Eastern Section Board Meeting Minutes  
Date: 9/20/16  
5pm  Siena College, Roger Bacon rm 428

**Attendance:** Kate Perry, Elaine Jetty, Joan Wagner, Fran Lohnes, Ron Geuther, Becky Remis,  
Kelly Ryan, Jen Gecewicz, Laura VanGlad, Arden Rauch, Ted Simons, Fred Pidgeon, Lorenz Herrmann,  
Bill Brown,  

**Absent:** Christine Stankavich, Tom Shiland, Tony Malikowski, Steve Fielman, Pat Price, Maria Russo,  
Paul Nooney, Deb Mabey, Poul Carstens,  

**Minutes from last meeting:**

**Financial Report:** We currently have $4,019.74 as of June 30, 2016. Received checks for tables,  
will pay half of fee for Siena Sept. 21 and also pay for banner.  
A square can be linked to our bank account to give attendees another way to pay for registration.  
Credit cards can be swiped or entered manually with the square for less than what Eventbrite charges.  

**Action to approve:** Ron motioned to get swipe square to accept credit card swipes - linked to our  
account  
Fran seconded  
All in favor  

Elaine asked to order more items, such as pens, gifts for presenters, etc or provide participants of  
conference with things in folder.  
Joan motioned to purchase more pens for folders. Ron seconded and all in favor.  

**Current Topics:**

- **Banner** - Use Cap region picture from newsletter. Vote for either of two choices  

- **Membership Certificate** - Becky read emails to us from contacted members who will be  
honored at Siena conference for the many years they were members of our section. Fred  
will invite Glen Cochran (current STANYS president) to come to our Siena Conference.  
We need to print out certificates for the honorees. Becky will create the certificates.  

- **Siena Exhibitors**  
Many vendors/sponsors turned us down as sponsors for the upcoming conference. We lost  
some of our previous sponsors, such as Flinn. We picked up Aldon Corp. as a sponsor.  
Usborne books may attend.  
misci - presenters will attend - will pay for dinner  
Have submitted fee via credit card number  

Educational innovations asked for table - also for emails and addresses of attendees to  
send stuff to us/them. We do not provide this information to vendors.  
Science Take-outs will send us kits for give away material
UPCO did not respond to request for sponsorship
We have sold 7 tables to vendors and Pearson buys two tables
We may need to scavenge door prizes to offset the absence of vendors prizes
Master Teacher organization are providing drinks

- **Folder Stuffing** - Monday, Oct 10th, 10:30 AM at Joan’s house. Joan will send directions. Forward any digital materials to Tom Shiland, he can print/copy and bring to meeting.

- **T-shirts** -
  Can we have our attendees come up with puns fitting science - less jargony than we have seen, so that we have t-shirts to wear to Rochester and enter the contest
  - Stanys logo, map of NY and outline of Eastern Section counties
  - Reviewed some of the ideas from the may meeting
  - “The sun rises in the East” “on the Eastern section”
  - “Science for all learners and all levels”
  - “Doing science since……..”
  - Edison, Dudley, Duel……..Historic Scientists from the Eastern Section
  - Lorenz Herrmann will create logo and order t-shirts - will give it a try Sun and mountains - Sun rises……..
  - Colors: Black with Bright yellow? Glow in the dark?

- **SAR Search** -
  - Still looking for a college SAR, physics, and elementary for end of year
  - Can we solicit a college SAR from Siena?
  - ELL/spec. Ed SAR needed
  - Advertise through Science Matters, send resume/C. Vitae to Katy
  - Flyer in folder to advertise positions and mention at conference

**SAR Reports:**
- **SAR Chemistry – Bill Brown**
  Maria and Bill are working on presentation for Siena
  working on something for Rochester - fun to make - Sodium alginate
  A conference room is ideal, Conference chair needs to be contacted to make that happen - Saturday night after Raffle 9-11PM
  - Bill has been involved with Project Lead the Way - working with elem. Teachers to implement new standards. Day to day approach, hands on, inquiry based. A K-5 program

- **SAR College/Pre-service - Pat Price:**

- **SAR Earth Science – Laura VanGlad**
  Jen and Laura a presenting an astronomy lesson at Siena and Rochester
  Looking for ideas as new K-8 coordinator in her school

- **SAR Elementary – Poul Carstensen Sr.**

- **SAR Environmental Science- Deb Mabey**

- **SAR Informal Science- Joan Wagner**
Dudley observatory and miSci Board of directors
Recommends all programs for teachers to check out and use as a resource for teachers
Professional Outreach opportunities from them
Dinosaur exhibit is leaving, new and exciting stuff is coming
March 18th 2017 is **Science and Engineering Fair**
27th year being held at RPI - has been growing ever since
**Science and Engineering Fair is a** 501C cooperation -
Will be presenting at Siena about miSci and Dudley observatory
Challenger exhibit costs $20 per student if going for a field trip
Rising Star program - students get training, receive telescope, give presentation, look for ad/grants

- **SAR Intermediate – Jennifer Gecewicz**
  Presenting with Laura at Siena and Rochester
  Facebook, Remind are being used to get information out
  Have people sign up for facebook Remind at registration

- **SAR Living Environment – Kelly Ryan**
  No news about LE
  Registration for Siena is slow - please advertise
  Registration is open through Oct. 11th online.

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

- **SAR Retirees – Christine Stankavich:**

- **Science Matters - Arden Rauch:**

- **Membership - Becky Remis**
  Banner design is a go...Joe in Troy will create banner if picture is good. Elisabeth will create pic.
  Honorees will get certificate at dinner
  163 members, may go up after annual conference
  BEDS data - not available to Prof. organizations
  Need a different avenue to reach all teachers - mailing

- **Newsletter - Elisabeth Milot:**
  Due dates need to be adhered to to not cause delay of getting it done.

- **Web Master - Elisabeth Milot:**
  Send items that need to be completed to Elisabeth

Fred is in nominating committee, and is looking for volunteers to help at Rochester Raffle
He is being inducted into NY state baseball Hall of Fame.
Will Jaacks retired.

**Eastern Section Programs:**
Professional Development

- Conferences- Siena Oct. 14, Rochester Nov. 4-7

- Pub Science
  September 28th 2016 at Brown’s

- New State PD Certification
  New process - new verification needed CTLE new level

Student Involvement Focus-

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