



NYLICA Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 28, 2026
Maura Dibble's & Via Zoom
Batavia, NY

Meeting was called to order by President David Rule at 6:27 pm.

Roll Call: David Rule, Linda Rule, Derek Cassiano,

Via Zoom: Dennis Bliss, Derek Decker, Andrew Aupperle

Also Present: Maura Dibble and Courtney Cassiano

Minutes – Linda Rule made the motion to accept the printed minutes from the October 11, 2025, meeting seconded by Derek Decker. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Dennis Bliss made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report and file for audit and pay Maura's expenses. Seconded by Andrew Aupperle. Carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Membership and Dues** - as of 1/16/26 we have 218 members. 27 Members have still not paid, all of those are members of the Safety Group. 37 members either retired or went out of business, or did not rejoin. This is the largest drop we have ever had. In the last week we received 3 more dues paid and a new member.
- **Safety Group #562** – Tompkins Insurance has merged with Arthur J Gallagher Insurance. This may turn out to be a good thing – they have many offices throughout the state, even into the city and Long Island. David Boyce thinks it a positive and he will have more time for the clients instead of paperwork. Greg Knicley will be our point person for the Safety Group and Mike Tucci will be the salesperson. Proposal from Tompkins has been sent to all Board Members and Safety Group Board Members
- **UDIG Expo** – David Rule and Maura Dibble attended. It was a well attended event, but there were a lot of municipalities. We had a chance to talk with many of the vendors, possibly lining up some to come put on seminars for us. We signed up 2 new members and one Associate.
- **GLOW with your Hands** - Was held September 30th at the Genesee County Fairgrounds. This year had even more kids and participants. David Rule and Maura Dibble attended. The kids really enjoyed the remote-controlled excavator and dump Truck with sand again. We also gave out sunglasses and candy and didn't have any left over.

New Business:

- **LICA Winter Convention** – will be held February 28 – March 2, 2026 in Las Vegas, NV. ConExpo will follow March 3-7, 2026. Maura Dibble will help work at the booth at ConExpo.

- **National LICA** – New LICA CEO, Dennis Mikula started January 1, 2026. He sent out an email to all of the Executive Directors to schedule an hour Zoom meeting with them. Maura had met Dennis before (he is from New Jersey). They spent more than an hour chatting. Maura thinks he will do a good job.
- **Hard Hat** – scheduled to go, being held on March 18 & 19, 2026. We really need help on this. Allison and/or Caroline would be willing to come in to help with this, we would have to pay their way. Derek Cassiano made the motion to have either Allison or Caroline or both come in from Chicago and pay their way to assist with Hard Hat. Linda Rule seconded, carried. Discussion on some training or seminars, possibly the day before Hard Hat. Andrew Aupperle made the motion to investigate seminars on Locating equipment and some training on temporary traffic controls patterns and/or flagging. Seconded by Derek Decker. Carried.
- **September – 12th Annual Golf Outing** – We are scheduled to hold it again next year on Friday, September 11th, and we are getting some prizes in already due to friends getting promo items from the casinos, leftover prizes from this year and I have won a couple of prizes on different raffles. We need help with this also.
- Next Meeting will be in conjunction with the Safety Group #562 Annual Meeting in February or March probably at Tompkins in Batavia, NY
- Derek Decker made the motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm seconded by Derek Cassiano. Carried

Respectfully Submitted, Maura Dibble

Addendum – unanimous consensus from the entire Board of Directors either during the meeting or phone calls after to accept the proposal from Tompkins, but to stipulate a two (2) year deal instead of a three (3) year deal.