

**The Arc of Dutchess  
Annual Members Meeting  
June 20, 2019**

The meeting was held at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel; 40 Civic Center Plaza; Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.  
A quorum was present.

**Call to Order:**

President Sharon Russitano welcomed the membership and called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**Acceptance of the Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Anne Clarke made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 7, 2018 annual meeting as written with support of a second from Kate Metzger. None opposed nor abstained and the motion passed.

**Annual Elections:**

Secretary Gary Collins presented the slate for election to the Board of Directors for 2019 - 2021 as follows:

Gabrielle Canino, re-election  
Anne Clarke, re-election  
Lorraine Costello, re-election  
Janet Sistare, re-election  
Dylan Murphy, election

Given that no additional petitions have been filed, and in accordance with the By-laws of the Dutchess Chapter of The Arc NY, the Secretary casts one ballot for the Board of Directors slate as read.

The slate for election as Officers of the Board of Directors for the next year, June 2019 – June 2021 are:

Sharon Russitano, President – 3rd Term  
Lorraine Costello, Vice President – 1st Term  
Mary Jane Lekanides, Treasurer – 1st Term  
Gary Collins, Secretary – 3rd Term

Given that no additional petitions have been filed, and in accordance with the By-laws of the Dutchess Chapter of The Arc NY, the Secretary casts one ballot for the Officers of the Board of Directors slate as read.

The slate for the Nominating Committee to serve for one year June 2019 - June 2020 is:

Lorraine Costello, 3rd term  
Mary Jane Lekanides, 3rd term  
Gabrielle Canino, 1st term

Given that no additional petitions have been filed, and in accordance with the By-laws of the Dutchess Chapter of The Arc NY, the Secretary cast one ballot for the Nominating Committee Slate as read.

**Introduction of New Board Members:**

President Sharon Russitano invited Rob Ranieri and James McKenna to the podium. Rob is the Vice President for Rose & Kiernan. James is Assistant Vice President and Marketing Officer for Tompkins Financial. The Board of Directors appointed them to the Foundation earlier this year.

She then invited Dylan Murphy to the podium. Dylan is newly elected tonight to our board. He is Vice President for Credit Administration at Rhinebeck Bank.

The President then asked the rest of the Board of Directors to please stand and be recognized.

**Recognition of Previous Service:**

Ms. Russitano expressed gratitude to Anne Clarke and Mark Metzger for their service as officers of the board. She also thanked Lorraine Costello, Sue Hctor, and Mary Jane Lekanides for serving on the 2018-19 Nominating Committee.

This concluded the business of the June 20th, 2019 Annual Meeting which was then followed by the evening's program; A tribute to Mr. Mark Metzger who is retiring from the Board of Directors.

The minutes were recorded by Evelyn A. Flavin, Executive Secretary.