NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING:

2020 NYSVARA General Membership Meeting - Friday, September 11, 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

The meeting will recap 2020 NYSVARA activities to support volunteer/community based EMS, include the election of officers for the 2021 term, proposals to amend the Constitution & Bylaws, and recognize outstanding achievements by our member organizations and individuals.

Given the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our communities and EMS systems and in the interest of the safety of our members, this year’s 2020 NYSVARA Annual Meeting will be held virtually. We hope and pray that next year and we can once again hold our annual meeting and Pulse Check Conference in an in-person format. All members are welcome to attend, but will need to register in advance (please see our Constant Contact blast for further information).

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Nomination Committee recommends the following slate of Officers for 2021:

President: Henry Ehrhardt, District 4
Executive Vice President: Teresa Hamilton, District 1
Vice President: Adrian Pezzica, District 7
Secretary: Adam Shaver, District 15
Treasurer: Ernie Stonick, District 5
Membership Secretary: Brenda Morrissey, District 4

Further nominations may be made at a District meeting, by a member organization in good standing via its authorized delegate/alternate delegate or by petition of any five (5) individual members in good standing and reported to the Association Secretary (secretary@nysvara.org) no later than thirty (30) days (August 12) prior to the Annual Meeting (September 11) for inclusion on the ballot. Please also copy the Credentials Committee at: credentials@nysvara.org . We will post on the web-site and/or send an e-mail regarding any additional nominees.

No further nominations can be accepted after the above date, but, as always, write in candidates are permitted. However, all candidates must meet the eligibility requirements to be elected.
Proposals to Amend the Constitution and By-laws – Please see our Web-site for details or call to receive a hard copy

PROPOSAL 1 - Membership Retention & Expansion

PROPOSAL 2 - PROPOSAL 2 – Amending the Constitution & Bylaws

PROPOSAL 3 – Authorizing Electronic and Other Voting Methods

Voting Procedure for 2020

Since our meeting will be Virtual this year, we had to make some practical changes in voting procedure.
As always all voting member will receive a Proxy. Along with the Proxy will be a Proxy Instruction Form.
All Member Organizations and Individual Members must complete, sign and return the Proxy by the date indicated on the Proxy.

If you designate the Credentials Committee as your proxy, they will cast your vote for the Nominating Committee Slate and in favor of the Constitution & Bylaw Proposals. You may also fill out and return the Proxy Instruction Form. The Committee will maintain confidentiality. However, if you are concerned, you may complete the Proxy Instruction form and insert it in a blank inner envelope. Inset that inner envelope along with your completed Proxy in an outer return envelope addressed to the Credential Committee at the NYSVARA address. Make sure to include your name and return address on the outer return envelope.

You may, of course, name any other NYSVARA Individual Member as your Proxy. However, as indicated on the Proxy that must be mailed back to the Credentials Committee by the dates indicated on the Proxy.

Note: We will update and make available through the web-site and/or by e-mail a revised Proxy Instruction form should any additional nominees be received by August 12.