

**NYSCEA  
BUSINESS MEETING**

**Minutes**

Friday, May 13, 2005 1 PM  
Shaker Room at the Best Western

**Call to Order** by Gail Kelly

**Roll Call:** Joan Davidson, Secretary

Motion to approve February 4, 2005 minutes

Bob Winchester made a motion to accept the minutes.

David Giannascoli, NY Counseling Association seconded the motion

**Officer Reports:**

**President's Report:** NYSCEA Letter to Board of Regents, March 05

Gail Kelly reported that the letter she and Dennis Tosetto wrote to Chancellor Robert M. Bennett, Board of Regents requesting that we participate in reviewing Model B and C applications, was approved.

**Past-President Report:** Bob Winchester. No report.

**Financial Update:** Anthony Mello (presented by Colleen Corsi )

Total Proposed expenditure 2005-2006 \$22,185.00

Investment Portfolio \$64,306.00

Bob Winchester made a motion to approve Financial Report, Grace Wilkie seconded it.

**Discussion:**

Joe Sugar explained that it was usual to transfer money from our investment portfolio for operating expenses.

Bob Winchester explained that it serves no good to build up funds in the investment account.

Robin Wheeler stated that it was not a good precedent to take money from investments.

She explained we had used the extra money for holding a special Middle School meeting to come up with a response to the Regents policy report.

The proposed 2005-2006 budget was passed.

**Standing Committee Reports**

Advocacy-Pat Barbanell

Alluded to all advocacy we did on middle Level

At this point we need to insure compliance with the new policy statement.

The Regs need to be re-written to be aligned with the new policy statement.

Pat noted that it was helpful that the terminology "Exploratory" subjects was changed to "non-tested" areas

SED Technology Advisor Committee's concern is to provide services to schools  
Looks to the future of technology in the schools  
They are looking for money  
They want to do research in the schools to find out the level of technology in the  
in the schools

Nominations-George Raneri

George distributed ballots with the names of each organization on them to the appropriate delegates.

George introduced the two candidates for President-Elect: Dennis Tosetto, NYS Middle School Association and Grace Wilkie, Association of Math Teachers of NYS

Grace spoke on her behalf and explained she::

- is an advocate for all subjects not just math
- was part of having NYSCEA a partner in decision making with SED
- wants us to be part of high school initiative

Dennis Tosetto distributed a statement about who he is as a professional practitioner and the positive direction he envisions for NYSCEA's future.

Bob Winchester, Past President, made a motion to approve the slate for President-Elect. Linda Traynor, NYS Assoc of Family & Consumer Science Educators, seconded the motion.

George Ranieri introduced Joan Davidson the incumbent candidate for Secretary. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor – there was none.

David Giannascoli, NY Counseling Association asked the President Gail Kelly to cast one vote for the Secretary Joan Davidson since she was an unopposed candidate. Kathy Mackey, NYS Association of School Nurses seconded it, The Secretary is at least a two year commitment.

George thanked Gail Kelly and Colleen Corsi for getting information distributed.

Delegates decided to tear off the organization names on their ballots so that their ballot was anonymous. Robin Wheeler, Business Manager and George Ranieri counted the ballots. The result: Dennis Tosetto was elected to be President-Elect – a six-year commitment.

Communications-Kathleen. DeKalb was absent. Gail Kelly reported on her behalf that she was working on a NYSCEA brochure.

Research and Development-Kelly Abiodun-Survey on State Assessments.

Kelly reported she collected all the surveys. She will continue with another survey for Math, English Reading and Social Studies

Membership-Bob Winchester

Bob Winchester introduced Carol Geddis, Director, Catholic School Administrators Association of NYS who spoke about her organization. Bob made a motion to approve the membership of Catholic School Administrators Association of NYS. seconded by David Giannascoli, NY Counseling Association

Ad Hoc & Special Committee Reports

Tax Exempt/Incorporation - Bob Winchester

Bob reported we are incorporated and are waiting for NYS approval of our tax-exempt status.

Middle Level - January 2005 NYSCEA letter-eva efron/Colleen Corsi

eva thanked people on her committee and was not sure where the committee was going from here. She did not know how SED wants us to participate in the middle school re-structuring process.

Board of Regents update: C.olleen Corsi

Regents unanimously approved Middle level policy in February.

Website: <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/>

Colleen asked people to e-mail things they want to have on the NYSCEA website. i.e. organization conference dates.

Grace Wilkie asked if NYSCEA delegates had any objections to her arranging for a link on the SED website to the NYSCEA list of Conference dates.

She explained the purpose of this plan:

- NYSCEA will gain recognition for activities it sponsors and recognition for the staff development provided by NYSCEA professional organizations.
- SED web visibility helps people see what we are doing and it helps us see what other people are doing.

Delegates agreed with Grace's plan.

Old Business:

Website -Colleen Corsi

The web was going along fine and she asked that new information be e-mailed to her.

New Business

Middle Level Association handbook for Grade 5 into Middle School

Dennis Tosetto presented an outline for a Handbook for Parents, sponsored by NYS

Middle School Association. The handbook explains to parents:

- what the SED says about middle schools
- what parents should expect from middle school
- how parents can participate in the middle school education of their children.

The purpose of the Handbook is: to provide a service for parents.

Dennis explained that NYSCEA had voted earlier to support the handbook and has offered to help with its distribution.

He explained that Reviewers names will be listed .

He indicated he would like to list the names of all of the NYSCEA affiliate organizations that would like to be included as supporting the parent handbook. At a future date, he will send out an email to all delegates asking them to formally indicate whether or not they approve having their respective organization listed

Introduction of our President-Elect

Gail Kelly introduced Colleen Corsi our President-Elect

Gail thanked Bob Winchester, Past President for his service to NYSCEA

Bob said being an officer in NYSCEA was a wonderful way to learn about education in NYS. Gail also thanked Secretary, Joan Davidson for her service to NYSCEA

Colleen described her primary focus:

- To examine what types of services NYSCEA could provide for the professional organizations and plan for these services.
- To continue to meet SED leadership and have an opportunity to dialogue with them.

Colleen distributed a sheet to be completed with the names of organization delegates and treasurer e-mails.

2005-2006 Meeting Dates

Dates for 2005-2006 meetings will be e-mailed. The 2005-2006 meetings will be at the Marriot and dates have still to be confirmed.

Officers: Summer retreat-planning for 2005-2006

Summer Retreat: Dates: Tuesday/Wednesday July 12, 13<sup>th</sup>

Little Falls (20 minutes from Utica)

David Giannacoli, NYS Counseling Association presented for NYSCEA approval:  
Position Paper Regarding Proposed Changes in NYSED Regulations on Regents Examinations.

Joan Davidson made a motion that a committee of NYSCEA be formed to work with David in writing his proposal. The motion was seconded by Bob Winchester.

Pat Barbanell made an amendment to Joan's motion: She move that we appoint a small group to form a committee to provide info or support for the position.

Bob Winchester seconded the amendment to the motion. Elizabeth Sheffer, NYS United Teachers called the question. The motion was defeated.

Grace Wilkie explained that every group has a right to present their point of view to the Regents. It does not have to have the stamp of approval by NYSCEA.

Pat Barbanell explained that it was important that the delegates be given ahead if time anything that requires NYSCEA approved.

Elizabeth Sheffer, NYS United Teachers reported on the new Regents Regulations.

- Regs 100.4 cover Grade 5-8

- Requirements for these grades remain the same. Each non-tested subject has a check-list.

- Home & Career Skills and Technology Education can be taught in Grade 5 if taught by a certified teacher.

- 100.3 Regulations cover Pre-K-4

See Board of Regents website for details

Dave Ford School Counseling Association

Looking for people interested in helping NYSSCA finalize a publication that will align and link the National School Counseling Standards with the NYS Learning Standards for the purpose of helping to train counselors more effectively work with students in meeting the learning standards through the counseling curriculum. Each content area of the Learning Standards will be aligned through a crosswalk document to be published by NYSSCA and hopefully utilized in the future training of graduate students in School Counseling as well as professional development for current counselors.

George Ranieri thanked past and new Leadership Board and moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Davidson, Secretary  
NYSCEA

Approved: Gail Kelly, President

Handouts distributed:

-Grace Wilkie's Data Sheet for Candidate for office of President-Elect NYSCEA

NYSCEA05 Business Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2005  
Submitted by Joan Davidson, NYCEA Secretary

- Dennis Tosetto's Data Sheet for Candidate for office of President-Elect NYSCEA
- Letter written by President-Elect candidate, Dennis Tosetto  
re: Professional background and vision for NYSCEA
- Financial report prepared by Tony Mello
- Position Paper regarding Proposed Changes in NYSED Regulation on Regents  
Examinations presented by David Giannacoli, NYS Counseling Association