**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SAUGERTIES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE**

**7 JANUARY 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**  Constance Bailey, Kathryn Gordon, Pamela Ross, Bill Barr, John Schoonmaker, Kathleen Grey, Christine Dinsmore, Skip Arthur, Mike Harkavy, Susan Breen, Nancy Schaef, Finley Schaef, Helene Lesterlin, Bob Gelbach, Margo McGilvrey, Rick Cousin, Nejla Liias, Barbara Boyce, Lanny Walter, Aaron Levine, Louise Bloomfield (Associate)

**Introduction:**  The Chair noted that the special meeting was necessitated by the timing of the Ulster County Democratic Committee plan for endorsement of a candidate for New York State Senate .

**Resolution to Endorse a Candidate for Public Office**:  The Chair then introduced a revised resolution to endorse a candidate for public office and asked if there was a motion to approve it.  Barbara Boyce made the motion which was seconded by Margo McGilvrey.  The Chair then addressed an alternative provision of the resolution concerning the method for a member to vote in advance if attendance at the meeting in question were not possible.  John Schoonmaker moved to approve the provision which was seconded by Rick Cousin.  A discussion, initiated by John, followed concerning whether a weighted vote should be applied to determining a quorum as well as determining the endorsement.  The Chair cited that, according to the County Democratic Committee By-Laws, weighted voting was to be used only for non-procedural matters and therefore did not apply to determining whether a quorum was present.  The question was called and the resolution passed with 20 members voting to approve.

**Upcoming Events:** The Chair noted that the County Convention, mentioned earlier, will be held on 20 February at a location to be announced later.

**Adjournment:**  Mike Harkavy moved to adjourn; seconded by Rick Cousin.  Approved unanimously.