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| **Time:** 7/26/21 | **Date:** July 26,2021 | **Location**: zoom |
| **Board Members Present:** Ann Abdella, Ann Battaglia, Alison Coates, Tony D’Agostino, Helen Evans, Nancy McGraw, Gertrude O’Sullivan, Karin Pantel, Claire Parde, Mike Pease, Mandy Qualls, Carrie Roseamelia, Jack Salo, Janice Shirley **Excused:** Tammy Austin-Ketch, Scott Emery, Bryan O’Donovan, Paul Pettit, Victoria Reid, Shari Weiss, Mary Zelazny**Staff Present:** Sara Wall Bollinger, Ella James |
| Topic | Discussion | Action/Conclusions |
| 1. **Call to Order**
 | Quorum present |  |
| 1. **President’s Report**
 | Helen Evans encouraged members to Celebrate Rural. NYSARH supports rural health and wellness through education, advocacy and awareness. NYSARH developed a Strategic Plan for 2021-23 with goals to enhance collaboration, advocacy, capacity building, education and membership. She closed by reminding members that NYSARH is the Voice of Rural Health in NYS.  |  |
| 1. **Governance**
 | Claire Parde recognized outgoing board members Barry Brogan, Charlotte Crawford and Richard Kazel.  | The following people are elected for a first term: Tammy Austin-Ketch, Karin Pantel, Janice Shirley, Shari Weiss. Nancy McGraw and Michael Pease were elected to a second term. Helen Evans, Claire Parde and Jack Salo were elected for a third term. The following Officers were elected as follows:President: Helen Evans (2 years)Vice-President: Jack Salo (1 year)Treasurer: Ann Abdella (2 years)Secretary: Alison Coates (1 year) |
| 1. **Membership**
 | Michael Pease reported that the Membership Committee has two subcommittees: Student Advisory and Diversity Equity and Inclusion. |  |
| 1. **Policy**
 | Mandy Qualls presented on behalf of Barry Brogan. The Policy Committee hosted virtual events in January and February with both NYS legislators and the Upstate Congressional delegation. |  |
| 1. **Education**
 | Alison Coates reported on behalf of Victoria Reid. The Education Committee hosted a successful webinar series in collaboration with the New England Rural Health Association. Last fall NYSARH hosted a four-day virtual Rural Health Conference and an Award Ceremony in honor of National Rural Health Day. NYSARH partnered with the NYS Public Health Association, NYS Association of County Health Officers and the NYS Conference of Environmental Health to produce the Public Health Partnership Conference held virtually in April.  |  |
| 1. **Internship Opportunities**
 | Alison Coates thanked the Interns who volunteered with NYSARH 2020-21 and introduced the AmeriCorps and VISTA members NYSARH has for 2021-22. |  |
| 1. **NRHA**
 | NYSARH is a member of the National Rural Health Association.  | There are many opportunities for NYSARH members to engage with broader Rural Advocacy. |
| 1. **Adjourn**
 | The next Board meeting is November 29th at 2PM |  |