

New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors

Meeting of the Executive Board – June 17, 2015

CAS Offices – Hauppauge, NY

Present: Ed Bellomo, Francesca Ciolino-Volano, Ken Forman, Gene Goldwasser, Pat Galaskas, Jeff Hollander, Elliott Kigner, David Long, Stu Mortman, Stan Opas, Joe Quinn, John Wallace, Jack Zamek

1.0 Welcome: Gene Goldwasser, President.

2.0 Minutes: The minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted
Moved by Joe Quinn, seconded by David Long..

3.0 Treasurer’s Report: Account balances were reported as follows:

Share checking - \$7,017.67 (as of June 8, 2015)

Savings - \$3.20

Money Market - \$1,091.66

Certificate of Deposit - \$4,615.13.

Total = \$12,727.66

2014-15 Budget Summary			
Description	Projected	Actual	Difference
Dues (285x\$25)	\$ 7,125	\$ 6,075	‘ – (\$ 1,050)
CD35	\$ 35	\$ 37	\$ 2
Luncheon	\$ 550	\$ 315	\$ 235
Newsletter	\$ 2,340	\$ 3,345	‘ – (\$ 1,050)
Wingman	\$ 900	--	
Exec. Board	\$ 405	\$ 155	\$ 250
Office Expenses	\$ 3,765	\$ 1,730	\$ 2,035
<i>Printing-\$700</i>			
<i>Misc - \$665</i>			
		Surplus =	\$ 484

Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report was moved by Ed Bellomo, seconded by David Long, and passed by acclamation.

Jack Zamek noted the following budget items to be addressed:

- Dues from \$20 per year to \$25 per year
- Life membership from \$150 to \$175
- Retain 4 printed issues of newsletter @ about \$900 per issue.
(Equal to the dues of 36 paid members per issue.)

- Dues collected this year - \$6,075.

Gene, Jack and Ed Bellomo will form a Budget Committee and using actual expenses will prepare a budget proposal for 2015-16.

4.0 Announcements: Gene noted that Vince Deland, Corine Lipset-Huberman, Marty Mandelker, George Pincus, Lynn Pombonyo and Bill Sigelakis sent regrets and would not be able to participate in this meeting. Jeff Hollander expects to arrive late.

Gene expressed his appreciation to all Executive Board members and noted his hope that all would be able to continue to serve in 2015-17.

5.0 Correspondence: The summer ARA legislation conference was noted.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Education: Ken Forman who is now serving as a special assistant to NYS Board of Regents member Judy Chin who represents Queens, noted the Regents' recent actions with respect to teacher evaluation. Six Regents are supporting a new balance calling for evaluations based 80% on classroom observation and only 20% on analysis of test data. The now going into effect calls for an "outside" evaluator as part of the process. The choice of evaluator is up to the district. The 4 step rating scales include "highly effective, effective, developing an ineffective. Ineffective ratings for two years could justify dismissal. Ken will prepare a newsletter article on the issues surrounding teacher evaluation for a 2015-16 newsletter..

6.2 Legislation – Stu Mortman noted continuing threats to social security including possibly raising the minimum age for eligibility and/or adjusting or charging more for co-pays or part B Medicare premiums (especially for those subject to income-related adjustments). The negative positions espoused by various potential candidates were outlined. Issues related to the danger of demonizing one party and of voter reliance on emotions rather than facts were discussed.

6.3 Membership: John Wallace reported a troubling decrease in the number of membership renewals even after reminder letters were sent out. Whereas in the past we've had 30-40 members failing to renew, this year there are over 100 who have not returned membership renewal forms and checks.

Another reminder letter in September was suggested with a sticker on the outside of the envelope to attract attention and distinguish the mailing from "junk mail." Pat volunteered to create a sticker.

A list of those who have not renewed their membership will be brought to the September Executive Board meeting. Personal calls to get new (or renewing) members were discussed.

6.4 Newsletter: June 22 was established as the deadline for contributions to be included in the July newsletter.

6.5 Publicity: no report.

7.0 New Business

7.1 2015-16 Meeting Dates: The Executive Board will meeting on September 30 and December 16, 2015, and on April 20 and June 22; 2016.

7.2 2015-16 Focus Groups:...Possible topics for a 2015 position paper were discussed including:

- Restoring integrity to the teacher evaluation system
- Evaluating the Regent with regard to public education
- The Common Core and political overtones
- Tenure
- What do you see as the most critical attack on public education?

In September we'll decide on a focus group topic and schedule a date in October for the focus group to meet.

Beth deMino, the President of the Comsewogue union, will be invited to a meeting.

7.3 Impact of Republican Control of Congress beginning January 2016
And

Pros and cons of vetting candidates, supporting candidates.

These topics were tabled

8.0 The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 .m. on a motion by David Long, seconded by Joe Quinn and passed by acclamation.

9.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 30 at 10:00 a.m. at the CAS Office at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Galaskas