GAHWNY Fall Business Meeting-Houghton College September 27, 2015

Meeting called to order at 9:35 AM

**Welcome**-Amie Alden, Executive Chair

**Secretary’s report**: Candace Broughton, Town of Otto Historian. Minutes reviewed. No additions or corrections. Motion to approve-Larry Haseley, Lockport Town Historian. Seconded by Jeff Mason, Arcade Town Historian. Passed.

**Treasurer’s report**: Rob Goller, Town of Aurora, Village of East Aurora Historian.

Report reviewed. Income April 11, 2015-September 25, 2015: $3,4051. Expenses April 11, 2015- September 25, 2015: $4255.61. Checking account balance as of September 13, 2015: $4970. 13. Balance after today’s meeting: $2,820.13. Motion to approve-Joe Cassidy, Alabama Town Historian; seconded by Tina Thompson, Town of Henrietta Historian. Passed.

**Membership report**: Rob Goller - Paid memberships to date: Total 97. By county-Albany-1; Allegany-4; Cattaraugus-8; Chautauqua-10; Erie-10; Genesee-13; Livingston-13; Monroe- 11; Niagara-8; Onondaga-1; Ontario-8; Orleans-3; Wyoming- 7.

Update - The Spring Basket Raffle raised more than $700.00. Pam Brown, Town of Harmony and Village of Panama Historian was thanked for helping to coordinate.

The annul membership dues notice will be included with the 2016 Spring meeting mailing. A second notice will be included in the Fall mailing for those who have not yet paid.

**Old business** :Amie discussed the uniqueness of our group; attendance at meetings has remained steady at between 65-70.

GAHWNY Student Award/s - 2 were given at Spring Meeting 2015 @ $500.00 each. Information and application form the current year is available for download at GAHWNY website. SUNY community colleges being notified on the award program.

**New business**- rollout of the new GAHWNY website design, created by Design FM-Website Developers, Livonia, NY. GAHWNY also has an active page on Facebook and encourages all historians to like us on Facebook. Recognition and a gift were given to Cindy Amrhein in gratitude for her years of service in establishing and maintaining the website since GAHWNY’s inception.

The GAHWNY Board is always seeking input and encourages historians to contact the Board with any new ideas for projects or programs.

**Julia Reinstein Award and Crystal Beaver Award to be given at close of luncheon.\***

Adjourned temporarily at 10:15.

\*The Business meeting reconvened at 12:30 PM: Julia Reinstein Award

Two individuals received the Julia Reinstein Award

#1 given to Rondus Miller, Hume Town Historian, Allegany County.

#2 given to David Palmer, West Sparta Town Historian, Livingston County.

Today’s attendance: Allegany-6; Cattaraugus-9; Chautauqua-3; Erie-3; Genesse-9; Livingston-11; Monroe 15; Ontario-1; Wyoming-6. The Crystal Beaver was awarded to Monroe County for highest attendance.

Meeting concluded at 1:00.

Respectfully submitted, Candace Broughton, Town of Otto Historian