

**SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION of NYS (STANYS)****Suffolk Section**

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

**Minutes to Meeting: September 10, 2014**

**Members Present:** Glen Cochrane, Brian Vorwald, Jean Kohn, Angela Lukaszewski, Alice Veyvoda, Joe Malave, Gary Vorwald, James Ripka, Sr. Jane Fritz, David Knuffke, June Dawson, Sonia Anderson

Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm.

**Minutes of June 5, 2014**

G. Vorwald

Brian moved to accept the minutes. Ed seconded. Minutes were accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

A. Lukaszewski

Angela distributed the Treasurer's Report from June, which summarized the expenditures and receipts for the 2013 – 14 school year. She distributed the 2014-15 proposed budget, which included an additional \$500 for Secretary to provide funds for the development of a teacher mailing list. The State Education Department will no longer provide electronic addresses, which we have used to mail our Fall newsletter sampler. Program was reduced to \$2000 from \$3000 since we did not utilize the budgeted funds. Ashley moved to accept the 2014-15 budget. James seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

- A. Programs The Fossil Trip was held August 22-23 and was a great success. Twenty five people participated, including teachers, students, and their families. We traveled to two quarries in Western NY and Canada to collect eurypterids and trilobites and other marine invertebrates from the Paleozoic rocks. The trip was led by Gary Vorwald and Chris Marotta.

Long Island Science and Engineering Fair is having a training workshop which will be co-sponsored by the Suffolk Section of STANYS.

Sister Jane announced a program at Applied DNA Sciences at Stony Brook University in which DNA is used to help coat microchips and fabric to help prevent counterfeiting. The scientists would be willing to give tours to teachers and present workshops.

**B. MATEX**

G. Cochrane/M. Torre

Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at Villa Lombardi's. Nassau is hosting SCIMEX on Wednesday and are having a full day program with a keynote speaker and workshops. As of today, we only have 4 vendors confirmed, so the program is in jeopardy. We need to reach out to the vendors immediately. David Knuffke suggested that we could have the Master Teachers come to share some of their activities. James volunteered to split the list and Jean and Ashley will help contact the vendors directly. Glen will contact Linda Padwa to help enlist the assistance of the Master Teachers. Sonia suggested that we print STANYS t-shirts to sell at cost to help advertise STANYS.

**C. Newsletter**

G. Vorwald

- Fall issue is 39 pages and will go out by September 15. Gary thanked everyone for their submissions. We will again send out a 4-page sampler to all Suffolk science teachers and principals.

## D. Membership

S. Schumann

Current membership is 219 with 173 paying members. We have been losing student members, particularly in the Spring. Sheilah reached out to Dowling and C. W. Post to invite their pre-service education students to join STANYS. Student membership is free for the duration of their enrollment.

## E. Long Island Science Congress

A. Lukaszewski

The Long Island Science Congress will be at the Cradle of Aviation Museum on April 22-23, 2015. There will be a space problem at that site, and they may have to reduce the number of participants.

## F. State Science Congress

G. Cochrane

State Congress is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2015 at Brookhaven National Lab. Funding continues to be a major issue. Last year the Long Island Science Congress contributed \$5000, which was a significant help in making the event possible. We are still waiting to hear from the local science fairs to respond regarding funding. Gary inquired whether our Directors should bring a motion at the November Board meeting

## G. Website

M. Torre

No report.

## H. Spring Conference

J. Malave

Brookhaven Lab is willing to host the conference on Friday, March 27. Discussion ensued about the pros and cons of having the conference on a Friday or Saturday. There were some concerns that teachers may not be able to attend on a week day. Gary moved that we approve the date of March 27 at Brookhaven lab; second by June. Motion passed.

## I. Awards Dinner/District Membership

M. Brown/B. Vorwald

Next year's Awards Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at Villa Lombardi's. Angela Lukaszewski moved that we increase the district membership dues by \$25 to \$200/district for the 2015-2016 school year; second by Gary Vorwald. Motion passed unanimously.

**Additional Topics:**

- a. STANYS Conference. Glen asked for volunteers to help with the Hall of Sections. Brian moved that we spend up to \$100 for items to give away from the section; second by Sonia Anderson. Motion passed.
- b. Summit Update: Brian reported that the consortium met and made a presentation to Ken Wagner the Deputy Commissioner of Education regarding the status of the NGSS. The presentation was based on the position statement that STANYS supports the adoption of a New York version of the NGSS. It was well received and the Deputy Commissioner felt that this is doable. SED will bring this up to the Board of Regents in October, and hope that the Board will act on adopting the Strategic Plan to implement new curricula based on the NGSS.

**Adjournment**

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 2, 2014