

## Eastern Section Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 2-6-17

5PM

**Attendance:** Katy Perry, Elisabeth Milot, Jennifer Gecewicz, Josh Conway, Leigh Feguer, Kelly Ryan, Tom Shiland, Elaine Jetty, Deb Mabey,

**Absent:** Fran Lohnes, Becky Remis, Joan Wagner, Steve Fielman, Pat Price, Ted Simons, Maria Russo, Paul Nooney, Poul Carstens, Paul Levin, Ron Geuther, Tony Malikowski, Arden Rauch, Bill Brown, Laura VanGlad, Christine Stankavich, Fred Pidgeon, Seema Rivera, Lorenz Herrmann,

Introduced ourselves to Josh Conway and Leigh Feguer, who are interested in taking over the PubScience planning and EventBrite notification

### Minutes from last meeting:

#### Financial Report:

- **Balance:**The current balance is **\$7,048.94**
- \$ 64 dollars from Clinton's Ditch Dinner donation/collection

### Section activities:

#### Lab Day April 8th

@Colonie HS

- **3 sessions (3x8 for 24 sessions) 6 session in each discipline approx. 45 min.**
- Looking to see how CTLE credit can be provided
- Looking for presenters, with a rich program
- Criteria - hands-on
- Keynote speaker - on beer making Kurt Borchart (Sp) Artisanal Brewing
- Double sessions can be offered, but not ideal
- **Forward Tom's email to membership, Science Matters**
- Have people at event become STANYS members - solicit actively
- Sell t-shirts at event, have banner up
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- **Siena Conference:** Save the Date October 13th, 2017
- **Rochester** Annual Conference November 4-6, 2017

### Ideas:

- Can a software program be utilized to increase membership, synch webpages, events, etc.
- Can we create a scholarship to send a teacher to the conference from our section?
- Can we have a competition, drawing for members to be enticed to become members
- Incentives for people to become member - get membership dues reimbursed if selected
- What can we do to drive membership?
- Find a way to highlight a section member - have in newspaper, website, etc.

- Award a member, etc.

**Elections: Send out to general membership - always looking for people to take on more of a leadership role, so if you are interested....**

- Elisabeth will take on Secretary if no one is interested in the position
- If you are interested in running for office please contact Katy Perry
- The offices are:
  - Chair
  - Vice-Chair
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Directors

**SAR Reports:**

**SAR Chemistry** – Bill Brown

**SAR College/Pre-service** - Seema Rivera:

**SAR Earth Science** – Laura VanGlad-

**SAR Elementary** – Poul Carstensen Sr.

**SAR Environmental Science**- Deb Mabey

- 5 counties- Envirothon is early May and information will be forwarded soon.
- A former student is working at DEC and sending Deb information
- It's been around for a long time
- Master Teachers - a new round is starting

**SAR Informal Science**- Joan Wagner

- Need volunteers for the science fair
- Please announce that the science fair is March 18 and I need volunteers for the following:
- Morning: help with Registration and give out lunches at 11:30.
- Morning: help with safety check and keep everyone out of rooms except judges starting at 8:30
- Afternoon: help with awards. I need someone to sit in judge's quarters and record winners on a chart I will prepare on their laptop computer. I also need someone to record the junior winners in the operation room and someone to record down on cards a hard copy of the winner. I provide the cards.

**SAR Intermediate** – Jennifer Gecewicz

- Will be attending the SAR/DAL day
- Will be looking at presenting at Lab Day
- Attended a ELL conference at questar ELL/science collaboration and very informative

### **SAR Living Environment – Kelly Ryan**

- Can't be at SAR meeting, Elisabeth will substitute
- RSVP should be sent to Ken Huff
- Worked at State Ed last week
- Amanda Zullo has taken Will Jaacks position
- Test owners say field testing would be a one year turnaround
- No curriculum/assessment decisions have been made
- NY cannot be part of the 14 state consortium who adopted the new standards, because NY changed the standards
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### **SAR Physics/STEM – Tony Malikowski**

### **SAR Retirees – Christine Stankavich**

### **Science Matters - Arden Rauch:**

### **Membership - Becky Remis**

- 185 members

### **Newsletter - Elisabeth Milot:**

- Flyer with info needs to be mailed out
- Lab Day
- Election
- Facebook

### **Web Master - Elisabeth Milot**

- FaceBook - Jenn is in charge, looking for new members to join group

### **ELL SAR**

**Motion to adjourn by Jenn and seconded by Elaine. All in favor.**

### **Next Meeting: 5-7pm,**

- March 13,
- April 4, and
- May 23