Professional Association Executive Board

November 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes

**Present: Erica Brindisi, Yue Riesbeck, Ross Wittenberg, Patti Antanavige, Norma Chrisman, Justin Rahn, Alison Doughtie, Kelly McNamara, Aaron Fried, Robin Saxe**

**Excused: Christine Van Namee, Michael Kuczynski,**

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| **Item** | **Discussion** | **Action/Decision** |
| **Call to Order and Approve Agenda** | Meeting was called to order by President Norma Chrisman | **Call to order at 3:10** |
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| **Approve of Minutes** | Approval of October 12, 2023 minutes | **Motion: Aaron Fried**  **Second: Robin Saxe**  **Motion approved** |
| **President:** | * Board of Trustee meeting (10/16) * CONGRATULATIONS ROSS – Gompers Award Dinner (10/19) * Monthly meeting with President VanWagoner (10/20) * NYCAP – discussing plans for funding from the state. Sharing a flyer with NYSUT * NYSUT Community College Conference (11/3-5) * Attended by Sam McManus, Shahida Dar, Ross Wittenberg, Patti Antanavige, Robin Saxe, Yue Riesbeck and Norma Chrisman. Great sessions with lots of information. * United Way Board of Director meeting (11/07)   -Meeting to offer Board of Trustee position for a new Director |  |
| **Correspondence:** | * none |  |
| **Treasurer’s Report** | * Bank statement reconciled through October 2023 * 214 Paying members, 2 new * Tax forms will be out in January for anyone making over $600 in stipends/honorariums * Budget ends 4/30/23 | **Motion: Patti Antanavige**  **Second: Erica Brindisi**  **Motion approved** |
| **Committee Reports** |  |  |
| **Benefits Fund** | Asked to have Justin Wilcox term extended another 3 years. He has been a valuable source of information to the new chair.   * Another member retiring at the end of December 2023, start thinking of who to replace Kevin Siembab * Paying out Honorariums and continuing the FAQ sheet updates. Hope to have FAQ sheet ready for February Meeting | **Motion: Aaron Fried**  **Second: Ross Wittenberg**  **Motion Approved** |
| **Community Outreach** | * + - Won the Best Give-away award at the trick or treat event on the Rome Campus.     - Collecting food at the new member reception on 11/15/23     - Basket for Celebration of Success to be put together. Approximately $100     - Festival of Trees setup is Tuesday 11/14/23 at the Masonic Home | **Motion: Patti Antanavige**  **Second: Aaron Fried**  **Motion approved** |
| **Education and Training** | * + - Reached out to the Negotiations Team to see if they would like help spreading information to the unit at large |  |
| **Internal Communications** | * PAnorama went out. Next one is mid February * Scholarship posters are being put out. Applications due 12/1/23 |  |
| **Member Engagement** | * Holiday party is at Twin Ponds. 12/19/23 Tuesday 5-8pm. $15/guest. Donations will most likely be to the Thea Bowman house. There will be a mitten exchange |  |
| **Political Outreach** | * 7 contested Board of Legislators, 6 incumbents were elected. 1 flip was Leone * Inquiring about budget as to what kind of increase we are looking at. |  |
| **Research and Records** | * No report |  |
| **New Members** | * New Members reception 11/15/23 4:30-6 ACC 116 |  |
| **Grievance** | * No report |  |
| **Negotiations** | * Retreat for next Saturday, college has put their team together and is preparing. Hopefully some early meetings and Spring break for meetings to begin. |  |
| **Social Justice** | * Organizing an event to volunteer at the Hope house |  |
| **Old Business** | * none |  |
| **New Business** | * Would like to do something for the RA’s and Public Safety in support of their work and continued work after Tuesday’s lockdown. $300 basket/gift cards for the 3 RA’s. $150 in coffee and bagels for Public Safety | **Motion: Aaron Fried**  **Second Patti Antanavige**  **Motion Approved** |
| **Next Meeting** | The next meeting December 14 3pm PH382 |  |
| **Adjourn** | Motion to Adjourn: Aaron Fried  2nd: Robin Saxe | **Adjourned at 4:16** |