

# **NYS Covered Bridge Society Meeting on September 8, 2024**

## **Virtual**

Opened our Meeting at 1:00 pm by President Wayne Marshfield with 19 members and one guest present.

August 9, 2024 Meeting minutes were presented by Karen and approved with a motion by Clay and seconded by Ron K.

August 2024 Treasurers Report was given by Carol and approved with a motion by Camille and second by Marcia.

### **2024 Remaining Meetings**

November 10: Annual Meeting, Turkey Dinner, Christmas Card Exchange & Bake Sale, Hamden.

### **2024 Officers**

Wayne Marshfield – President  
Clay Converse – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Victor Iwanow – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Carol Fortin – Treasurer  
Recording Secretary – Karen Marshfield  
Corresponding Secretary – Marcia Bailey

### **Trustees:**

Karen Marshfield (2021 – 2024)  
Linda Schott (2021 – 2025)  
Marcia Bailey (2022 – 2026)  
Irving Brown (2023 – 2027)  
Camille Bach (2024 - 2028)

### **Appointed Positions:**

Historian: Trish Kane and Gary Beckstead  
Newsletter/Courier Editor: Karen Marshfield  
Storekeeper: Linda Schott

### **Business:**

- Newsletter deadline for articles: March, July, and December
- Bylaw changes – A discussion took place on the by-law changes approved at the July meeting. 1) to eliminate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position and 2) to change the

recommended yearly meeting attendances from 4 to 3 for executive board members. These potential changes will be voted on at our annual meeting in November.

- We need to firm up a Vice President and two trustees' positions, one for Karen's expiring seat and one for Irving Brown's seat to whom has not been reachable for over a year. The trustee positions are pretty well committed to, but there have been no offers of one Vice President.
- We had a nice Safari in Lancaster Pa. in August with 10 participants coming from NY, PA, MA and Canada. It was beautiful weather, beautiful farms and landscapes along with the people and bridges. Thank you, Susan S. for your leadership for this great safari again this year!
- Wayne proposed a Covered Bridge Challenge for 2025 and asked for approval to go forward with it. The challenge would be to visit as many bridges in NYS as needed and there would be prizes awarded for the first three places. However, we need at least ten participants for it to move forward. We need approval today so that we can advertise on our website, along with other Covered Bridge Societies and Historical Societies and a special email to our members. Trish Kane will head up the challenge. After a discussion it was approved with a motion by Clay and a second by Ron K.
- Wayne reported that 2 of the 3 volumes of the Harley Williams Collection have been scanned by the Theodore Burr Resource Center in Oxford, NY. A copy will be given to the National Society as well.
- There will be a Hyde Hall Bicentennial Celebration next year on October 11 and 12 and in conjunction with the New York Path Through History weekend. Bill Caswell, Trish Kane, Dave Wray and Wayne will be on a committee for planning the celebration. Anyone else interested please let one of us know. The planning communications for the bicentennial will be of a virtual nature.
- Potential Meetings for next year: April – Syracuse, May or July – Ashokan Center, June – Salisbury Center, August – Safari in New England, September – Virtual, November in Hamden for our annual meeting.
- News of members and bridges - Karen explained and showed pictures she had taken recently on her trip to Virginia and Georgia. Pictures of Meem's Bottom, Humpback in Virginia and Watson Mills Covered Bridge in Georgia. Clay explained his health

issues over the past year and why he can no longer hold the position of Vice President.

There being no further business, there was a motion by Clay and second by Marcia to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Marshfield, Secretary

Our guest speaker was Jan Lewandoski, who specializes in heavy timber repair of barns, mills, churches, and covered bridges. Jan works mostly in Vermont, but has worked in New York, New Jersey, and North Carolina and the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Jan maintains a high standard of preservation and has authored many journals. Jan's slide show and his presentation was superb and very informative, and thank you Jan for dedicating your precious time to our covered bridge society!