

New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
September 18, 2013  
Minutes

**Present:** Gene Goldwasser, Joe Quinn, Elliot Kigner, Jack Zamek, Marty Mandelker, Corine Lipset-Huberman, David Long, Vince Deland, Ken Forman, Jeff Hollander, George Pincus, Lynn Pambonyo

Meeting was called to order by Gene Goldwasser, President @ 10:05 AM

**Minutes of the June 19, 2013 Executive Board and General Meetings - Pat**

The minutes of both meetings were reviewed and accepted. Motion to accept: Corine, second by David. Unanimously accepted.

**Treasurer's Report - Jack**

The balance of all accounts as of August 31, 2013 was \$9229.88

The net cost of last June's luncheon (June 2013) to the treasury was \$432 because of subsidizing the per capita fee and free invitees. The treasurer's report was accepted. Motion to accept: Vince, second by Elliot. Unanimously accepted.

**Announcements:**

1. Do Not Call Registry for cell phones: 888-382-1222

This information will be email blasted to all members.

2. STAR re-registration starts this October. All NYS residents will receive a letter with their registration number to go on-line or by phone and re-register for a STAR abatement. This is mandatory.

3. Benefits

EDP Dental Program charges \$129 per family per year. Praise from executive board members who have taken plan. If you mention NYSRSAS when enrolling, you get an additional discount.

4. Membership

There are 367 members, of whom 311 are paid, 32 lifetime, and 24 free new memberships.

**Committee Reports**

Jack reported on benefits and specifically, the dental discount program, EDP.

Marty's education report focused on high-stakes testing and parents opting out.

Jeff provided an overview of the membership numbers and efforts to increase our numbers.

Corine set the deadline for the October newsletter and encouraged members to contribute articles for both the October and January issues.

**New Business**

1. Focus Groups

There was extensive discussion around NYSRSAS developing positions on critical issues for citizens, retirees, educators. What should our purpose focus around? It was decided that we would set up a meeting with a current educator involved with the controversy over Testing, APPR, and Common Core Standards to determine the position of the organization. It was

suggested to invite Dr. Arnold Dodge, Chair of the Educational Leadership Program, CW Post/LIU to meet with the executive board. An email blast will be forthcoming describing the event. A focus group meeting was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the CAS office for the executive board to meet with Dr. Dodge, who will be contacted by Ken Forman

We also reviewed last year's member survey results, which indicated that members wanted the organization to take positions on issues of importance to us as citizens and retired school administrators and supervisors.

2. Web site

We discussed the purpose of the web site again and the possible inclusion of positions the organization takes on controversial issues affecting education. Likewise we also discussed the inclusion of positions affecting us as American citizens.

3. Additional areas of focus for this year may include: gun control, the achievement gap, charter schools, APPR, and the common core standards.

4. Next meeting: Focus Group, Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10 AM  
Next Executive Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM

5. Adjournment at 11:45 AM. Motion to adjourn by David, second by Jeff, unanimously accepted.