

Eastern Section Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 11-15-16 5PM
Roger Bacon, Rm 302

Attendance: Kate Perry, Fran Lohnes, Elisabeth Milot, Elaine Jetty, Christine Stankavich, Paul Levin (Galway), Kelly Ryan, Fred Pidgeon, Deb Mabey, Tom Shiland, Arden Rauch, Bill Brown, Ron Geuther, Tony Malikowski, Joan Wagner, Laura VanGlad, Jen Gecewicz,

Absent: Lorenz Herrmann, Steve Fielman, Pat Price, Ted Simons, Maria Russo, Paul Nooney, Poul Carstens, Becky Remis,

- Introduction of group to Paul Levine, who is visiting our board meeting

Minutes from last meeting:

No changes needed

Financial Report:

Balance: \$ 8532.03

- Still owe Siena money
- Made money by selling t-shirts, bill has been paid
- Elaine received 500 free pens

Current Topics:

Siena:

- Elaine brought evaluation summaries for us to see. General evaluation and evaluations for individuals
- Thank you to Elaine for organizing the evaluations.
- Tom will send out digital evaluations via email to presenters
- Read through the evaluations and discussed a variety of the comments
 - Signage on campus is definitely something needed for next year,
 - a discipline based teacher may be interesting to get
 - A contest to reward the best attended school will be something to work through

Rochester -

- ❑ Bill Brown worked the section social- chemistry presentation "Little Balls of Joy" - good attendance
- ❑ Hall of Sections - Christine and Fran and worked on Saturday 2:30-4:30 - in exhibit hall with reception and sold t-shirts
- ❑ Get reimbursement forms in ASAP, if you carpoled you can get reimbursed for \$.40 per mile versus \$.30 for non-carpoolers. Can people get better rates if people in carpool were not SARs or DALs, just attendees?
- ❑ Forms are online on the STANYS website
- ❑ Name of Environmental SAR is changing to Environmental and Applied Sciences DAL to incorporate engineering practices.
- ❑ Vouchers go to Brian Vorwald

- ❑ NSTA - shared membership with STANYS,
- ❑ Rochester will definitely be hosting the STANYS conference for the next 3 years, other sites are cost prohibitive

Google Calendar -

- Not all members are on gmail, or have access to calendar/docs
- Google calendar could be used to communicate meetings more efficiently

Section activities

- Ideas to share
- PubScience is effective, will continue
- Katy went through list of things other sections are doing to inform members/engage members, from section chair meeting
- ELL/SPED SAR still needed

SAR Reports:

- **SAR Chemistry** – Bill Brown
- Paul Anderson - Magic tube - presented at STANYS and the tube comes apart? Does not reveal the “trick”
 - Chemistry breakfast was informative, will try a program they talked about.
 - Pulp and Paper, up to three credits

- **SAR College/Pre-service** - Seema Rivera:
 - Will join us in December to officially welcome her for January
 - Need a SAR to have that College connection

- **SAR Earth Science** – Laura VanGlad-
 - SuperMoon was awesome
 - Both conferences went well, much positive feedback
 - Becky did great job presenting her workshops and breakfast

- **SAR Elementary** – Poul Carstensen Sr.
 - Will retire by end of year
 - Elementary Ed Survey, please share with colleagues
 - Mary Thomas will collect results

- **SAR Environmental Science**- Deb Mabey
 - Has received positive feedback from conferences
 - Saturday could have one more session to fill the downtime
 - More vendors are needed
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- **SAR Informal Science**- Joan Wagner
 - MiSci just held science festival
 - Challenger exhibit started
 - Working on creating local made exhibits
 - Funds available for field trips

Dudley observatory is up and running
Professional Development wants to be aligned with STANYS, good resource for teachers
Aquarium is now open in Rotterdam
Informal education is a great way to stay current, and let miSci know if you are interested in hosting workshops
RPI - March 18th, constantly expanding, need new venue to hold all for award ceremony
Real-world scientists are helping with reading the research
STS (Science Talent Search) program is up and running, deadline for application is December?

- **SAR Intermediate** – Jennifer Gecewicz

- Google calendar
- More efficient to communicate
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- **SAR Living Environment** – Kelly Ryan

- Been at State Ed writing questions
- Not able to attend Rochester

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

- Went to Nantucket and wasn't able to attend Rochester
- Still talking to Matt Christian, and still interested in taking over the Physics position
- STEM event on March 4th (4-8 grade target audience) being held at SUNY Albany
- Master Teachers are presenting workshops
- July 30- August 1 STEM conference for teachers at SUNY Alfred

- **SAR Retirees** – Christine Stankavich:

- Gave out more than 30 pink stickers to the Eastern Section in Rochester
- Banner is in her garage
- Workshop went fine
- Introduced 2 speakers at conference - issues with laser pointers
- Still needs to add Google DOCs to App - not sure how to accomplish it at this moment
- Went to miSci with small children, enjoyed the exhibits

- **Science Matters** - Arden Rauch:

- BAP is alive and well,
- 173 recipients
- Grant applications are available, will send information
- ECOS: the Environmental Clearinghouse.- Arden is on the Board, there are concerns about the upcoming administration and the environmental degradation

- **Membership** - Becky Remis

Our section currently has 183 members -- higher than we've been in awhile. If you'd like any data on our members please let me know and I'll forward it to you.

Have a great meeting, and a wonderful Thanksgiving!

- **Newsletter** - Elisabeth Milot:
 - **Newsletter due date: December 12th**
 - Please send normal article, do not worry about formatting,
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- **Web Master** - Elisabeth Milot:
- **ELL SAR?** Still looking

Eastern Section Programs:

Professional Development

- Conferences-
- Pub Science
- New State PD Certification
 - New process - new verification needed CTLE new level
- Consortium Meeting Report
 - Had a great meeting with the deputy commissioner - was a most encouraging meeting with State Ed in a long time
 - Board meets again in December on the 12th
 - Commissioner want Board of Regents to present a short elem activity to show that science needs to be hands-on, and short slide presentation
 - Research verifies that if students are doing rigorous science they will do better in other content areas
 - Can do ELA through science
 - Meeting was very encouraging
 - Summer 14 and 15 provided good feedback and was used to inform
 - Different stakeholders want to help with the implementation of the standards
 - She will meet with certification specialists to verify that work can be done to better meet the needs of schools
 - Graduation requirements may be changing
 - The job for Will Jaacks was advertised as of yesterday, in house
 - December 12th is next meeting

Motion to adjourn by Jen G. , seconded by Ron Geuther. All in favor.

Next Meeting:

- Next pub Science meeting is at Swiftys, a board meeting will be held prior to the event at Swiftys on December 12th.