

METROPOLITAN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION INC.
MINUTES
2025 Annual Meeting
Thursday, June 5, 2025
The Milleridge Inn
Jericho, NY

Present Board Members:

Rita Gambino
Adam Ginsberg
Nicholas DiBartolo
Joanne Aliberto
James Loiacono
Irwin Krasnow
Randy Van Yahres
Robert Ziolkowski
Justin Locke

Pledge of Allegiance

Memorial Service

Nicholas DiBartolo reported that there were no names to remember for this years' service.

Approval of June 6, 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

President Rita Gambino stated that the Minutes of the June 6, 2024 Annual Meeting were previously distributed. He asked for any comments/additions to the minutes provided. None were given.

Phil Tassi made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 6, 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes. Dennis Werner seconded. All voted in favor.

President's Report

Rita Gambino thanked the membership for their participation and support and recognized the board for their continued dedication. She encouraged members to consider becoming involved with the MCA Board.

It was reported that our recent Citifield outing in May was a success and upcoming events for the remainder of 2025 include the annual Fishing Trip in June, the annual Golf Outing in July, as well as our Fall Business Meeting, Mohegan Sun Trip, and Holiday Luncheon.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The Secretary/Treasurer's Report was read by Nick DiBartolo on behalf of Thersa Doran. It was reported that the MCA held 8 events throughout 2025 including the MCA/NYSAC Joint Expo, Spring Business Meeting, Golf Outing, Fishing Trip, Annual Meeting, Fall Business Meeting, Mohegan Sun trip and the Holiday Luncheon. Additionally, seven board meetings were held throughout the year.

Membership numbers at the end of 2024 were as follows: 289 members, comprised of 185 cemetery members and 104 supplier members.

As of the date of the meeting, 2025 membership numbers were as follows: 269 members, comprised of 171 cemetery members and 98 supplier members.

Total Receipts for 2024 were \$157,218 and Total Disbursements for 2024 were \$142,911 Excess of Receipts over Disbursements was \$14,306. Cash balance at the beginning of the year was \$188,100. and cash balance at the end of the year was \$202,407. Cash accounts are as follows:

JP Morgan Chase Checking:	\$ 46,929
JP Morgan Chase Money Market:	\$ 1,001
Certificate of Deposit:	<u>\$154,477</u>
	\$202,407

It was also reported that Form 8868 was filed for Automatic Extension of Time to File an Exempt Organization Return for Form 990-EZ. Due date is November 15, 2025 and MCA board will review and approve prior to IRS filing.

Audit Committee Report

Nick DiBartolo gave the Audit Committee report for the MCA.

Nick stated that they examined the financial records of the Metropolitan Cemetery Association, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Nick stated that financial records are presented in all material aspects in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.

Nominating Committee Report

The members of the nominating committee that consists of John Helly, Anthony Desmond and Justin Locke met to discuss the MCA Board of Directors and Officers on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

It was reported to the Committee that the terms of Randy Van Yahres and Nicholas DiBartolo will terminate on June 5, 2025. The Committee recommended that Randy Van Yahres of Catholic Cemeteries be designated as a nominee to be re-elected to serve as Director for his first full term of three years, from June 2025 to June 2028, after having served the interim term of Christopher Tuohy. The Committee also recommended that Nicholas DiBartolo of Mount Hope Cemetery be re-elected to serve as Director for his second full term of three years, from June 2025 to June 2028.

Anthony Desmond then proceeded to ask if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none, he asked for a motion to close the nominations which was received from Phil Tassi, seconded by Irwin Krasnow and favored by all.

Anthony then proceeded to close the nominations and ask that the Secretary cast one vote for each of the nominees.

Elections and Installations

Justin Locke performed the installation of directors.

Nicholas DiBartolo and Randy Van Yahres were Duly Re-Installed as Directors.

Years of Service Awards

For 25 years of service, Rita Gambino recognized:

Alexandra Locke of Pinelawn Memorial Park

Adam Ginsberg of Cedar Grove Cemetery Association

Rita Gamino recognized and presented Alexandra Locke and Adam Ginsberg with a plaque for their dedication and service.

Government and Legal Affairs Report

Matthew Parisi gave the Public Affairs report discussing topics such as the Public Affairs Seminar in May and the Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of Steven Sloane.

Division of Cemeteries Report

Director of the Division of Cemeteries, Lewis Polishook gave a report. Topics included new trainings offered for 2025 and community outreach such as Clean Up Your Cemetery Day.

The meeting continued with an introduction of our charity, St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children, and visits with suppliers and raffles and concluded with an Invocation before lunch by John Helly.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin Locke