Minutes taken by Ann Canastra

Attendance:
Present: Wendy Burch, Ann Canastra, Mary Jo Muscolino, Lynda Regan, Evelyne Tropper, Ellen Ritz, Judith Watt, Mary Bartlett, Julie Neches, Cecile Green, Abraham Goldring, Dhanu Sannesy, Rob Laitman, Pooja Mehta, Martin Gromulet, Maggie Bristol
Absent: Jayette Lansbury

Introductions:
First, welcome to our newly elected incoming Board members:
Mary Bartlett (NAMI Capital Region)
Dr. Maggie Bristol (NAMI Syracuse)
Abraham Goldring (NAMI NYC Metro)
Jayette Lansbury (NAMI Huntington)
Pooja Mehta (NAMI NYC Metro)
Dr. Julie LeClair Neches (NAMI Westchester)

The returning Board members are:
Ann Canastra (NAMI Syracuse)
Ceceile Green (NAMI Queens/Nassau)
Dr. Rob Laitman (NAMI Westchester)
Marty Gromulat (NAMI Westchester)
Mary Jo Muscolino (NAMI Rochester)
Lynda Regan (NAMI Buffalo & Erie County)
Ellen Ritz (NAMI Queens/Nassau)
Dhanu Sannesy (NAMI Orange)
Dr. Evelyne Tropper (NAMI Champlain Valley)
Judy Watt (NAMI Rochester)

Elections: Vote for one person in each category as they come up, or abstain.
Evelyn made motion to open election, Ellen 2nded

President: Lynda Regan
1st Vice President: MaryJo Muscolino
2nd Vice President: Ellen Ritz
Secretary: Cecile Green
Treasurer: Ann Canastra
Appointed Position: TBD

Proposed dates for upcoming Board meetings:
Evening Virtual of Friday, December 4th 2020 5-8p.m.
September 11/12 tentatively planned for in-person, in Albany

Tentative Dates/Times: Wendy will send out a poll to the Board
Evening of Thursday, February 11 or Friday, February 12th 2021  
Evening of Thursday, May 6 or Friday May 7 2021  
During National Convention (if held in person) between June 30 and July 3, 2021 in Washington DC  
September 11 and 12 (tentatively planned for in person in Albany) 2021  
October 21, 2021  
October 24, 2021  
December 3 and 4, 2021

Committees: Each Board member is expected to serve on at least 3-4 committees. Committee chairs have traditionally been voted on by the Board at the December meeting. NAMI-NYS currently has the following committees:

Executive Committee (Elected by the Board)  
Finance  
Bylaws/Policies & Procedures  
Personnel  
Nomination/Election  
Audit  
Strategic Planning  
Education Conference  
Government Affairs  
Development  
Programs  
Criminal Justice

Veterans Affairs  
Health and Wellness  
Child, Adult and Family Affairs  
Reintegration  
Multicultural  
Membership and Outreach  
Managed Care  
Research  
Zero Suicide  
Youth Advisory Board

NAMI Executive Director Announcements (Wendy): We typically pass out Board books at the first meeting; as the meeting is now virtual, we will ship them to you. I will also be requesting updated signed conflict of interest forms and contact information to share with the BOD and for business cards shortly following the Board meeting (most likely next week).

Special Thanks (Lynda): Thank you to the conference committee and the Staff. You guys all did a great job, and we will have a follow-up meeting, all things taken into consideration, it went very well.

Ann moved to close, Maggie 2nded. Vote: All in favor, meeting closed at 1:47p.m.