



Meeting Minutes

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

October 11, 2022

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by National President Stacy Anders at **5:32 PM PT**

Opening: PNP/Chaplain Carla Brodacki opened with prayer

Pledge of Allegiance was led by PNP Anne Parker

Recording Secretary, Marisol Gonzalez, conducted roll call. The following were present:

National President-Stacy Anders

1VP-Rebecca Stafford

2VP-Karen Stillwell

3VP-Cheree Baret

4VP-Brenda Ternullo

Recording Secretary-Marisol Gonzalez

Financial Secretary-Sonya Kay

Treasurer-Alethea Tennill

Dept. OH President-Cheri Spurlock

Dept. MI President-Jackie Ransom

Dept. MN President-Karla Keller

PNP-Anne Parker

PNP/Chaplain Carla Brodacki

Minutes Approval for September 13, 2022 Meeting

Minutes from the September 13, 2022 meeting were emailed prior to this meeting from the National Recording Secretary. A motion was made to approve minutes with the addition of PNP Anne Parker as excused.

Motion: Approve minutes with correction.

Passed on vote with one abstention.

Finance Committee Report:

Meeting was held on October 9, 2022

July financial statement was forwarded to the NEB

Motion was made to set aside July financials for audit.

Coming from committee there is no need to have a second

Passed on vote, no abstentions.

Discussion regarding convention matters

Bank transition is complete

Online store is open. Email to be sent to members.

Motion from committee to order white dress shirts with BSM logo

Discussion occurred regarding pricing.

Call for vote- 5 in favor, 8 opposed, no abstentions

Motion does not pass

Motion from committee to order 36 navy-blue soft-shell vests

Discussion occurred

No second needed

Passed with 1 opposed, 2 abstentions

Discussion regarding chapter grants. Applications considered pending completion of compliance.

Discussion regarding fundraising and program information newsletter.

NP has appointed finance committee member Suzie Freeman as fundraising chair.

Motion from committee to approve quarterly fundraiser newsletter to be submitted by fundraising chair and edited by National 2VP.

No second needed

Passed with no abstentions

Discussion regarding BSMA Ritual Book

Discussion regarding delay of chapters checks

November finance committee meeting to be moved up a week to the 5th of November.

Officer Reports:

Emailed to NEB prior to meeting

4VP added- sent out 3 charter packets and 1 more to go out

Old Business:

- How can we help our chapters better? Bring ideas to Mid-Year
- Mid-Year January 7- 17th. Forward NP dates attending
- Memorial Day-May 24-30th NEB invited
- Outreach Ambassadors update

New Business:

- New items and ideas for the online store

Closed Executive Session

NP took the NEB into CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:47PM PT
And back out of Closed Executive Session at 8:43PM PT
PNP/Chaplain Carla Brodacki led us in a closing prayer.
Having no additional business for the good of the order, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Marisol Gonzalez
National Recording Secretary

National 1VP Report

October 2022

- Attended all NEB meetings
- Assisted President when needed
- Responded to emails which included
 - New members
 - Chapter Dues Renewals
 - Membership renewals
 - Questions in general
 - Chapter Officer Rosters
- Assisted Chapter Presidents/Membership Person in how to access their chapter roster
- Worked with Mentor Chair
- Attended Mentor Meetings
- Attended the Dept of Michigan Convention, at my own cost
- Attended the Dept of Ohio Convention, at my own cost
- Attended the Dept of Minnesota Convention, at my own cost

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca

Rebecca Stafford
National 1VP
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**National 2nd Vice President
October Report 2022**

- Attended all NEB Calls – Regular and Special
- Attended the National BD Meeting
- Provided support to a FL Chapter clarifying possible Hurricane Relief
- Responded to questions about ordering 2022 Yearbook
- Assisted members ordering past and present Yearbooks
- Participated and assisted in the Dept. of Ohio Convention
- Received and sorted through email submissions for the October Newsletter
- Communicated through emails and phone calls with multiple Chapters with questions

National 3rd Vice President Monthly Report
October 2022

- 1) Processed 4 Veterans
- 2) Processed 7 Servicemembers
- 3) Regular Chapter meeting was cancelled due to weather
- 4) Working on Standing Rules for chapter
- 5) Sent document with plan to visit all chapters in Texas
- 6) Shopped for Christmas boxes to send out after November meeting
- 7) Made an appeal for Christmas Cards to send in boxes
- 8) Reserved Table at Veterans Ceremony for County on 11/12/22

Approved

October 2022

4VP Monthly Report

In the month of October:

I attended all NEB meetings

I attended all Finance Committee meetings

Created sample Standing Rules for NEB to review

Helped Webmaster with website issues/corrections

Answered emails regarding where chapters are located and/or starting a new chapter

Sent packets to MS, UT, WV and FL

AL2 has voted to close

IN3 has enough members to continue

Sent emails to troubled chapters trying to stop them from folding, coming up with ideas on how to keep them going

worked with WA9 to get elections done and prepare for installation (11/2)

Emailed MA1 for further discussion on how to get chapter back in sync

Helped with NY1 vs NY8

Some chapters have started compliance submissions and have kept records of such in spreadsheet

Assisted 1VP with entering members

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Ternullo

N4VP, 2022-2023

National Financial Secretary Report – October 2022

Attended all NEB meetings
Attended Finance Committee Meeting
Emails - answered and filed as needed
Texts and Calls - responded as needed

National Financial Assistant

She has worked on building spreadsheets with info needed to enter deposits into QB, she has completed these through September. She is working on October now.

Bank Signers

Former treasurer has been removed from signers list,
Debit card has been updated to new treasurer's card in QuickBooks, request has been made to cancel previous treasurer card.

Financials:

Completed entering August deposits in QB for Checking, Savings, and PayPal.
Continued to work with NT to reconcile BSMA accounts
Reconciled August 2022, generated 13 reports, sent those to the Finance Committee for review.
Corrected items in QB that FC members sent to me. Re-created the reports and re-sent.
Started entering September deposits into QB. Savings account is complete. PayPal account has one more transaction waiting on information. Checking account – EFTs are complete, working on credit card transactions.
Completed fiscal year ending tasks: Entered budget into QuickBooks. Moved funds from Deferred Income: Dues to Membership: Chapter Membership Dues.

Incoming Mail:

Retrieved all incoming mail from PO Box
Opened and sorted mail into appropriate batches
Processed all mail
Added mail to spreadsheets (mail received with funds, mail received without funds, member renewals)
Contacted appropriate NEB member/committee chair with scan of mail relevant to their needs or mail needed items to them
Deposited all funds received
Entered deposits into QB
Mailed anything received for Chapters on to their address on record.

CA47 United Way Checks

Still in process. Per FC chair, checks were deposited in National checking account and one check for total will be sent on to the chapter.

Memberships

Working with 1VP to research all emails received from members stating they have paid when we do not have them updated in our system yet.

Submitted by Sonya Kay, National Financial Secretary
November 1, 2022



NATIONAL TREASURER REPORT

OCTOBER 2022

Attended all NEB Meetings

Attended Finance Committee Meeting

Attended all three department conventions

Made and received telephone calls, texts, and emails

Posted expenses in QuickBooks

Confirmed EIN addresses in member-clicks

Filled and mailed 67 Online Store Orders

Booked Airfare for Mid-Year for Cheree Barrett, Anne Parker, and

Karen Stilwell

Booked hotel in DC for Veterans Day for NP and others

Reimbursed Anne Parker for shipping

Uncleared Checks

Sent out final notices

Responded to chapters with questions



Department of Minnesota

October 2022 Report

Department of Minnesota Report

- Attended all NEB Zoom calls
- Attended all NEB Special meeting Zoom calls
- Gathered information re possible MN Big Dipper
- Met with Dept. Convention Committee
- Held Dept. Fall Convention
- Made reservations for Mid-Year in Myrtle Beach

Respectfully,
Karla Keller
Department of Minnesota, President
BSMoA



Department of Michigan

October 1 – October 31, 2022 Report

Department of Michigan:

- Chapter meeting
- Created agenda for DEB meeting
- DEB meeting
- NEB meeting
- BDMI meeting
- Submitted article for Dept MI newsletter
- Reviewed and approved Dept MI newsletter
- Reviewed DEB meeting minutes
- Visited MI197 at CEB meeting
- Installed MI199 Officers
- Emails and phone calls for mentoring MO4 elections
- Started the venue search for 2023 Dept Convention
- Chose Compassionate Contact Corp as Presidents project
- Answered phone calls, emails and texts

Respectfully submitted
Jacqueline Ransom
Department of Michigan, President
Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

Department of Ohio

October 2022 Report

1. Assisted in organizing and implementing the 2022 Department of Ohio annual convention, which included a post-convention DEB meeting.
2. Attended an emergency NEB meeting
3. Researched via phone and email, two possible new locations for the 2023 Department of Ohio convention and North South conference.
 - Contacted Cincinnati and Dayton chapters, as our most southern chapters, for feedback regarding a possible northern location for the 2023 North South Conference.
4. Attended a work session with past NEB Financial Secretary Diana Vance on how to do and understand compliance

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Feldman, President
Department of Ohio