

Eastern Section Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 4-4-17

5 PM

Siena Hall 117

Attendance: Katy Perry, Elisabeth Milot, Josh Conway, Elaine Jetty, Arden Rauch, Christine Stankavich, Fran Lohnes, Becky Remis, Seema Rivera, Laura VanGlad, Deb Mabey, Leigh Feguer, Fred Pidgeon, Jennifer Gecewicz,

Absent: Joan Wagner, Steve Fielman, Pat Price, Ted Simons, Maria Russo, Paul Nooney, Poul Carstens, Paul Levin, Ron Geuther, Tony Malikowski, Bill Brown, Lorenz Herrmann, Tom Shiland, Joan Wagner, Kelly Ryan,

Meeting called to order 5:10PM

Minutes from last meeting (March):

- Approve minutes as written, motioned by Arden and seconded by Becky all in favor

Financial Report:

- **Balance:**The current balance is \$6612.45
- Elaine Jetty needs presenter gifts for the next 2 years, request to spend up to 800 dollars
- Motioned by Katy and Jenn G. second the motion, All in favor

Section activities:

Current Topics:

- ★ **April 8- Lab Day** at South Colonie. Emails should have been received for people who registered, sign up via my Learning plan. Starts at 8AM
 - Bring t-shirts to conference to sell them. Becky will bring them, someone else needs to sell them
 - Questions? Send Tom an email
- **Elections**
 - Need to send a Paper ballot to people who don't have listed email
 - Also need paper ballot for people whose email is always bounced back
- **State Conference Proposals**
 - Due May 15th due
 - The *strand idea* is still being pursued
- **May Directors' meeting (Kate needs a sub...)**
 - Any issues that need to be brought up?
 - Elections, why can't we get the state to handle elections?
 - The state may not be able to handle the load

- **Meetings 5/23- Siena Hall Rm 217**
 - We don't have a June meeting yet, need an idea for date and dinner location
 - June 13 is first Regent's exam,
 - June 6th is a possibility

Reports:

- ❖ **SAR Chemistry – Bill Brown**
 - ❖ Has been working
 - ❖ He is doing Chemistry in the Elementary Classroom as SAR workshop
 - ❖ Completed a 1 hour chemistry club with 1st graders
 - ❖ Looking for connections for new exhibitors for Siena Conference
 - ❖ Lake George is looking for Middle School science teacher
 - ❖ Borax is good material for cleaning oil residue in glass containers
- ❖ **SAR College/Pre-service – Seema Rivera-**
 - No SAR news
 - Jobs are being posted, share with Seema to send graduating students
 - Students need observation placements, contact Seema
- ❖ **SAR Earth Science – Laura VanGlad-**
 - Working on presentation at Rochester
 - Signed up for sessions at LAB Day
 - Earth science SARs are working together to do presentation, for the strand
 - Attended a workshop at school, very productive
- ❖ **SAR Elementary – Poul Carstensen Sr. –**
 - Katy's school, Robert C. Parker, is hiring a math teacher, share
 - We have a Facebook Page
 - Katy will step in as elementary SAR
 - Will be presenting at Elem. SAR, something in genetics, based on new standards
 - Still looking for ELL? Sped SAR
- ❖ **SAR Environmental Science- Deb Mabey-**
 - Has been attending a lot of different things
 - Has been working on workshop for STANYS
 - Has a great earth science workshop/tectonic plates
 - Tree rings- going back in history is something she has been looking at
 - RPI professors come to her school, and want people to have a voice. Students are presenting at the Sanctuary in Troy next month to tell their story/pollution in Hoosick Falls
 - Check out the Sanctuary in Troy - connection to environmental issues, toxic soil, etc.
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- ❖ **SAR Informal Science- Joan Wagner – abs**
 - Science and engineering fair went well
- ❖ **SAR Intermediate – Jennifer Gecewicz-**
 - Planning a workshop on photosynthesis for Rochester

- Doing a Zoom meeting with other SARS to plan for Institute Session at Rochester
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- ❖ **SAR Living Environment – Kelly Ryan abs**
 - ❖ Presenting as part of Biology Institute at state conference

- ❖ **SAR Physics/STEM – Tony Malikowski abs**

- ❖ **Arden Rauch Science Matters**
 - Is inundating people with information
 - Keep it coming
 - Deb Mabey had positive experience with one of the offerings sent by Arden
 - Deb asked that any information on grants is forwarded, especially elem. programs

- ❖ **SAR Retirees – Christine Stankavich:**
 - ❖ Presenting with Barb P. again
 - ❖ Participating in the Strand
 - ❖ CTLE workshop checklist needs to be posted
 - ❖ March for Science in Albany **Earth Day April 22 , no need to go to DC, it is local, a lot of reps.**

- ❖ **Membership - Becky Remis-**
 - 187 members, up by 33 from last year at this time
 - Section is being helped by group membership/joint NSTA sign-up membership
 - How can Master Teacher be recruited to be STANYS members?
 - Contact Becky with questions about membership data
 - Anyone interested in being membership chair?

- ❖ **Newsletter - Elisabeth Milot-**
 - Newsletter in summer...before June when people are still in school
 - Mid-May Article deadline **5-23-17**
 - **Should have proposal form, SAVE the DATE**
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- ❖ **Web Master - Elisabeth Milot:**
 - Needs to be updated!
 - Calendar?
 - Need a motion to purchase subscription “Wild Apricot” software to connect members/organize members
 - Fred motioned to spend up to 500 dollars per year to purchase subscription and Fran seconded it, all in favor
 - Josh volunteered to take over website and take on the job of webmaster

Eastern Section Programs:

Professional Development

PUB Series

- *Run-off into Mohawk River*
 - Barbara Brabetz
 - April 27th in Cobleskill
 - Last event was well received, and well attended, despite snow issue
- ❖ Lab Day

Student Involvement Focus-

Common Core/NGSS Update/Questions (SLOs, APPRs,etc):

Fred Pidgeon reported that he is a member of a STEM conference group. Fred will write blurb for the newsletter to provide more information

Katy reported that she had lots of good conversation working at State ED for 2 days. Katy reported that she has been working to get STANYS and BOCES working together, to get on MY Learning Plan and CTLE credit. If you are interested as a “test writer” applications are available on the website. Teacher Participating opportunities..Ed department. Certification at the middle level has been discussed. 32 credits required (30 credits in that discipline) to be certified.

The new director Amanda Zullo has been looking at the certification process

Ideas and comments? Send it to State ED. Check your Twitter account - Amanda Zullo

NGSSPhenomena.com good site for ideas. Amplify Learning and engageNY are good resources to help people with new standards

New standards are rolling out and new testing will roll out in 2019 (maybe) maybe 3 dimensional testing

Motion to adjourn by ____ and seconded by _____. All in favor.

Next Meeting: 5-7pm,

- May 23