

Minutes
STANYS Western Section Board Meeting
October 18, 2017 @ 4:00pm

Buffalo State College - Science and Mathematics Complex (SAMC) Room 161

The STANYS Western Section Board meeting was held at Buffalo State College. The meeting was called to order at 4:25 PM by Tim Coughlin. The following board members were in attendance: David Henry, Lowell Sylwester, Sarah English, Jeff Salerno, Susan Sullivan, Cheryl Aldrich, Tim Coughlin, Ken Huff, MaryAnn Bolles, Jeff Arnold, Mary Kate Flett

Minutes: Motion by Sarah English and seconded by Mary Kate Flett to accept September minutes as amended.

2. Treasurer's Report -Karen Lester

3. Membership Report - Mary Ann

- 155 members presently
- Membership down due to renewals

4. SAR Reports

- Elementary - Mary Kay Flett/Cheryl Aldrich
 - Names collected at Expo - building a POC for Elementary Teachers
- Intermediate/BOCES- Susan Cyrulik
 - No report
- Earth Science - Bill Garlapo/Meg Helmes
 - No report
- Living Environment – Amy Miller
 - No report
- Chemistry - Sarah English
 - Chemshare attended ECC's new nanotechnology building
 - Talked about the 2 year associate program
 - Chemistry Institute Committee met via zoom meeting - institute progressing
- Physics - Dan MacIsaac/Jeff Salerno/Brad Gearhart-
 1. **Physics PLT**- Buff State, once/month 5-7 PM. Next mtg. November 21
 2. **STANYS Physics Institute**, Radisson, Saturday, November 4, 9:00 AM- 1:30 PM
 3. **WNY Physics Teachers Alliance**- Buff. St., once/month, next mtg. Saturday, October 21 9 AM-noon
- College - Dave Henry
 - No report
- Retiree – Rod Doran
 - No report
- Special Education – MaryAnn Bolles

- No report
- At-large - Rose Cianciosa and Lowell Sylwester
 - Anticipate a greater number of attendees at this year's conference
 - About +600 typically register, presently at 490
 - Early bird registration has now ended

5. Old Business

1. Response to Science Expo - Sharing of Responses/Follow-Up Data, Thoughts on Future
 - We had 20 exhibitors
 - Form sent for comments
 - 9 replied back - loved the event - positive feedback
 - Groups themselves were willing to help to promote the event
 - Also responses given by attendees
 - May need to reconsider a hard copy poster for the future
 - Should do a Tuesday rather than Thursday
 - Would have worked better for some of the exhibitors
 - Time of year was good
 - All data collected is shared in the STANYS Expo folder in Drive under minutes
2. Website Update - Cheryl
 - No response from Manda
 - Contacted Aron Keifer - local business (Aron's Websites)
 - Best idea is to start over fresh
 - Initial price: \$700 startup
 - i. Includes hosting and maintenance
 - ii. After building it, \$200 per year (\$100 to host/\$100 to maintain)
 - iii. Talked to Sandi - donation made years ago from Daemen to create a website

Motion made by Sarah English to create a new website pending membership vote via email

Second motion made to break from Manda Collis and to employ Aron Keifer to create the website pending membership vote via email

3. State Conference in November -
 - T-Shirt Contest**
 - Sue Sullivan makes a motion to allow the purchase of up to 50 shirts + board member shirts for the conference along with t shirts. Jeff Salero seconded the motion.
 - Basket Raffle**
 - Jeff Salerno made a motion to allow \$50 to be spent on the basket. Sue Sullivan seconded the motion.
 - Western Section Table**
 - Social - will be Saturday night
4. Exec Board Meeting on Feb 9
 - Opening to all of membership

- Looking for a venue - town hall meeting
- Need a place to host meeting and a meal
- Ideas? Need to come back at November meeting with ideas

6. New Business

1. Report from Ken Huff - Pre Conference Meeting
 - a. Very productive meeting
 - b. Positive about new events - Paul Anderson and Breakfast with the Executive Committee
 - c. Amanda Zullo from SED will be there to present on future of NYSSLS implementation plan
2. DALs/Guests in Attendance
3. STANYS STATE Science Congress Chair Needed!!
4. Future Social Events
5. Future NYSSLS Trainings
6. Thoughts, Prayers, and Well-wishes

Adjournment

Cheryl motioned, Jeff seconded