

NYSCEA
BUSINESS MEETING
AGENDA

Friday, February 4, 2005 1 PM
Shaker Room at the Best Western

Call to Order: Gail Kelly, NYSCEA President

Roll Call: Joan Davidson, Secretary

Motion to approve October 14, 2004 minutes

Kathy Mackay, NYS Association of School Nurses suggested one change p.5

re: NYS Association of School Nurses

Replace-..... the law that governs schoolhouse services with
..... the law that governs school health services.

Motion to approve Minutes was made by Grace Wilkie and seconded by George Ranieri

Officer reports:

President's Report: Gail Kelly

Civics Education Summit

NYSCEA was not selected to attend the 2nd Congressional Congress held in Washington D.C. meeting.

A grant was received in the amount of \$20,000 to develop a scope and sequence for a Civic Education. The name of the Civics Education Consortium has been changed to the NYS Consortium of Civic Learning and will be using the Civics Education national website. The focus of the group will be Professional Development.

George Gregory is now in charge of research and the website.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Anthony Mello

Gail Kelly introduced Anthony Mello, our new treasurer, and he distributed:

-New York State Council of Education Association Projected Budget 2004-2005.

He included accepted accounting codes in anticipation of filing a 501C3 T900 form.

-NYSCEA Expense Report July 1,2004 – December 31, 2004

Standing Committee Reports

Advocacy-Pat Barbanell -deferred to Middle Level report

Nominations-George Raneri

Colleen explained that we need time at May meeting for anyone to speak on behalf of their candidacy.

Nomination will be accepted from the floor pending written approval from their organization re: our constitution

President-Elect is a 6-year commitment

Secretary is a two-year commitment and can be re-elected

This year dues must have been paid by January 1, 2005 to qualify to vote in the May election.

George suggested the Constitution should be reviewed: re: p.4 section 4.

Section 4: Dues shall be payable as of July 1 and shall be deemed delinquent if not paid

by the date of the fall delegate Assembly.

- a. Delinquent organizations shall not be entitled to voting rights.
- b. Organizations in arrears for the past year's dues will not be allowed to sit and vote at the Fall Delegate's Assembly. All dues MUST be paid by October 1st (passed 12/92)
- c. Current years' dues must be paid by January 1 in order for an organization to sit and vote at the Winter and Spring Delegate Assembly meeting.

George explained that the Nomination form must have the signature of both the Nominee and the President of the Association and be postmarked by April 15th. Nominations will be accepted from the floor pending approval by the president of the nominees association.

Robin Wheeler reported that two groups have not paid and are not eligible to vote:
NYS Federation of School Administrators and
NYS Science Education Leadership Association
Gail reported that the NYS Special Educators have disbanded

Communications-Kathy DeKalb

Gail reported Kathy is working on a brochure that she will tell us about in May.

Research and Development-Kelly Abiodun-survey on state assessment,

Background: A survey of people's concerns about the new State Assessments was distributed February 2004 and mailed to the delegates. There were few responses. The survey and questionnaire was distributed again at the October 2004 meeting.

Kelly's report

As of this date the survey has been answered by all but 5 disciplines. These groups have been mailed the survey and once results are collected Kelly will determine which areas/disciplines will have an individual survey on their assessments. She will report back at the May meeting with this information and sample surveys.

Membership-Bob.Winchester – no report

Ad Hoc & Special Committee Reports

Tax Exempt/Incorporation update-Bob Winchester

NYSCEA is now incorporated. The State has yet to approve our tax-exempt status.

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

eva reported that Dennis Tosetto, Colleen Corsi and Pat Barbanell wrote a response to the Regents in the name of NYSCEA. Dennis suggested each of us make phone calls to our own Regents, stating our organization, to affirm the NYSCEA response. .

Call must be made by Monday, February 7th. Calls to be made to David Johnson, Secretary of the Board of Regents. (518) 474-5889

Board of Regents update: Colleen Corsi

Colleen attends the meeting and focuses on the Middle Level discussion. Regent Tallon and Dawson spoke against moving forward. Regents voted not to move forward. Minutes of the Regents meeting are on the NYSCEA website.

Old Business:

Website –Colleen Corsi

Encouraged participants to visit and check their organization link on the NYSCEA website.

S/CDN updates –Robin Wheeler

There will be a meeting in March.

New Business:

Conference Updates for website: Colleen Corsi asked participants to e-mail her the dates and site of their State Association Conference.

Grace Wilkie suggested we create an ad hoc committee for the High School. A paper was passed around for people to add their names if they want to participate on the high school committee.

Bob Winchester made a Motion that the President draft a letter requesting that NYSCEA and the appropriate professional associations be involved in all the peer review processes associated with the middle school review. Chuck Goodwin seconded motion. Delegates approved motion.

eva efron volunteered the Middle School committee to develop the letter.

Dennis Tosetto asked that we re-affirm the Middle School committee. He explained that there must be articulation between the high school and middle school committee. Gail reaffirmed the middle school committee.

Joe Sugar, NYS School Music Association, invited us all to attend a reception honoring the 2004 All-State students Monday, March 14th 6-8pm at the empire State Plaza, Albany, NY in Room 6. There will be entertainment by the All-State Vocal & Instrumental Jazz ensembles.

Ideas to think about:

Bob Winchester suggested NYSCEA develop strategies for how high school changes should be approached.

Joe Sugar, NYS School Music Association, suggested that for the Fall NYSCEA meeting we focus on high school issues and invite speakers other than SED staff.

Sherry Gibbons, NYS Council for Social Studies, requested that NYSCEA put pressure on districts to recognize that association conferences are viable for professional development. She asked if other associations were experiencing lower participation at their conferences.

Grace Wilkie responded that Districts could add the association conferences in their professional development plan.

Elizabeth Sheffer, NYSUT reported that they are looking to partner with professional organizations to co-sponsor their conferences with them.
There will be a NYSUT Professional Development conference in 2006 not in 2005.

Marc Greene, NYS Council of Administrators Music Education, suggested we start locally to get more people involved on the State level. He cited example of music and art local association groups.

Colleen Corsi wanted to put together information what each organization does. Perhaps Associations could present a power point presentation.

Grace Wilkie suggested delegates see if there is an interest in their associations to have representation in NYSCEA for Common Branch Teachers.

Robin Young –School Library Systems Association of NYS, Inc.

Suggested to Elizabeth Sheffer, NYSUT that NYSUT hold regional professional development conferences for a day so it wouldn't be too far away.

Library holds retreats during the summer to meet with nationally known people.

Districts will cover that because teachers will not be losing classroom time.

Dennis Tosetto suggested we have an E-News from NYSCEA to keep people informed about what associations are doing.

Pat Barbanell suggested we schedule 45 minutes at our next meeting.

Kathy Mackay, NYS Association of School Nurses, thanked NYSCEA for writing a letter to support the reinsertion of the following sentence in Article 19 of SED law: A school nurse must be a registered professional nurse. With the help of Assemblywoman Amy Paulin and Assemblyman Richard N. Gottfried the amendment was written and submitted to the Assembly.

Next Business Board Meeting is May 13, 2005

Motion to Adjourn

George Raneri made motion seconded by Edee Tenser

Respectfully submitted by

Joan Davidson, Secretary.

Approved by: Gail Kelly, President