

New York Coalition for Open Government

Thursday January 12, 2023, 6:00 PM

Via Zoom

Email paulwolf2@gmail.com for the meeting link

Public Comments Are Welcome At Any Time During Our Meetings. Don't Be Shy To Ask A Question Or To Make A Point!

AGENDA

1) Meeting Minutes from December 8, 2022 PG 3-5

2) Treasurer's Report – 81 members (from 26 counties), \$4,376.15 PG 6

3) Board Elections – Our 12 board positions are for 2 year staggered terms. Six seats are up in January 2023. The following board members terms expire in January: Paul Wolf, Steve Lyle, Suzanne Kelly, Alberta Roman, Mary Lou Cebula and Joe Kissel. All board members except Joe Kissel expressed an interest in continuing to serve.

Axel Ebermann and Amil Virani expressed an interest in serving on the board. **It is the Executive Committee's recommendation that we expand our current 12 member board to 13 members and that we nominate the following people for a 2 year board term to begin in January 2023 and expire in January 2025:**

Paul Wolf, Steve Lyle, Suzanne Kelly, Alberta Roman, Mary Lou Cebula, Axel Ebermann and Amil Virani.

The following officer positions are up for a 2 year term: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The following individuals expressed interest in serving:

President – Paul Wolf

Vice President – Michelle Allen

Treasurer – Janet Vito

Secretary – Alberta Roman

The Executive Committee recommends that the above named individuals serve in the noted officer position for a 2 year term beginning in January 2023 and ending in January 2025.

4) 2023 Calendar

PG 7-9

- 5) Letter to New York City Borough Presidents **10-11**
- 6) Letter to State Legislature Regarding Livestreaming of Their Meetings **12-14**
- 7) Coalition Naughty & Nice List **15-17**
- 8) Open Meetings Law Committee
- A) Gathering information on Report Regarding Private Caucus Meetings Held By Governmental Bodies At The Local Level.
 - B) Discussed record retention schedules
 - C) The Committee passed a motion recommending that the Board support amending the New York State Constitution to add a right to public records and open meetings.
- 9) Freedom of Information Law Committee Minutes **18-19**
- Report by Committee Chair Maria Tisby
- A) The Committee passed a motion recommending that the Board support amending the New York State Constitution to add a right to public records and open meetings.
- 10) Public Relations/Education Group Minutes **20-21**
- Report by Chair Michelle Allen
- A) Group suggests that the Coalition use Crowdjustice.com as a way to raise litigation funding
 - B) Group suggests adding a donation button to the Coalition website
- 11) New Business
- 12) Next Meetings
- Open Meetings Law Committee January 19th, at 4:00 pm
- Freedom of Information Law Committee January 26th, at 1:00 pm
- Public Relations Education Group February 2nd, at 3:00pm
- Coalition Board Meeting February 9th, 6:30 pm