

# **New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors**

Meeting of the Executive Board – September 7, 2016

CAS Offices – Hauppauge, NY

**Present:** Ed Bellomo, Diane Druckman, John Fogliano, Ken Forman, Gene Goldwasser, Pat Galaskas, , Elliott Kigner, Corine Lipset-Huberman, David Long, Marty Mandelker, Stu Mortman, Stan Opas, George Pincus, Ned Price, Joe Quinn, John Wallace, and Jack Zamek

**1.0 Welcome:** Gene Goldwasser, President. John Fogliano was introduced as a new member of the Executive Board.

**2.0 Minutes:** The minutes of the June 22, 2016 meeting were reviewed and accepted. Moved by Stu Mortman, seconded by George Pincus. Passed unanimously..

**3.0 Treasurer's Report:** Account balances were reported as follows:

Share checking - \$7,449.45

Savings - \$3.20

Money Market - \$1,066.66

Certificate of Deposit - \$4,672.63

Total = \$13,191.94.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was moved by Ed Bellomo, seconded by Corine Lipset-Huberman, and passed by acclamation.

**4.0 Announcements:** New stationery was distributed reflecting changes in the Executive Board. Contact information was updated and was to be e-mailed to all members of the Board..

**5.0 Correspondence:** We received word that former Executive Board member Bernie Shulman was is poor health.

**5.1** Procedures when we learn of the passing of a NYSRSAS member were clarified: when we are informed, we will publish a note in our newsletter and express our sympathy to the family of the deceased.

**5.2** The NYSUT Retiree Conference on October 6 will be attended by Corine Lipset-Huberman and Pat Galaskas.

**5.3** Board members have been informed as we receive responses to the endorsement letters we sent to candidates.

**6.0 Committee Reports**

- 6.1 Education:** Ned Price expressed disappointment that the topic of education has received little attention in campaigns for both national and state elections.
- 6.2 Legislation** –Stu noted that the Libertarian candidate for the presidency has indicated that he would eliminate the federal department of education. The current status of election polls was a source of concern.
- 6.3 Membership:** John Wallace reported a total of 223 paid members. We now have 59 life members, 13 new (free) memberships for new 2015-16 retirees and 4 new (free memberships for new 2016-17 retirees, for a total membership of 286. It was noted that many retirees do not know about our organization and there was agreement that personal contacts are a primary source of information for most new retirees. Membership concerns in terms of both recruitment and dues will be discussed at the December Board meeting.
- 6.4 .Newsletter:** The fall issue is targeted for printing/distribution the second week in October and will include information on the candidates NYSRSAS endorses. Possible Quarterly Query questions were discussed.
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- 6.5 Publicity:** Efforts to recruit members among OLLI participants were noted..

## **7.0 Old Business**

- 7.1 Endorsement Process and Publication** – We will meet on September 29 for final endorsements. Members were asked to e-mail their recommendations to Gene if they are unable to attend that meeting.

## **8.0 New Business**

### **8.1 NYSRSAS Actions for 2016-17 –**

**8.1.1** November 2016 elections (see above).

**8.1.2** Opposition to a constitutional convention for New York State – to be discussed at our December meeting.

- 8.2 NYSRSAS Directory** - Our last membership Directory was published in 2011. The cost of printing a new Directory will be researched. The January newsletter will include the annual membership renewal form. The possibility of creating an online membership Directory was mentioned and it was noted that members would need to indicate their permission before we could publish online. (Possible password protection for members only was mentioned.)

- 9.0** The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. on a motion by Ned Price, seconded by Stu Mortman and passed by acclamation.

**10.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m.** at the CAS office

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Galaskas