

NYS Covered Bridge Society Meeting of November 9, 2025

President Marshfield opened the meeting at 1:55 pm with thanks for the dinner preparation help and attendance. 17 members and guests were present.

Raffles and 50/50 was held with lots of fun.

Secretaries Report from September's Virtual Meeting was presented by Karen and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by our Treasurer Carol and approved as presented.

At the Executive Board Meeting held November 2, 2025 – the Board accepted with regret Camille Bach's resignation as trustee.

Election nominations for 2026 were as follows:

President – Wayne Marshfield

Vice President – Victor Iwanow

Treasurer – Carol Fortin

Secretary – Karen Marshfield

Corresponding Secretary – Marcia Bailey

Historians – Trish Kane, Gary Beckstead

Storekeeper – Linda Schott

Newsletter Editor – Karen Marshfield

Trustees

Marcia Bailey (2026)

Susan Swanek (2027)

Clay Converse (2028)

David Wray (2029)

Linda Schott (2030)

The slate of officers was presented and approved unanimously by those present.

The final presentation of the proposed bylaws amendment was presented lowering the required number of annual meetings from six to four. **The amendment change was approved unanimously.**

Succession Planning was discussed in the Executive Board meeting with no resolve. It was determined that the Positions of President and Treasurer were vital to the survival of the Society. More to come.

Posting of our newly amended bylaws on website was recommended by the executive board and will be done in the next week or so.

Meeting locations for 2026

April 19th – Spaghetti Warehouse, Syracuse – Confirmed

June 14th – Margaretville Telephone Company (mini safari Forge, Tappin Kittle, Grant Mills and maybe Erph) Confirmed

July 12th – Shushan CB Museum (mini safari, Shushan, Rexleigh, Eagleville, Buskirk, and maybe Arlington in VT) Confirmed

September 13th – Virtual – guest speaker Ron Knapp, Chinese Covered Bridges.

November 8th – Turkey dinner and annual meeting in Hamden, NY Confirmed

This meeting schedule was approved by the members present.

The membership approved of President Marshfield in presenting to the Tianaderrah Foundation a grant application for signage update on one sign at Fitches Covered Bridge and for two historic signs at Downsville Covered Bridge. The cost of the sign restoration will be \$475 per sign or a total of \$1425 for the three signs. Sign restorer would be Catskill Castings from Bloomville, NY.

Hyde Hall/NYSCBS Mugs for sale - \$10 each

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

2025 Year in Review

April meeting in Syracuse with Beth Brown, President of VCBS speaker. (21 present)

May, Karen and Wayne went to Cazenovia and presented power point on NY Covered Bridges. 40-50 present

June, meeting in Salisbury Center, historic landmarks and CB. 9 members and 16 guests present

July, Ashokan Center with 11 members present

August, Joint safari with the National, VT, NH, MA Covered Bridges. 12 members and 27 others from 8 states.

September, Virtual meeting with 14 members present – Bob Dover guest speaker

October, Hyde Hall 200 celebration. 2,000 to 2,500 attended, beautiful day. Knapp, Lewandoski, Rebman presented, 6 covered bridge societies present. Music, horse and buggy rides, food, speakers, CB sales.

November at Hamden, 21 signed up to attend so far.

Amendment to pass “not less than 4 meetings per year” - From 6.

Purchased 72 mugs to sell, sold roughly 40 – 45. Fund raiser.