory Manager in the West Territory and New York State Past President Paul LaMartina is going to be Vice President as Frank can not stay on the board at this time. Frank is able to complete his term as the President of NEW York State Moose Association through August Convention.

We have a total of 294 members that are pre-registered and 10-15 members have registered on site currently. The board discussed keeping the conventions for April of 2027, 2028, 2029 in Binghamton as the turnout is increasing. The board was in favor of this. They also discussed moving the April Conference to the end of March because we can provide the members with workshops about the Board of Officers election as members seem to have many questions.

The State account took a hit due to stock market one month and increased the following month. The Association is waiting for the District President to let them know if the Lodge want Scanners or Tents. So far the Secretary has heard from two District Presidents. They need this information this weekend, so it is taken out of this year's audits.

If you are making multiple room reservations for your lodge/chapters please reserve them with your name and a number (Mindya 1, Mindya 2, Mindya 3, etc.) that way we know how many are double booking the room.

The Board talked about the absence of the Presidents and Administrators. Ron Murach told us what other Associations do about this issue. If the Administrator and President are not at the conference or convention - first time they are spoken to, second time a fine is imposed on the Lodge, and the third time the fine gets bigger. If at the last-minute there is a reason they cannot come to the conference/convention they can send someone from the Lodge in their spot. The person coming should have a letter with Moose ID number and name of the person they are replacing. Bottom line is the Administrators and Presidents need to be at conferences

New York State Past President Rick Clawson suggested Grants for Lodges. If the lodge is not represented at the conferences, they do not get this grant. Basically 2000.00. This money is not for paying bills is it to help fix/update the Lodges (bathroom, bar stools, floor, etc.) That way the members can see what has been done and the NYSMA paid for that at their lodge.

Grand Island – Approved

Warsaw – Needs Representation at this Conference

GVH – Approved

Faulkner – Denied due to Representation

Lindenhurst – Needs to submit a new project as the floors were done with the proceeds of a project

Tonawanda – Approved

East Aurora – Approved

Grant money going at 8000.00

This window for grants will be closed for now and may be reopened next year due to budget for this year closing.

The grant for the Scanners/Tents will cost the New York State Moose Association around 100,000.00.

During roll call of the lodges, you can only stand up for your home lodge (which is on your badge).

If the person running for the Association Board has not been a Lodge President, then cannot run for the Association Board.

August Convention the ballgame is away that weekend so they will be looking for another activity for the 5 club members.

New York State Liaison/Territory Manager Ron Murach's computer is having issues connection the association. Also, Michelle Dolen is also having issues with the laptop that is being used for the meetings. Both will be getting a new computer from New York Moose Association.

The Credentials are better and these can be scanned when the members enter the meeting room.

There is some issues with the web-site and Past President Rick Clawson will work on this.

Binghamton is having a cash draw at the lodge tonight. The letter that went out with the tickets did not say it was for the Binghamton Lodge, so it looked like a NYSMA function. All members are encouraged to participate in the drawing if you wish too.

New York State President Frank Brodfuehrer told the Board that there was about 45 to 50 members in the Women of the Moose Session this morning.

The only project that is going on right now is Uniting Hearts, Expanding Horizon Mooseheart to be able to house children with special needs.

The hospitality room will be set up by Grand Island Lodge for the next few years

The meeting was adjourned by New York State President Frank Brodfuehrer at 10:15 AM.