

**Minutes of the CECR  
Delegates Conference Call  
Wednesday, 04/15/20**

Governor Deborah Mackes called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Governor Debbie pointed out that the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of taking minutes, and the meeting was an information only meeting.

Governor Debbie stated that votes would not be cast during this meeting, and that the meeting was timed to last one (1) hour.

Governor Debbie took role call.

- CECR Board Members present were: Governor Deborah Mackes, Governor-Elect Connie Morris, Secretary Betty Ann O'Brien, Treasurer Cheryl Walter, Board Member Cindy Swicegood, and Board Member Deb Keller.
- Club names were called in alpha order, then by delegate name representing each club.
- According to CECR Bylaws, Article VI, Meetings, Section 6.4 states that a quorum for any meeting for the Region shall be 10 delegates from at least 7 clubs. Thus, a quorum was present to proceed with the meeting. Twelve (12) clubs were represented and forty (40) delegates were in attendance

Also participating in this meeting were Lou Anne Hunicutt, CECR Parliamentarian, SI-Mid-Atlantic Online; Robin Davis, CECR Public Awareness Chair, SI-Woodbridge; Warie Brock, CECR Teller, SI-Montgomery County; and two members of the 2020-2022 Nominating Committee, Louise Skinner, Nominating Committee Chair, SI-Kent & Queen Anne's Counties; and Virginia (Ginny) Dempsey, SI-Woodbridge.

Governor Debbie announced the winners of the 2020 "Betty Jean (BJ) Cook Club Achievement Governor's Award".

- Two (2) clubs sent entries in by the due date of 03/20/20. Both clubs submitted excellent write-ups about their respective Club membership experiences. Governor Debbie declared a First Place tie between the two clubs.
- With the advanced approval of the CECR Board, it was agreed that both SI-Upper Montgomery County and SI-Kent & Queen Anne's Counties receive \$100.00 towards their 2020-2021 Live Your Dream (LYD) Programs when they identify their Club's LYD Recipient to the Region Governor. Governor Debbie extended congratulations to each winning club.
- It was stated that this award must be claimed prior to the 2021 Spring Conference, and that payments and certificates would be presented at a later date.

Governor Debbie asked that CECR Treasurer Cheryl Walter announce the winner of the “Benny G. Mendelson Region Recruitment Award” presented to the club having the largest net increase in members from April 1 to March 31 of the current club year (2019-2020). Treasurer Cheryl announced that the winner was SI-Havre de Grace, with twelve (12) new members. SI-Havre de Grace will receive \$100.00 towards their club’s 2020-2021 Dream It Be It (DIBI) Program when the club identifies this to the Region Governor. It was stated that this award must be claimed prior to the 2021 Spring Conference. Payment and Certificate will be presented at a later date.

Governor Debbie reported on the LYD Program, and was pleased to announce that 18 out of 19 CECR Clubs participated, listed as follows:

SI-Cumberland, SI-Fairfax, SI-Frostburg, SI-Hagerstown, SI-Hampton Roads, SI-Havre de Grace, SI-Kent & Queen Anne’s Counties, SI-Manassas, SI-Mid Atlantic Online, SI-Montgomery County, SI-Prince George & Anne Arundel Counties, SI-Raleigh, SI-Salisbury, SI-Talbot County, SI-Upper Montgomery County, SI-Wake Forest, SI-Williamsburg, and SI-Woodbridge

- Governor Debbie also announced that the winners from SI-Frostburg, SI-Manassas, SI-Mid Atlantic Online, and SI-Montgomery County went on to receive a Region LYD Award of \$1,000.00 each.
- The winner from SI-Hagerstown went on to receive an SIA LYD Award of \$3,000.00.
- The winner from SI-Prince George & Anne Arundel Counties went on to receive an SIA LYD Award of \$5,000.00.
- The winner from SI-Upper Montgomery County went on to receive the \$1,500.00 Award that was donated by SI-Alexandria.

Governor Debbie let everyone know that monetary awards and certificates have already been sent to the awardees, and that club certificates would be presented at a later date.

Governor Debbie then announced that 10 out of 19 CECR Clubs participated in the “Dream It Be It: Career Support for Girls” Program. They are as follows:

SI-Frostburg, SI-Hagerstown, SI-Kent & Queen Anne’s Counties, SI-Manassas, SI-Prince George & Anne Arundel Counties, SI-Raleigh, SI-Talbot County, SI-Upper Montgomery County, SI-Wake Forest, and SI-Woodbridge

Governor Debbie also announced that certificates would be presented at a later date.

Governor Debbie then asked Deb Keller, CECR Celebrating Success Chair, SI-Talbot County, announce the Celebrating Success Club Participants in each of SIA's 4 Pillar Programs and the winning club in each pillar.

- Deb reported that in the category of **"Membership"**, 6 clubs participated, with the winner being SI-Manassas for their club's "Focus on Fellowship" Program
- Deb reported that in the category of **"Fundraising"**, 8 clubs participated, with the winner being SI-Kent & Queen Anne's Counties for their club's "Designer Purse Bingo" event.
- Deb reported that in the category of **"Program"**, 8 clubs participated, with the winner being SI-Raleigh for their club's "LYD Awards – Going Beyond a Cash Award" Program.
- Deb reported that in the category of **"Public Awareness"**, 4 clubs participated, with the winner being SI-Kent & Queen Anne's Counties for their "Queen Anne's County Fair" event.
- Deb reported that 10 clubs participated in at least one of the 4 Pillar categories.

Deb also announced that the next Celebrating Success Club entries were due to her by 07/01/20, and that she would send out a reminder to clubs.

Governor Debbie then said that clubs would receive certificates at a later date.

Governor Debbie then asked Louise Skinner, CECR's 2020-2022 Board Nominating Committee Chair to present the 2020-2022 Board Slate of Officers.

Louise recognized the members of the 2020-2022 Nominating Committee, which were Virginia (Ginny) Dempsey, SI-Woodbridge; and Becky Paluzsay, SI-Williamsburg

Chair Louise stated that the slate of officers, for Central East Coast Region's 2020-2022 Board of Directors, are as follows:

- Governor – Connie Morris, SI-Kent & Queen Anne's Counties, MD
- Governor-Elect – Roxanne Aaron, SI-Wake Forest, NC
- Secretary – Deb Keller, SI-Talbot County, MD
- Treasurer – Carolyn Skowron, SI-Raleigh, NC
- Board Members
  - Johann Dretchen, SI-Upper Montgomery County, MD
  - Virginia (Ginny) Dempsey, SI-Woodbridge, VA

Governor Debbie asked that CECR Treasurer Cheryl Walter present the CECR 2020-2022 Region Budget.

- Questions were directed to Treasurer Cheryl with discussions that followed. There were no motions made.
- Attendees requested a copy of CECR's Year to Date Actuals Report for month ending 03/31/20 of which Governor Debbie and Treasurer Cheryl stated would be made available to all delegates at the same time when the minutes of today's meeting are sent when the online voting process was completed.
- Governor Debbie invited attendees to submit questions to her on Club related subjects.

Governor Debbie asked Robin Davis, Public Awareness Chair, to explain the online voting process in which the delegates would cast votes on the 2020-2022 Slate of Officers and the CECR 2020-2022 Region Budget. Robin explained that information to conduct the online voting would be sent to delegates that she had current email addresses for, following the Delegates Call. They would have until Friday, 04/17/20 at 5 PM to cast their vote.

Governor Debbie reported that Warie Brock, SI-Montgomery County, would serve in the capacity of CECR's Teller.

Governor Debbie announced that Robin Davis of SI-Woodbridge, Louise Skinner of SI-Kent & Queen Anne's Counties, and Lou Anne Hunnicutt of SI-Mid Atlantic Online would serve as the three-member committee to review and approve the minutes of the 04/15/20 Delegates Conference Call.

With no further business to discuss Governor Deborah Mackes adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

**NOTE: On Friday, 04/17/20, Robin Davis, with the approval of Warie Brock, reported that the 2020-2022 Slate of Officers and the CECR 2020-2022 budget were approved by a unanimous vote, with a quorum of delegates and clubs being represented.**

**Respectfully Submitted By,**

**Betty Ann O'Brien  
CECR Secretary**