

SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION of NYS (STANYS)

Suffolk Section

Executive Committee Meeting
BOCES, 507 Deer Park Road, Dix Hills, NY 11746

Minutes to Meeting: November 12, 2016

Members Present: Glen Cochrane, Jean Ann Crespo, Matt Christiansen, Brian Vorwald, Sheilah Schumann, Angela Lukaszewski, Gary Vorwald, Ashley Bloch, James Ripka, Alice Veyvoda, Joe Malave

Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm.

Minutes of October 1, 2015

G. Vorwald

Motion to approve minutes: Ashley Bloch; second by Matt Christiansen. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

A. Lukaszewski

- Angela presented the Treasurer's report and pointed out that the cost to run the SciTech conference was \$17,250, but about \$3000 was allocated for the deposit for the hotel from last year's budget. We anticipate a profit of about \$5000. Several Purchase Orders are still outstanding.

Committee Reports

A. Programs

A. Bloch

- It was proposed that we initiate Pub Science events, similar to the ones that are sponsored by the Eastern Section. Katy Perry, Chair of the Eastern Section, reported that their events have become very popular and have helped increased their membership. Brookhaven Lab sponsored one in Port Jefferson for public outreach, and it was successful. Ashley and Jean Ann will investigate.
- Allison Celentano-Offerman, Science Chair from Commack, asked for the assistance of Suffolk STANYS to help facilitate a Superintendent Conference Day next year on Election Day. She is proposing to have Paul Andersen as a keynote speaker and they will collaborate with neighboring districts. The partnership could be beneficial to our section. Discussion ensued about the pros and cons, and the consensus was to support, pending further details.
- SciTech Conference was a huge success with over 175 participants. Feedback surveys from teachers as well as vendors were very positive. Discussion included the possibility of collaborating with other sections for a regional summit as well investigating a more affordable site.

B. Spring Conference April 1, 2016

J. Malave

- Spring Conference will take place on Wednesday, April 1 at Berkner Hall at Brookhaven Lab.
- Discussed partnering with BOCES to allow teacher funding through BOCES
- Joe met with Mel Morris on November 2nd, and there were some logistical concerns with the Department of Energy.
- Joe asked for people to present workshops. He will put the proposal form on Google form. He has 7 workshops confirmed at this point.
- Brookhaven will provide some workshops as well as some tours.
- Last year the feedback was very positive but people were interested in knowing more about Brookhaven. Joe will show a short video at the beginning of the conference.
- Keynote speaker will be Timothy Glotch who is a planetary scientist at Stony Brook University. He is an expert on remote sensing of planets to determine mineral and atmospheric composition. He will focus on the Mars science lab on the surface of the planet.

C. Newsletter

G.Vorwald

- Fall 2015 newsletter is finished and has been posted to the website. A 4-page sampler will be printed and mailed to about 1600 teachers and science administrators. We did not mail to elementary principals. Gary proposed that we email principals so that the newsletter can be accessed by elementary teachers. Joe volunteered to develop an email list of Superintendents.

D. Long Island Science Congress

A. Lukaszewski

- The 2016 Long Island Science Congress will be held at St. Anthony's, Huntington in April. Dates are April 12-13, 2016. Registration begins on December 1st. The NYS Congress will be hosted by the Western Section at Buffalo State University.

E. Website

M. Christiansen

- Newsletter has been posted.
- Website has received positive reviews.

F. Awards Dinner/District Membership

M. Brown/B. Vorwald

- Letters to the administrators for district membership (School District Services Program) were mailed out in October.
- The Awards Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at Villa Lombardi's.
- Letters to principals and science administrators to nominate teachers for awards will be mailed in January.

G. Membership

S. Schumann

- We have 246 members, not including any new members from the conference. We are up 20 paying members from this time last year.

H. STANYS Conference

- The state conference was very successful. A record number of teachers from the Suffolk section participated.
- The Board approved a motion that allows electronic communication regarding elections.

Old Business:

- Banner: Discussion included the need for a new banner made of canvas or cloth. Matt and Joe are going to investigate vendors and suppliers.
- Shirts: there has been an interest in producing shirts for members. Last month, the Board voted to purchase shirts for the executive board. At STANYS, several members expressed interest in getting a shirt. Motion: Jean Ann made a motion to order 60 shirts at a cost not to exceed \$750. (40 in addition to the 20 authorized in October). Ashley seconded. The shirts will be given out during our programs and the cost will be built into the cost of the program. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion: James moved to adjourn; second by Matt. Passed unanimously
Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 3, 2016