

New York State Council of Educational Associations

October 3, 2008

Holiday Inn, Wolf Road, Albany, New York

Business Meeting Minutes

Review Minutes

Grace Wilkie, Association of Math Teachers of NYS moved to accept the Minutes. Elizabeth Sheffer, NYSUT seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted.

Opportunity for President-Elect candidates to address the Delegates

Both David Arnone, NYS Technology Education Association and Grace Wilkie, Association of Math Teachers of NYS, gave 10 minute presentations about who they are, their concerns, why they want the position of President-Elect and what they want to accomplish as a NYSCEA leader.

Advisory ballot vote and appointment made by NYSCEA President

George Raneri, Nominations Chair and Dennis Tosetto, President

George Ranieri explained that in May there will be again a vote for President-Elect. He explained that at this meeting, only delegates were permitted to vote and that each organization gets two votes.

George distributed a ballot to each of the participating delegates. Each officer had one vote.

Lunch

The result of the advisory vote was in favor of Grace Wilkie, Dennis officially appointed Grace Wilkie our President-Elect to complete the term of David Ford.

Summary report: NYSCEA's *Managing a Successful Association*

Summer program

Colleen Corsi, NYSCEA Past President

Managing a Successful Association was a day and a half workshop held at Turning Stone Resort and Convention Center. There were 29 participants representing 16 Associations.

Five Workshops were:

Workshops: NYSCEA. "Managing a Successful Association" Seminar

1. Association Leadership and Membership Services: What's the Connection?
2. The ABC's of Conference Site Selection
3. An Exciting Meeting/Conference Registration Service
4. Effective Advocacy Strategies
5. Grant Writing.

Theme: Strength from Within.

Planning group came up with things that could be used to help fulfill their leadership roles in their organizations.

The event was deemed a success based on the results of a survey e-mailed to all participants.

Summer 09 dates: Probably Friday, Saturday and Sunday in July

Conference Participants who were at the meeting comments:

Laura Bargstedt, Association of Continuing Education

One of the more valuable professional organization in the last five years. It was fabulous. Used the info immediately for her organization

Sue Hildebrandt, NYSCEA, Treasurer

This was the first conference in a long time that everything she heard was new to her. C-Vent for Conference Registration was helpful.

Dennis Tosetto, NYSCEA, President

The people who attended from the Middle School Association came back and said the information was excellent –it gave the group new energy and new ideas for the organization.

NYSCEA Website update Patricia Barbanell, NYSCEA Webmaster

Website is a work in progress. Pat showed what was included on the website

Website is for all, not only for NYSCEA members. More hits we get on the website, we have the basis for seeking advertisements.

Summary report: Middle Level Summit, Dennis Tosetto, President

Very successful. Everyone walked away thinking it was a great opportunity. Action plans were developed. There were approximately 60 participants. Summit will probably be done next year.

Focus was on including the Essential Elements in the educational program of all NYS Middle Schools as mandated by the Commissioner of Education.

Participants included: SED, Regent, Middle School Administrators. Teachers from a variety of subject areas, Legislative Offices, Governor's office, NYS Council of School Supervisors, School Boards Association and PTA.

Grace Wilkie mentioned that she learned that October is the Month of the Adolescent.

Treasurer's Report Sue Hildebrandt, Treasurer

Sue distributed Treasurer's Report and mentioned that we had \$3000 more than last year at this time.

Investment statement dates: end of August

George Ranieri made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Eva Effron seconded the motion.

Membership update**Robin Wheeler, Executive Manager**

Thanked people for the cards and calls. She is doing well now.

All groups have paid except six.

People who have not registered need to make sure she knows they are coming.

Colleen is membership chair. Robin asked that people let her or Colleen know of organizations who may like to join NYSCEA.

Pat Barbanell, New York State Art Teachers Association—People need to get Dennis a statement before the meeting, if they want to present a position to NYSCEA delegates.

Grace Wilkie. Re: Appeals Process. SED staff were not able to answer the questions. These were the questions that were tabled at the last meeting

Questions:

1. Have districts used the appeal system?
 1. Where does one get the form prescribed by the commissioner to submit to the student's school principal? (We found the form for 05-06 school year but could not find the new version ... it also has the regents exams of Math A and Math B)
 2. Has it been successful?
 3. Have there been any difficulties?
 4. Have there been any legal petitions against the district (superintendent) for denying a student graduation upon an unsuccessful appeal?
2. Have there been any comparisons from one district to another?
3. Is information about the number of requests for appeals and its success rate on an SED site?
4. Are there any exemplars on an SED site?
5. Does the appeal system change the validity of graduation?

We are aware that the appeal process is found at: SECTION 100.5

www.emsc.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005c.html - (2007-05-17)

and that a past form can be found at: <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/sar/appeal05-06.pdf>

Dennis thanked all who worked to make NYSCEA successful, especially the Executive Board members.

Pat Barbanell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by George Ranieri.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Davidson
NYSCEA, Secretary

Approved: Dennis Tosetto, President

