

New York State Council of Educational Associations

Friday, May 2, 2008

Empire Room
Marriott Hotel, Wolf Road
Albany, New York

Business Meeting Minutes

Welcome

Dennis Tosetto

Approval of October 2007 minutes

Joan Davidson

Changes: Joan explained that Sue Hildebrandt is now Treasurer. (p.1)

Colleen explained that the NYSCEA conference Registration is \$120 including dinner, breakfast and lunch.

Edie Tenser made a motion to approve the minutes with changes.

George Ranieri seconded the motion

President elect Vacancy

Dennis Tosetto

Dennis asked George Raneri to read Article IV Vacancies from the NYSCEA Constitution.

Section 1. Succession to Office

The rules of succession shall apply in this order, to the office of President-elect, President and Immediate Past President. The President shall upon completing this term of office, succeed to the office of President and the President shall, in like manner succeed to the office of Immediate Past President.

Section 2. Vacancy in Office

Vacancy in office shall be filled by appointment by the President with the approval of the Executive Board and the Delegate Assembly at the next meeting of the Council. The rules of succession shall apply to the offices of President and President elect. If a vacancy shall occur in the office of President elect, Secretary or Treasurer, the president shall appoint an eligible Delegate to serve the unexpired term with the approval of the Executive Board.

Dennis will ask delegates to guide him at our Fall meeting by giving the delegates an opportunity to recommend a choice of the President elect candidates by holding an advisory vote of the delegates who are present. He will then follow the suggestion from the delegates regarding who to appoint. He indicated that this process will fulfill the requirements of the constitution. He will invite all the candidates to participate in all leadership activities that occur before the vote. Delegates agreed with this plan.

Dennis asked that people who are interested in the position notify George Raneri one week from today (by May 9th). The Nomination Form will be put on the website and list serve by George Raneri and Colleen Corsi. George is to give notice of this process to the delegates using a NYSCEA listserv.

Use by member organizations of “Take One” table:

Any additional suggestions, thoughts or concerns?

Dennis Tosetto

Dennis urged people to bring information to share. There was general agreement that this was a useful process.

NYSUT update :

Elizabeth Sheffer described the materials she brought for the “Take One” Table

Materials:

1. **Educator’s Voice**, NYSUT Journal of Best Practices in Education

Early Literacy, The Foundation for All Learning

Pat Barbanell and Joan Davidson each have an article in the journal.

2. The new NYSUT sponsored journal, Connect-Ability. It is written by general education students and students with disabilities. It brings these students together to learn about and from each other. If you are interested in having your students write, there is contact information in the journal.

3. The ever popular, updated, 2008 NYSUT Resource CD. All the latest links to SED sites including assessments, curriculum, VESID, and office of teaching. Included are links to NYSUT developed documents, special education, and certification.

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(ELA) standards review will have more teachers on the panel.

(NYSED) is working on breaking down the silos. Interested in making a document that is teacher and student friendly

Check website Howard Goldsmith gave in his report: <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/standardsreview/>

(NYSED) is looking at the 2005 ELA core curriculum

The update will be a much cleaner and user-friendly document..

It will be a more integrated document concerned with the whole child.

Grace Wilkie, Association of Math Teachers of NYS

Is NYSUT looking at National Standards in their ELAC Standards review?

Elizabeth

Yes. We are looking at the materials from other states.

NYSCEA Meeting Site and Dates

Dennis Tosetto

Still negotiating with the Marriot and the Holiday Inn (formerly the Turf). This hotel is located a few blocks away from the Marriot)

Will be trying to negotiate this afternoon with the Marriot. At this time they are about \$500 higher per meeting than the Holiday Inn and the Holiday In offers free internet connections to all who attend.

Discussion on the use of NYSCEA's two new listservs: thoughts, suggestions, questions, or concerns?

Dennis Tosetto

There were no specific comments from the delegates relating to the listservs.

**NYSCEA summer seminar: "Managing a Successful Association:
A professional Association roundtable"**

Colleen Corsi

Colleen reported that to date: Two paid Registrants.

Colleen distributed a form asking people the number of people who will be attending from their organization.

HelmsleyBriscoe asked Colleen to ask which organizations changed their Conference site annually?

Response: 14 change their Conference site annually. (Out of 30).

NYSCEA Elections

George Raneri, Nominations Chair

Grace Wilkie made a motion to accept nomination of Sue Hildebrand for Treasurer 2008-2010

Vivian Pokrzak, Science Teachers Association of NYS seconded motion

Secretary cast one ballot for Sue Hildebrandt to be NYSCEA Treasurer for 2008 – 2010

Break

NYSCEA paper under development regarding non-tested areas

David Arnone and Vivian Pokrzak

Hand-outs: **"Thoughts for Jim Viola"**

A Whole New Mind by Daniel Pink overview

David Arnone, Technology Education Association distributed a document developed based on responses from NYSCEA members. He cited the importance of learning and innovation skills, and technology skills. He presented information from Daniel Pink and Tom Friedman's "The World is Flat" He suggested we review the Partnership for 21st century skills on website. Value what kids need to know and be able to do.

France Rusello, School Library Media Section of the NYLA

Would like document to be broader to represent more groups sitting at our table

Re: Information Literacy and reference to the Arts.

Pat Barbanell, New York State Art Teachers Association

Family and Careers should be included.

People need to respond to David with their suggestions by May 15th:

Will go out on NYSCEA@NYSMSA.org

Edie Tenser, NYS English Council, volunteered to edit the paper

Joel Ratner, NYS Council of Administrators of Music Education (NYSCAME)

Need to mention working across the curriculum.

Asked what do we want to do working along with SED to make a change?
Dave Arnone asked Joel to list action steps

Edie Tenser, NYS English Council suggested a meeting at the end of the meeting.
Agreed that we should add action steps -what we can do with SED.

Grace Wilkie, Association of Mathematics Teachers of NYS

Recommended:

1. Number the paragraphs.
2. Re-number as follows: #1, 2, 4, 5, 3
3. Eliminate #6 because it is too specific, MST and CDOS should not be integrated and does not deal with the non-tested areas.
4. At the end of paragraph #3 add "is our ultimate goal."
5. Recommended that paragraph 1-5 talk about whole child

David Arnone, Technology Education Association
responded that he would not eliminate paragraph #6.

Robin Young, School Library Media Section of NYLA and School Library Systems Association of NYS
Agrees that paragraph #6 does not include all the non-tested areas and should not be written with such specifics.

David Arnone, Technology Education Association
Wants to add standards that are not now listed in his paper.

Susie Stoller, NYS Social Workers Association
Emotional child has to be included.

David Ford, NYSCEA President-elect
Who will be the signer of the letter?
David Arnone response: The letter will be from the NYSCEA President

Dennis Tosetto, NYSCEA, President
Non-tested areas because they do not have anything formal, like tests, students are pulled out of those areas. He suggested we need to add recommendations to the report.
We need to get a lot of data of what is really going on.
We have to see if people are working together.

Pat Barbanell, New York State Art Teachers Association.
It is important that SED see that NYSCEA believes that the program NYSCEA is suggesting is inclusive of all the standard areas.

Dennis Tosetto, NYSCEA, President
Quality of instruction contributes to the effectiveness of a school's overall program. We need to change how we do business and ensure that we use best practices so that students learn more efficiently and effectively and thereby require significantly less remedial support. Significantly less

remedial support will do much to eliminate the need to take students out of required classes so they can receive remedial assistance.

Joel Ratner, NYS Council of Administrators of Music Education

We need to get quick data-perceptions of people out there. Hard data can change every week and takes a long time to collect. SED needs to regulate its own regulations. The arts do not need the same type of assessment as do other areas.

Dennis Tosetto, NYSCEA, President

To Pat Barbanell, explained that he believes if the Arts develop a formal assessment process (not a test), non-tested subject areas will then be more equally recognized and therefore these subjects will likely rise in perceived importance by those who support pulling students out of classrooms where “non-tested” instruction occurs.

Laura Miller, SED Liaison

This is not, just a Jim Viola letter. This is a Regents appointed committee.

Decision makers are the Board of Regents, Commissioner, Johanna Duncan-Poitier

Joe Frey, Jean Stevens, Sheila Evans Trannum

She suggested that the top part of letter be sent to Jim Viola and the Standards part, sent to Howard Goldsmith.

Laura Miller, SED Liaison explained that Jim Viola likes to see action steps. The things that will help us are.....

For example: How many people participated in the SQR conferences in your districts.

These best practices that NYSCEA supports are....

It is important to provide the feedback to Jim that concerns his work.

Laura suggested that the Johanna Duncan-Poitier paragraph close the report.

Laura suggested that Joe Frey, Higher Ed, speak to NYSCEA

Brian Oaks, NYS Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

We have to respond to SED people with what they want to know.

We have to be more specific or general in our groups such as mandating testing.

David Arnone, explained that he would rather be more specific.

Elizabeth Sheffer, NYSUT

Effective way to communicate with SED is to:

- state the issue, and give recommendations.
- Letter to go to Johanna with a cc: to Associate Commissioners.

Colleen Corsi, NYSCEA, Past President

Suggested we consider sending the letter to the Chancellor of the Board of Regents, cc to the Commissioner and other people. Colleen explained that we sometimes do not recognize who we are and the level we are working at.

Dennis Tosetto explained that Regent Bennett lives close to him and he could ask him to come to discuss issues at a NYSCEA meeting. There was a consensus that this was a good idea.

Discussion: Appeal Process for Regents grades: what do we know? What do we need to know? What are we doing in schools across the state?

Grace Wilkie

Hand-outs:

-Appeal Process for Graduation

- **Appeal Forms:** Appeal to Graduate with a Lower Score on a Regents Examination Form 2005-2006

Grace Wilkie, Association of Mathematics Teachers

asked if anyone has done the process? David Ford went through the process. David initiated the process for his student. He tried to find students who were eligible for the process. No one in his district knew about this Appeal process

Grace requested that we have David Abrams at the meeting or a representative to explain the Appeal process. She then requested we table the discussion until we find out more information.

Suzi Stoller, NYS School Social Workers Association, suggested the school counselors need more information about it.

George Raneri, NYSCEA Nomination Chairperson

Asked Laura Miller, SED Liaison, Do you think it would be worthwhile for Dennis to invite a Regent to show them who or what we are doing in order to have a discussion/conversation with him/her.

Laura Miller, SED Liaisons

Suggested we invite the Chancellor and he can delegate someone to come. We can direct them to our website. Explain why you are inviting him

Dennis Tosetto, NYSCEA, President

Suggested Grace Wilkie write a draft of a letter to SED. Elizabeth Sheffer, NYSUT, will work on including the appeal process in a NYSUT mailing. Grace will work with Laura Miller, SED Liaison and send an e-mail to David Abrams re: to have a representative speak about the appeals process.

David Arnone., Technology Education Association

Suggested we have a Principal at a NYSCEA meeting who has gone through the process.

NYSCEA website update

Dennis Tosetto and Pat Barbanell

Pat volunteered to begin to develop the website. The bottom line we are going to try to pretty it up and set it up with a Calendar of Events for the entire year. We are moving in the area of getting corporate sponsors to pay for a Web Master. Pat will begin working on it as a volunteer. Carol Geddis, Catholic Teachers Association has also volunteered to work on the website.

Website will be at no additional cost to member organizations.

For now, Joan Davidson will give the approved May meeting Minutes to Pat to put on the NYSCEA Website.

Financial and budget update

Sue Hildebrandt

Suggested we have this report earlier in the meeting. Explained we did not have to transfer money out of our investments. Joan made a motion to approve the 2008-2009 budget. George Ranieri seconded the motion. Budget for 2008-09 passed unanimously.

New Business

Adjourn

Pat Barbanell made a motion to adjourn at 3:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Davidson
NYSCEA, Secretary

Approved by Dennis Tosetto, NYSCEA President