

# NCSC February Meeting Agenda

*Governing Board Meeting  
Wednesday, February 11, 2026*

*Meeting Called to Order: 9:01 AM*

**Advisor: Sherri Naumann**

**Advisor: Jamye Gore**

**President: Alyssa Faughnan**

New Business: Please continue to consider your interest in serving on the board next year. The interest form does not guarantee any position, nor is it a commitment that you are bound to. Please keep talking to friends who may also be interested in serving and remind them of the upcoming interest session that will take place before the Feb. social. We will be holding a “treasure chest” game at the Gala and are looking for bar items/liquor. If you weren’t able to donate for the wine tree, we’d love your help now! Please ensure you get your tickets for the Gala ASAP.

Old Business: Airfield keys have been turned in. We have received garrison approval for the remainder of our socials.

Vote Needed: Remove OTBP from bylaws

Income: None

Expenses:

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself) 30

**Vote: Remove OTBP from bylaws**

**Move: Kayla G**

**Second: Whitney**

**All in favor: 12 (passed)**

*Added Notes: Reminder that VOQ is Friday, February 20th at 2:00 PM at The Peak. Mona and Jodi will be recognized. Please attend if you can! Donations for the Treasure Chest at the Gala can be bottles of liquor and other bar accessories.*

## **1st Vice President: Allie Iacovelli**

New Business:

### North Country Gala

- Future fundraising committee dates: 2/17 @ 7pm, 3/1 @ 11am (basket making), 3/10 @ 6pm (basket making).
- Basket making can and should be an all hands on deck situation if you are able to attend either! They will be at Patti's house. Come for as much or as little time as you can spare.
- Thank you to those of you who have signed up for slots to help! I will be going through that and if I need to move some folks around to better help things I will let you know! I plan to have a final volunteer breakdown/assignment list out to everyone by the end of the month.
- If you haven't been able to attend fundraising committee meetings but would like to make yourself aware of what the day will look like and what the plan is, you can find our meeting notes [here](#).
- If you would help solicit donations, please reach out to me or to Rachel S. I cannot stress enough how much we need to get out there and get items! (Looking @ myself on this, too).
- Ticket sales close 02/28 so make sure to buy your tickets!
- New ODYD dates - 2/13 and 2/23 -putting it out more as an ~event~, a bring your girlies, have snacks and drinks, shop for a dress vibe.
- Shout out to Mary and possibly Alyssa for filling in for me on the news this week!
- Show flow has been roughed out, final touches will be put on that over the next couple weeks.
- Waiting to hear back from tunes 92.5 regarding a radio spot. Press releases will be going out to other news outlets this week!
- Treasure chest stocking - we are no longer doing the wine tree, we are going to do a 'treasure chest' that people can buy chances to try to unlock. The hope is that this will be a pretty fully stocked bar, so if you have anything you're looking to get rid of - glassware, bar tools, mixers, accessories, cute towels, etc. - please let me know!

### Other News

- Chipotle fundraiser 04/07/2026
- Panera fundraiser 2/25

Old Business: none

Vote Needed: None

Income: N/A

Expenses: N/A

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself): 32

*Added Notes: Restaurant fundraisers will be 4:00-8:00 PM on their dates. Discussed a table about the Flocking Fundraiser at the Gala.*

## **2nd Vice President: Alissa Meshesha**

### New Business:

February, April and May Socials ALL have been APPROVED!!!!

### **Next social**

Theme: Pal-entine's Pajama Bash

Date: February 27, 2026

Time: 6:00PM-8:00PM

Set up Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM (This will also be "Bowling w/ the Board")

Take Down Time: N/A

**RSVP Closes: February 20, 2026 - It will not be reopened.**

**Caterer:** Pine Plains Bowling

### **What I need from cage (going wednesday):**

Vases (Opportunity Prizes)

Picture Frames

Table Cloth(s)?

### **Agenda:**

5PM-6PM: Set up and Bowling w/ The Board. We won't necessarily be bowling at this time, but it'll be used to talk with prospective members about interest in the board and a chance for them to learn more.

6PM-6:15PM: Welcome, what they need to do, find a lane, a ball, get situated (if they have a full lane, they are encouraged to start bowling).

6:15PM-6:30PM: Club Business (Gala, Fundraisers, joining the board, scholarships, grants, etc)

6:30PM-8PM PM: Bowling (I want to encourage board members to SPLIT UP. Be with a friend, but please talk to members and tell them about the club and board positions, we do NOT have a March social to promote joining the board)

8PM: Close Out.

### Old Business:

Resubmitted February-May Social information to MWR, still pending January (PLEASE by this meeting date can we have approval.... Fingers crossed)

Theme: Cabin Fever Fix

Date: January 21, 2026

Time: 12PM-2PM

Set up Time: 10AM-12PM

Take Down Time: 2PM-3PM

**Caterer:** I'll be taking on the catering. I'm making charcuterie cups with both a meat/protein option and a veggie/fruit option. I will have a chicken pasta salad, and a veggie pasta salad and bosco sticks. I will have a few drink options as well.

**Agenda:**

12PM-12:20PM: Welcome, grab food, take/find seats

12:20PM-12:30PM: Club Business (vote on previous three months social minutes, Gala, budget committee meeting, open back up apparel store, new board applications, sub club leads, vote on constitution, save the date for).

12:30PM-12:45PM: Community Outreach

12:45PM-1:45PM: Games

1:45PM-2PM: Thank everyone for coming, verbally let them know about the next social event, an RSVP to come (can we allow them at least?).

Games: We'll have 5 games - high energy, high speed games.

Vote Needed: N/A

Income: N/A

Expenses: \$0

Volunteer hours: 30 (January)

*Added Notes: New NCSC letters are under construction! They will be durable, made of wood and painted with white lacquer. Adding sub club leaders needed for next year, community outreach, BSF March event to the club business agenda. There was a lot of positive feedback about the January town hall-style social over Zoom. Members seemed to enjoy attending this type of meeting. Recommending next year to host the January social over Zoom in this way, due to weather uncertainties during this time of year.*

**Secretary: Rachel Klahs**

New Business: None

Old Business: October and December social minutes were approved and uploaded to the shared

Google folder with MWR.

Vote Needed: Approve last meeting's minutes

Income: None

Expenses: None

Volunteer Hours: 6

Vote: Approve last meeting's minutes

Move: Patti

Second: Kayla G

All in favor: 12

## Publicity: Caitlin Lesco

New Business:

- *Currently rotating social posts for Gala, scholarships & grants, fundraisers, events, general club info, sub-clubs and membership.*
- **I need all submissions for the March Newsletter no later than Feb. 16th\*\***

Old Business:

- **Stickers/Labels - ordered**
- 2TwentyTwo Event is coming up on Sunday, Feb 22nd. I have the following board members RSVPd for the event: Rachel K., Alyssa F., Brittany, Morgan, Alissa M., Whitney, Jamye, Jodi, Allie S., Mona, Candy, MA, Sarah, Lindsey, Jenna, Kayla, Rachel M., and myself
- NCSC Merch Shop CLOSED Feb. 4th.

Vote Needed: N/A

Income:N/A

Expenses: \$295.02 Stickers and January Game Club

Volunteer hours: 34

## Parliamentarian: Stafanie Brady

New Business:

Updated governing documents.

Old Business:

Voted with club membership at our virtual social to update remove OTBP and to re-orient the NCSC scholarship to military spouses affiliated with Fort Drum.

Vote needed: To approve governing documents

Income:N/A

Expenses:N/A

Volunteer hours: 10

*Added Notes: Voted on governing documents during the President's report. Applications open*

*March 7, and applications are due April 4. Applicants will be notified of the slate April 10. Slate will be sent to membership April 15, and elections will be held April 22 at social. Proxy votes must be appointed beforehand and Stefanie notified. Stefanie will not share who applied for which position until the slate is sent on April 10. If nobody has applied for a position, we will discuss if we will announce that beforehand.*

## **Treasurer: Patti Aguard**

New Business:

- [January NCSC Finance Statement.](#)
- Silver update: We are going to pull the highest quality items to make a basket for the gala as auction items. And will sell the remaining pieces
- If you have any outstanding items that need reimbursed or funded please get with me
- Items that require signature:
  - Alissa: refund form and letters invoice
  - Alyssa: bookkeeping, book club

Old Business:

- Budget Revision: Thank you to everyone who participated. It was sent out to board members and membership. Provided social chair an update for their budget to share out with leads as well
- Closing OTBP:
  - Next Steps: and who is working on them
    - Hold vote to remove OTBP language from bylaws (board) - Stefanie
    - Cancel OTBP P.O. Box + put in a mail forwarding - Patti
    - Deactivate Facebook Page - Alyssa + Cait
    - Submit proof of closures, our updated governing documents + funds to MWR / Garrison - Patti + Alyssa
  - Done:
    - Hold vote to update the constitution (membership) and by-laws - completed at February Social
    - Alert IRS to the closure - Patti alerted our bookkeeper and the documents will get filed with our taxes

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours: January - 27 hours

## **Blue Star Family Liaisons: Rachel McBride and Kayla Geblein**

New Business: We would like to discuss the future of the NCSC/BSF board position. Is NCSC receiving the level of support to warrant a BSF board position, or would it be better to include this under Community Outreach? Additionally, NCSC hosting Coffee Connects on behalf of BSF

has led to some issues/questions regarding sign ups, donations, membership, supplies, and budgeting,

-Next Coffee Connect is March 18th @ 9:30am

-This event is part of BSF's national "Nourish the Service" initiative

Old Business: Despite extremely cold temperatures and school delays, we had a successful January Coffee Connect. We had 9 attendees, and several members of the NCSC present who came to highlight our organization's mission and sub clubs (thank you!!!). With the event being New Year themed, participants discussed the provided 2025 reflection forms and were given the opportunity to create 2026 vision boards.

We had about half of our attendees pre register through BSF, with the rest registering on site using their QR code. When asked how they found out about the event, they mentioned seeing posts by NCSC or had chosen to tag along with a friend.

Vote Needed:

Income: 0

Expenses:

Volunteer hours: Rachel: 10 / Kayla: 10

*Added Notes: Exploring restructuring our BSF partnership next year. Discussed hosting a membership outreach event in January.*

## **Community Outreach: Whitney McClure**

New Business: We are supporting Carthage FFA Chapter

Their needs are based on collecting birthday cake kits for community members which is a joint project they do between chapters and the NYS Grange. They create these kits to donate to local food pantries. Items include cake mixes, frosting, birthday candles and small bottles of vegetable oil. Push out to sub clubs since attendance for socials this time of year is minimal. We can collect donations and collaborate on how to get them so we ensure good support.

Old Business: Our donation collection for January was not great. I only have received items that I personally bought and so I have not distributed them to the office for the aging of Lewis County. If there are still items you know of or that you may have, I will only collect until this Friday the 13th and then just distribute to them what I have. Still have not received the items promised by DAR. Contacted them but no response. I will follow up with Alissa M about this, since we planned to hand them out at the social this month.

Vote Needed:None

Income:None

Expenses: none

Volunteer hours: 8 hrs.

## Donations Coordinator: Rachel Sipperly

New Business:

- 1) Keep soliciting donations! I have continued to re-engage with businesses who a) I didn't hear back from in the Fall, b) said they were at budget capacity for the previous year, and c) needed to update donations due to holiday theme/expiration of dates. We are just about a month out from the Gala so it's time for the final push! *According to the tracker (as of Sunday 2/8):*
  - a. 17 SECURED donations (IN OUR HANDS!)
  - b. 114 businesses contacted
  - c. Are any UNIT donations secured?
- 2) PLEASE review the tracker! Who have you "signed up" to contact? Is everything up to date? It's just as helpful to take your name OFF the tracker if you're unable to keep a business on your own to-do list – this will allow someone else to pick it up instead.
- 3) As a reminder, donations are requested by **MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>**!

Old Business:

Vote Needed: N/A

Income: N/A

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours: 3

## Historian: Allie Skeens

New Business:

- Will take pictures at February social
- Are there previous scrapbooks I can see as reference for making this years?

Old Business: None

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself): 2

*Added Notes: Last year's scrapbooks will be given to Allie to review.*

## Hospitality: Brittany Young

New Business: Nothing to report

Old Business: n/a

Vote Needed: N/A

Income: n/a

Expenses: n/a  
Profit: n/a  
Volunteer hours: 4

### **Membership: Morgan Sims**

New Business: Nothing to report  
Old Business: n/a  
Vote Needed: N/A  
Income: n/a  
Expenses: n/a  
Profit: n/a  
Volunteer hours: 8

### **ODYD: Jenna Ladouceur and Emily Buennemeyer**

New Business: Gala dress shopping hours this month! We will need a few volunteers for Friday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8 pm, and we have enough for Monday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 12-2 pm. Please let me or Emily know if you would like to help out!

I will be stepping back in March to get ready for this baby, so Emily will be taking over fully. Anything ODYD-related can be directed towards her. I have enjoyed running ODYD and am sad to leave before the year ends, but I know ODYD will be in great hands with her!

Old Business: We deployed 4 dresses and received 5 donations in January. I put up a few flyers about ODYD on the corkboard outside the cage/ODYD, but I still need to get with Cait to add more info about the Spouses' Club and make it look nice.

Vote Needed: None  
Income: None  
Expenses: None  
Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself) : 14 for Jenna/ 12 for Emily for January

### **Property Manager: Mona Alfaro**

No Report Received

### **Reservations: Jodi Loblack**

New Business: none  
Old Business: N/A  
Vote Needed: None  
Income: None  
Expenses: None

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself): 3hrs

## Retiree Representative: Shelly Matthews

New Business:

I will be dropping off gala donations to Patti this week.

- Proposed cupcake flavors for the gala:
  - Strawberry Crunch: Strawberry cake with whipped strawberry cream filling, topped with strawberry cream cheese buttercream, toffee cookie crumbles, and fresh strawberries.
  - Blueberry Lemon: Blueberry cupcakes with lemon curd filling, topped with whipped lemon buttercream frosting, candied lemons, and fresh blueberries.
  - Boston Cream Pie: Vanilla cake with vanilla custard filling, topped with semi-sweet chocolate ganache and toasted almonds.
  - Dark Chocolate Coconut Pecan: Dark chocolate cupcakes with a coconut pecan butterscotch custard filling and topping, drizzled with semi-sweet chocolate ganache.

Action Items & Questions:

- Cait: Could you please create signs for the cupcakes similar to the ones we used last year (approximately 5x7 inches)?
- Allie: Could you please confirm the color scheme for the gala?

Also working on cupcakes for the April social. Flavors to be determined. I will only seek reimbursement for supplies if the number of attendees exceed 50.

And looking ahead to May, I will be catering the Kentucky Derby social (food only...desserts will be made by Alissa)

- Alissa: Here is the proposed menu for the Kentucky Derby event:
  - Bourbon pulled pork sliders with veggie slaw
  - Waffle-battered fried chicken with hot sauce bourbon maple syrup
  - Southern potato salad
  - Hush puppies
  - Honeycrisp apple and feta garden salad
  - Note: Food costs are estimated not to exceed \$350 based on 50-60 people.

Old Business: none

Income:

Expenses:

Volunteer hours : 2 hours

## Scholarships: Lindsey Wencil

New Business:

- The scholarship application is now open from Feb 1 – March 15.
- Still confirming one general member position on my committee and one AD position on my judges committee.
- If you see any posts on social media from Fort Drum spouses about education, please direct them to our website for our application!
  - Remember that our application does allow for those applying for technical and trade schools, as well as things such as EMT training!

Old Business:

- The January social vote confirmed our scholarship being for spouses only this cycle.

Vote Needed: None

Income: N/A

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours: 6

## Social: M. A. Scott and Candy Marr

New Business:

- We will continue to approve new members.
- We are still looking for a Co-chair for the Book club.
- What we have so far for the rest of the year.
- We reached out to the sub clubs to see the spots that will need leads/co-leads.
  - Munch Bunch, Game Club, and Cooking Club
  - Craft club-Mona Alfaro
  - Music Club-Elizabeth Greenwood
  - Book Club-Darien Cain
  - Toddler Club-Sarah Hatchett & Allie Potter
  - Beer, wine, & Spirit's-Lindsey Clement Wencil, M.A. Scott, Whitney McClure
  - Outdoor pursuit-Patti Agard, & Rachel Klahs
- February:
  - Feb 12-Munch Bunch
  - Feb 19-Toddler Club
  - Feb 21-BWS
  - Feb 26- collab book/craft club
  - Feb 28- outdoor pursuits
  - \*Every Friday outdoor pursuits walk @9:30

- March:
  - March 4-Craft Club
  - March 20-Music Club
  - March 27-Book Club, and Cooking club
  - March 29-Game Club
  - \*Every Friday outdoor pursuits walk @9:30
- April:
  - April 8-Toddler Club
  - April 11-BWS
  - April 14-Craft Club
  - April 16-Game Club
  - April 24-Book Club
- May:
  - May 2-BWS
  - May 6-Game Club
  - May 12-Craft club
  - May 15-Book Club
  - \*Every Friday outdoor pursuits walk @9:30

Old Business:

Vote Needed:

Income:N/A

Expenses: none

Volunteer hours: M.A Scott: 4.5 hours

Candy Marr: 3.5 hours

*Added Notes: Will have a printed list of open sub club lead positions at the Bowling With the Board event.*

**Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Vanderleest**

No Report Received

*Meeting End Time: 10:04 AM*