

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

Meeting of the Executive Board – October 3, 2012

CAS Offices – Hauppauge, NY

**Present:** Gene Goldwasser, Pat Galaskas, Jeff Hollander, Elliot Kigner, Corine Lipset-Huberman, Mel Lantz, David Long, Marty Mandelker, Stan Opas, Joe Quinn, George Pincus, Francesca Ciolino Volano, John Wallace, Jack Zamek

**1.0 Welcome:** Gene Goldwasser, President.

All members were welcomed and new Board members Jeff Hollander and Marty Mandelker were introduced. Gene reviewed the agenda.

**2.0 Minutes:** The minutes of the June 20, 2012 meeting were reviewed and accepted. Moved by Francesca Ciolino-Volano, seconded by David Long.

**3.0 Treasurer's Report:**

**3.1** Report presented by Jack Zamek. Account balances as of August 31, 2012:

Regular savings - \$3.20 not interest bearing

Share checking - \$897.70

Money Market - \$4,340.05

16 month Certificate of Deposit - \$4,448.26 maturing 2/23/13.

All accounts are presently held at the Teachers' Federal Credit Union.

Total = \$9,792.21 (\$37.45 interest earned year to date)

Recent expenses included about \$858 for the newsletter, \$450 for the July benefits mailing, \$252 for software for preparation of the newsletters and \$684 for the June luncheon.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by acclamation.

**3.2** The cost of newsletter mailing was discussed. Including paid advertisements was suggested as a possibility. It was proposed that we ask members if they would like to receive the newsletter electronically to save on postage. (This would require the creation of a LISTSERV.) A question was also raised regarding the possibility of posting our newsletter on the CAS website.

**3.3** A memorial honoring Mario DiSciullo was mentioned. We'll send a contribution as soon as the family has made a decision.

**4.0 Correspondence:** none

**5.0 Announcements:** none

## 6.0 Committee Reports

- 6.1 Benefits** – Jack Zamek introduced Kurt Meyer of EDP who explained how EDP’s discounted dental plan works offering a network of approximately 2,200 dentists who agree to discount fees for specific procedures from 25% to 70%. The program is open to all but a special discount is being offered to NYSRSAS members who will pay an introductory rate of \$79 for an individual plan, \$129 for coverage for a couple, and \$169 for a family plan. More information is available online at [www.edpdental.com](http://www.edpdental.com). There are custom registration forms for NYSRSAS members. There is a one-time \$19 enrollment fee which will be waived for NYSRSAS members. Once one joins, a membership card is received which must be shown to participating dentists in order to receive plan discounts. Membership must be renewed each year with subsequent years charged at the regular rates. The company also has discount vision and hearing plans.
- 6.2 Education:** Marty Mandelker will be preparing articles for our newsletter and requested input on topics of interest
- 6.3 Legislation** – Stu Mortman provided an article on “Pension Tension” which noted that “On average pension funds account for 3% of government spending, a clear contradiction of the claim that public pensions are ‘bankrupting’ state and local budgets.” It was agreed as an organization we don’t take an “official” position or endorse specific candidates. However, we do address the impact of political issues upon us as retired educators. This means that in some instances (e.g. the Wisconsin actions to eviscerate the protections afforded public employees) we cannot treat both sides of a question equally.
- 6.3 Membership:** Gene announced that Bill Sigelakis , who has served for many years as our Membership Chair, has indicated that he must resign from that position. We pay Demetria who has taken over almost all of the tasks involved with membership mailings and record keeping. Jeff Hollander agreed to assume the duties of Membership Chair for the next year. Bill will take Jeff’s place as an Executive Board Member-at-large. Our total membership is approximately 377, including “free” memberships for those in their first year in the association.
- 6.4 Newsletter:** Corine Lipset-Huberman indicated that the deadline for articles for the January issue will be December 15, 2012. Contributions include a possible article from Don Murphy; Marty Mandelker writing on testing, supervision of teachers and/or assessment of administrators; Mel Lantz providing something on union negotiations; and Francesca Ciolino-Volano contributing a book review.
- 6.5 Publicity:** no report.

## 7.0 Old Business

**7.1 RSAS Activities.** The possibility of conducting a pre-retirement workshop was discussed. In the past, we've had Focus Group meetings in February (a specific topic would need to be identified). A mid-year program on asset planning was proposed. (Topic: Where do you put your money in the current market?) If we want to do this, it should be announced in our January newsletter and we'll need to find an appropriate location (ideally near LIE exits 48-52). It was suggested that we use the date of an Executive Board meeting and then invite participants to attend both sessions.

**7.2 LISTSERV Creation:** We could use this for electronic distribution of our newsletter and for legislative action alerts. Assistance in creating and implementing it would be needed.

**7.3 June Luncheon Review:** location and speaker/topic must be decided.

## **8.0 New Business**

**8.1 Medicate/Empire Changes:** NYSHIP will be providing further information on changes in prescription drug coverage for those who are Medicare-eligible..

**8.2 Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) and Student Learning Objectives:** tabled

**9.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the CAS office.**

**10.0 Adjournment:** at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Galaskas