

Eastern Section Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 5-23-17

5 PM

Siena Hall 217

Attendance: Katy Perry, Elisabeth Milot, Josh Conway, Christine Stankavich, Fran Lohnes, Becky Remis, Leigh Feguer, Colette McCarthy, Kelly Ryan, Bill Brown, Deb Mabey, Tom Shiland, Laura VanGlad, Jennifer Gecewicz,

Absent: Joan Wagner, Steve Fielman, Pat Price, Ted Simons, Maria Russo, Paul Nooney, Poul Carstens, Paul Levin, Ron Geuther, Tony Malikowski, Lorenz Herrmann, Elaine Jetty, Arden Rauch, Seema Rivera, Fred Pidgeon,

Meeting called to order - 5:20 PM

Minutes from last meeting (April):

- Motion to approve by Christine Stankavich and seconded by Bill Brown.

Financial Report:

- \$6622.45 - current balance

Section activities:

Current Topics:

- **June Meeting** - Thursday, June 15th may be best date, needs to be confirmed at Muscatiello in East Greenbush. Other options may need to be considered.
- **Summer PD?** Are we still interested in offering something for our members?
 - Becky offered to take a group to Howe's cavern, quarry.... If people are interested
 - Paul Anderson's workshop just opened
 - Suny Cobleskill has awesome agricultural program (sustainability) that may be open to teachers - could we create a summer Pub Series/field trip?
- **Newsletter articles** - due today, May 23rd
 - Need to send out **Call for presenters** for fall session
 - Master Teacher sessions
 - Summaries end of school year
 - Think about Siena - advertise it in newsletter
 - Make sure you talk about implementing standards, etc
- **Reflections on April 8- lab Day at Colonie** -
 - Workshops were good
 - No shirts were sold
 - Sign-up was confusing
 - Would be cool to have elementary offerings
- **Election Results**
 - Election results were received
 - 40 ballots were cast

- State Conference Proposals
- Hopefully all were submitted

Reports:

- SAR Chemistry – Bill Brown- will not be part of elementary institute, but will work on workshop for elementary science at Rochester. Looking for volunteers to see if others are interested in making elem. WS
- SAR College/Pre-service – Seema Rivera
- **SAR Earth Science** – Laura VanGlad Has submitted proposal to Rochester, is part of the institute
 - Went to last pub Science, very good. Started doing research/collaborate with Dr. Iggy Gillette-Ferguson on ticks
 - SAR Elementary – Katy will take over the SAR position of Poul Carstensen Sr.
- **SAR Environmental Science**- Deb Mabey- Submitted proposal - will share Workshop with another teacher, energy systems
 - Water conference in Bennington College, last weekend. Their website allows for great data on PFOA. <http://www.bennington.edu/search?search=pfoa> Also Hoosick Falls High School website has groundwater/PFOA info on website: http://www.hoosickfallscsd.org/?page_id=2124
 - Judith Enck, retired from the EPA is now doing lectures/twitter
 - Rob Billot - told his involvement with PFOA lawsuit.
 - Climate Change Conference weekend in Ballston SPA
 - Going to Cincinnati to grade AP exams
 - Will do summer program, Summer STEM research, through Questar III at RPI
 - Loves EDU Breakout boxes, highly recommends its use
- SAR Informal Science- Joan Wagner
- **SAR Intermediate** – Jennifer Gecewicz has signed up to do a workshop with Cinnamon Marchione, another intermediate SAR, in the Intermediate Institute. The session will be on Claims-Evidence-Reasoning.
Went to Google Summit over past weekend, they have all things Google
Google Earth - connect with National Geographic's, explorations and voyages
Nasa Program Sofia presentation and tie in to Google hangout to communicate with scientists
- **SAR Living Environment** – Kelly Ryan
 - Bio Institute CER tying it to Bio PLT
 - Participated in blood pressure study, data is being compiled, about 2800 participants
 - Summer - will be going to Paul Anderson WS
 - Going to Buffalo for workshop - Mining Big Data, and Medicine and You are two of the WS she will look at
 - Will work at state this summer
- **SAR Physics/STEM** – Tony Malikowski
- **SAR Retirees** – Christine Stankavich
 - Went to board meeting

- Will not be presenting at Rochester
- Will work table and be conference assistant
- Joan Wagner had an article "Letter to the Editor" in the Schenectady Gazette
- **Science Matters** - Arden Rauch
- **Membership** - Becky Remis
 - 176 paying members, 185 members total
 - Looking at data:
 - Second highest by section (Suffolk section higher)
 - First section based on due paying category
 - We have a list of lapsed members and members have received notice
 - In the past 16 years STANYS membership has decreased drastically
 - Going to summer Institute ACC
 - Going to Pub Series
 - 2 Astronomy things - Dudley Observatory was at Schalmont today. Dudley received grant to train teachers to safely look at solar eclips
 - Rose Hochmuth will be retiring this year. Eagle scout will create human sundial, in courtyard. calculations are difficult. Science dept. paid for someone to generate the exact planning - Sun Clocks in N. America. Contact Becky for more information
 - No longer DAL, may not be teaching Earth Science, will be teaching Biology, Human Bio and labs
 - Has been chosen to receive award for Outstanding Earth Science Teacher Award for NYS by Nat. Association of Geoscience - CONGRATULATIONS!
- **Newsletter** - Elisabeth Milot- Get the articles to Elisabeth ASAP
- **Web**- Josh Conway
 - Newsletter archive will be hosted by Wild Apricot
 - Voting can be handled by Wild Apricot
 - Site is live, not finished
 - Old site has been mined
 - We need content on the site - Google form will be sent out to ask people for a quote, "Why STANYS is so great!" and a picture
 - Site - featured member place, secure pages for board members
 - Wants to create resource page/links for content specific areas

Eastern Section Programs:

Professional Development

- **Pub Science** - May is at Aquarium in Rotterdam Mall, submit questions if you have any. Food and drink not permitted. Starts at 4:30PM, filter into auditorium, may be small groups being led. - Albany distillery - June Pub Series - dinner at Pump House (?), Food Truck?
- Can this be done on a Friday?
- Send Ideas to Leigh and Josh
- **Siena** - Presenter Proposal form needs to be sent to Elisabeth
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Student Involvement Focus-

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

Director Meeting:

- Amanda Zullo amanda.zullo@nysed.gov came to directors meeting to discuss the NYSSLS.
- Strategic Plan for NY - lists all of the things that still need to get done to begin implementation. Will be released in summer for public comment. Contact Ann Crotty ann.crotty@nysed.gov at Nysed if you have any input regarding assessments. All emails will be read and considered.
- Conversations are happening in June via internet based communication, before a meeting takes place again. At the moment curriculum guides have not been written yet. Until curriculum guides are written assessments can be created.
- Article in weekend paper - Elio described the comment section may be opened on strategic plan paper
- Bill became part of the process by offering to write questions.
- If you are going to Paul Anderson's conferences, there may be reimbursements, contact Donna Banek.
- Blog from Suffolk section --- in lieu of their newsletter
- Advocate for science time in Elementary Schools. Have teachers in higher levels mentor elementary teacher
- This year SARS will have a different sign-up. There will be a Google Form, so that SARS can sign up. Booking may be through this form, or reimbursement may be improved this way.
- SARS may/can be reimbursed when presenting at the local level, but discussion became complicated
- The conference will be totally restructured in Rochester - may mirror the NSTA with walk-ins, no pre-registration necessary
- Workshops in your grade band will not be scheduled at the same time as your institute
- Institutes: Biology and elementary will be Sunday morning
- Institutes: Intermediate and Physics are Saturday morning
- Voting : 3 people running were whittled down to 2, the discussion was that it shouldn't be restricted to a number. This discussion has been tabled
- The parliamentary person comes to the meeting, as a paid non- member to be sure rules are followed. Helps negotiate and knows the constitution.
- This was Becky's last meeting, Rose Sanders is taking over

Motion to adjourn by Jen and seconded by Katy. All in favor.

Next Meeting: ?