

SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION of NYS (STANYS)

Suffolk Section

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

Minutes to Meeting: December 4, 2014

Members Present: Glen Cochrane, Jean Kohn, Angela Lukaszewski, Alice Veyvoda, Joe Malave, Gary Vorwald, Peter Guastella, James Ripka, Ashley Bloch, Matt Christianson, Sheilah Schumann, David Knuffke

Meeting called to order at 7:25 pm.

Minutes of November 13, 2014

G. Cochrane

James moved to accept the minutes as amended. Ashley seconded. Minutes were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

A. Lukaszewski

Angela presented the December treasurer’s report. MATEX did not generate a profit, but it did break even. Since MATEX has traditionally been our largest fundraiser, our revenue has been down the past few years.

Committee Reports

A. Programs

- American Museum of Natural History trip is planned for Saturday, February 7th. People will register through Eventbrite, make their own plans for the day, and participate in a scavenger hunt. All teachers who register online will get professional development credit and clues to the hunt. The program will run from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

B. MATEX

J. Kohn/A. Bloch

Jean reported that she is working on developing a survey to send to vendors to ascertain their level of interest in participating in MATEX next year.

C. Newsletter

G.Vorwald

Angela reported that the SED will no longer send teacher information for us to generate a mailing list. She suggested that we develop an updated list from the BEDS list from last year so that we can have it ready for a fall mailing. Gary will send Sheilah the current BEDS spreadsheet so she can get started.

D. Membership

S. Schumann

- We are down 6 paying members from last month. Current membership is 231, including 51 student members. Sheilah sent a letter to Dowling, C.W. Post and St. Josephs College to encourage their schools of education to promote student membership in STANYS.

E. Long Island Science Congress

A. Lukaszewski

The Long Island Science Congress will be held at the Cradle of Aviation Museum. The event will be held on March 19-20, 2015. They anticipate having the same number of projects as last year, and have committed to supporting state congress with a donation of \$4000.

F. State Science Congress

G. Cochrane

- Angela wrote to Barbara Poseluzny to ask about applying for a grant from the New York State Science Honor Society of up to \$2000 to help fund the State Congress. Barbara responded that she will be meeting with Honor Society Board to encourage support for the grant. Glen submitted a budget request to STANYS for \$2000 to support the state congress in 2016.
- The proposed date is May 30, 2015 at Brookhaven National Lab.

G. Website

M. Torre

David Knuffke volunteered to review the website and investigate how to update it.

H. Spring Conference

J. Malave/J. Ripka

The conference is scheduled for Friday, March 27th at Brookhaven National Lab. Dr. Krause, a vertebrate paleontologist from Stony Brook University will be our keynote speaker and will present his latest research on discoveries from the Cretaceous of Madagascar. Joe met with Mel Morris of BNL Education programs and had a very productive meeting. Mel is going to send Joe a list of presenters. They will provide 5 rooms to use for workshops/presentations. Plan is to start in the morning with the keynote presentation followed by two sessions of workshops. After lunch, there will be afternoon workshops, a geology field trip, and tours of BNL facilities. One suggestion was either a nano-materials workshop or 3-D printing. Mel will post the workshop on the BNL website and will send it to his email list. Glen praised James and Joe for their great work in planning this program.

I. Awards Dinner/District Membership

M. Brown/B. Vorwald

Awards Dinner will be on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at Villa Lombardi in Holbrook. We have 24 districts that have already joined as district members.

Additional Topics:

- a. January dinner meeting will be on Thursday, January 8, 2015.
- b. Glen presented an update on the Strategic Plan that the Board of Regents will consider in January.
- c. Glen asked for volunteers to help with the Eastern Long Island Science Olympiad Regional Tournament on Saturday, January 31, 2015.

Adjournment

Motion: James moved to adjourn; second by Matt. Passed unanimously.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Next Meeting:
Thursday, January 8, 2015 at La Famiglia