

*GLOW WDB Annual Breakfast Meeting
Approved Minutes
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Terry Hills Restaurant, Batavia, New York

Members Present: Bethanne Guest-Bergum, ACCES-VR; Darren Burdick, NYS DOL; Steve Hull, Morton Salt; Norb Fuest, John McGowan, GCC – BEST Center; Appletree HR; Jim Pierce, Wyoming Economic Development; Dave Rumsey, GC DSS

Members Excused: Lori Bush, Heather Heiniman, Molly Haungs, Kathryn Ribbeck

CEOs/Representatives Present: Ken DeRoller, Orleans County Legislature

Staff Present: Jay Lazarony, Michele Nichols

Business Recognitions:

Chris Suiozzi, Steve Hyde, John Jakubowski, Jim Krencik, Mark Masse of Genesee County Economic Development Center
Jim Peraine of Livingston County Department of Health
James Minner of Virtual Polymer Compounds
Holly Mitchell of Advanced Rubber Products

Adult Participant Recognitions: Raychael Palmer with Joe Fisher

Youth Participant Recognitions:

Guests: Genesee County - Aaron Barnum with Mike and Darla Barnum
Livingston County - Angelita Clark
Orleans County - Cameron Richardson
Wyoming County - Alan Smart

Bill Schutt, Genesee Orleans Youth Bureau; Jane Sullivan, NYS Commission For The Blind; Tracy Byrd, Kate Hilfiker, Mary Guldenschuh, - Livingston County OWD; Teresa VanSon, Lisa Smith, Jeff Young, Jaden Ohlson – Genesee County Job Development Bureau; Kelly Kiebal, Pam Chatt, Pete Anderson - Orleans County Job Development Agency; Rosie Shader, Beth Caton, Matt Dussualt, Mark Wright – Wyoming County Community Action

There was not a quorum at this meeting.

Welcome and Introductions – Norb Fuest, GLOW WDB Chairman

Norb welcomed everyone and presented the P.Y.2020 GLOW WDB Annual Report, which was distributed at the meeting. He noted our hope is to get more funding as it continues to decline. Norb noted GLOW with Your Hands that was a fabulous event that was held in person on 9/28/21, which Jay Lazarony and Chris Suozzi lead.

P.Y.2020 Recognition Presentations

GLOW Business Recognitions

Teresa Van Son, Director of Genesee County Job Development Bureau, presented Chris Suozzi with an award for Genesee County Economic Development Center as PY2020 Business Recognition nominated by Genesee County Career Center.

Tracy Byrd of Livingston County Office of Workforce Development, presented Jim Peraine of Livingston County Department of Health, with an award for the Livingston County Business Recognition for P.Y.2020 nominated by Livingston County Office of Workforce Development.

Kelly Kiebal of Orleans County Job Development Agency, presented James Minner of Virtual Polymer Compound, with an award for the Orleans County Business Recognition for P.Y.2020 nominated by Orleans County Job Development Agency.

Beth Caton of Wyoming County Community Action presented Holly Mitchell of Advanced Rubber Products, with an award for Wyoming County Business Recognition for P.Y.2020 nominated by Wyoming County Community Action.

GLOW Participant Recognitions

Jeff Young of Genesee County Job Development Bureau, recognized Shannon Yauchzee for the award for PY2020 Genesee County Participant Recognition nominated by Genesee County Job Development. Shannon was unable to attend.

Tracy Byrd of Livingston County Office of Workforce Development presented Raychael Palmer with an award for PY2020 Livingston County Participant Recognition nominated by Livingston County Office of Workforce Development.

Pam Chatt of Orleans County Job Development Agency recognized Vincent Barrett with an award for PY2020 Orleans County Participant Recognition nominated by Orleans County Job Development Agency. Vincent was unable to attend.

Mark Wright of Wyoming County Community Action recognized Hannah Buchinger for the PY2020 Wyoming County Participant Recognition nominated by Wyoming County Community Action. Hannah was unable to attend.

GLOW Youth Recognition

Jeff Young of Genesee County Job Development Bureau presented Aaron Barnum with the award for PY2020 Genesee County Youth Recognition nominated by Genesee County Job Development Bureau.

Kate Hilfiker of Livingston County Office of Workforce Development presented Angelita Clark with the award for PY2020 Livingston County Youth Recognition.

Pete Anderson of Orleans County Job Development Agency presented Cameron Richardson with an award for PY2020 Orleans County Youth Recognition nominated by Orleans County Job Development Agency.

Matt Dussault of Wyoming County Community Action presented Alan Smart with an award for PY2020 Wyoming County Youth Recognition nominated by Wyoming County Community Action.

Closing Remarks – Jay Lazarony, GLOW WDB Executive Director and Norb Fuest, GLOW WIB Chairman

Jay thanked Norb Fuest, GLOW WDB Chairman, for his many years of daily leadership. He thanked Dave Rumsey, GLOW Emerging Worker Committee Chairman, for his leadership on this committee as well as Secretary in reviewing the meeting minutes. Jay thanked Darren Burdick of NYS DOL, Bethanne Guest-Bergum of ACCES-VR, Jane Sullivan of Commission for the Blind for their dedicated partnership within our GLOW centers.

Jay continued to thank all of the Directors who lead their staff to provide the services to our customers. Jay recognized and thanked the GLOW WDB members for their continued effort and support. Jay thanked Kristine Langless, the GLOW Grant Recipient Principal Account Clerk who is at the office diligently working on the fiscal audits and Michele Nichols who he has worked with 25 years! They both like to see the success of our customers!

Jay congratulated all of the recognized business, participants, and youth, for being a great example to follow and allowing us to be part of their journey.

Norb thanked everyone as we couldn't do it without you! Norb noted there's a need for trained employees and meeting the needs of our employers for our region!

NEXT GLOW WIB MEETING: TUESDAY, 1/18/22, 4:30 – 6 P.M.