



CENTRAL NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the 2023 Annual Meeting of Members of the Central New York Women's Bar Association (the "CNYWBA") will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 11:45 a.m. at Phoebe's Restaurant, 900 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, New York 13244.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Elect CNYWBA officers and directors for the 2023-2024 term;
2. Elect the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York ("WBASNY") officers for the 2023-2024 term; and
3. Transact such other business as may be properly brought before the Annual Meeting.

ITEM I: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS TO CNYWBA FOR 2023 - 2024

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 of the CNYWBA By-Laws, the Nominations Committee has proposed and the Board of Directors has approved the following slate for Officer and Board of Director positions for the 2023 - 2024 term:

Officers

President: Leah Whitmer
President-Elect: Samantha Riggi
Vice President: Colleen Gibbons
Treasurer: Alicia Loomis
Secretary: Brittany Hannah
Immediate Past President: Annaleigh Porter

Directors (At-Large)

Jordan Aiello
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Staci Dennis-Taylor
Carly Dziekan
Suzanne Galbato
Rosemary Lepiane
Stephanie Martin-Thom
Suzette Meléndez
Courtney Troyanovych
Kimberly Wolf Price
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Directors with Standing Committee Chairs

Membership: Megan Thomas

Judicial Screening: Kaitlyn Guptill, Ryan Hatch

Ex-Officio: Hon. Rosemary Pooler

ITEM II: ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO WBASNY FOR 2023-2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY PROVIDED pursuant to Article V and Article XV, Sections 10 and 11, of the WBASNY By-Laws, and the membership is advised as follows:

WBASNY Officer Nominations

The Nominations Committee nominated the following slate of officers for the 2023 - 2024 term:

President Dawn A. Lott (Suffolk)

President-Elect Marea Wachsman (Brooklyn)

Vice President Simone M. Freeman (Nassau)

Vice President Rebekah Nellis Kennedy (Capital)

Vice President Lisa Noroian (Orange Sullivan)

Treasurer Madison Porzio (Queens)

Corresponding Secretary Elise Cassar (Western)

Recording Secretary Nomination Pending

WBASNY By-Laws: Article XV, Section 10

Voting members of the Association comprising at least five percent (5%) of the voting membership as of December 31, and representing at least one-third (1/3) of the Chapters, may by a writing delivered to the Recording Secretary of the Association not later than March 31, propose candidates for any or all of the offices to be voted upon at the annual election. Upon receipt of such petition, the Recording Secretary shall give notice to the Chapter Presidents and all members of the Association of such proposed candidates and the name of their proposers, together with the candidates nominated by the Committee on Nominations.

WBASNY By-Laws: Article XV, Section 11

In the event that pursuant to Section 10 of this Article there are contested elections for Officers of the Association, the President of the Association shall appoint an Election Committee consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than nine (9) members, which Committee shall conduct the election of Officers in accordance with the procedures set forth herein. Any person who is nominated as a candidate in the said contested nomination shall not be appointed to the Election committee. If the President of the Association is one of the nominated candidates, then a Vice President of the Association who is not a candidate in the contested nominations shall appoint the Election Committee. (a) The Election Committee shall prepare a ballot containing the names of all candidates and the office for which each is running; the ballot shall also contain instructions for voting by secret ballot. (b) The ballots should be mailed to all voting members of the Association as defined in Article XI, Section 2 of these By-Laws, in good standing as of January 31 of the year in which the election is to be held. (c) The ballots shall be mailed with sufficient time allowed for their return prior to April 30 of the year in which the election is to be held. (d) Each candidate may have one piece of campaign literature mailed with the ballot, without charge to the candidate. (e) The returned ballots shall be verified and counted by the Election Committee on or about April 30 of the year in which the election is to be held; candidates and or their observers are entitled to be present at that time. The results shall be certified to the President immediately thereafter.

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2022 CNYWBA Annual Meeting Proxy

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING on April 26, 2023, you may use this proxy form to cast your vote:

ITEM I: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS TO CNYWBA FOR 2023 - 2024

_____ Yes, I vote in favor of the proposed 2023 - 2024 CNYWBA Officers and Directors.

_____ Yes, I vote in favor of the proposed 2023 - 2024 CNYWBA Officers and Directors, except:

(list names of individuals for whom you do not wish to vote)

_____ No, I do not vote in favor of any of the proposed 2023 - 2024 CNYWBA Officers and Directors.

ITEM II: ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO WBASNY FOR 2023 - 2024

_____ Yes, I vote in favor of the proposed 2023 - 2024 WBASNY Officers and Directors.

_____ Yes, I vote in favor of the proposed 2023 - 2024 WBASNY Officers and Directors, except:

(list names of individuals for whom you do not wish to vote)

_____ No, I do not vote in favor of any of the proposed 2023 - 2024 WBASNY Officers and Directors.

Date

Signature

Printed Name

Please mail your completed proxy to: CNYWBA, P.O. Box 408, Syracuse, NY 13201-0408.

Proxies MUST be received on or before April 27, 2023 by 10:00 am

Important Note: Eligible members may vote in person or by mail (proxy) ballot only. Article XIII, Section 3 of the WBASNY By-Laws provides that eligible members are those who are in good standing (Article XI) and whose dues for the current fiscal year have been received prior to the election. Per Article XI, Section 1, members who are law students, law graduates awaiting admission, or are admitted only outside of New York are not eligible to vote.