Professional Association Executive Board

February 14, 2024, Meeting Minutes

**Present: Kelly McNamara, Yue Riesbeck, Michael Kuczynski, Erica Brindisi, Christine VanNamee, Robin Saxe, Patti Antanavige, Ross Wittenberg, Aaron Fried, Norma Chrisman**

**Excused: Justin Rahn**

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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 2:33** |
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| **Approve of Minutes** | Approval of December 13, 2023 minutes | **Motion: Patti Antanavige****Second: Robin Saxe****Motion approved** |
| **President:** | * Board of Trustee meeting (12/18)
* VP spoke about protected speech, Board of Trustees talked about Whistle blower Policy
* NYSUT ED39 meeting (01/08)
* Mainly to discuss what would happen when going to Albany
* Monthly meeting with President VanWagoner (01/08)
* Discussed budget
* Filed Board of Elections January Periodic report (01/16)
* NYSUT ED39 meeting (01/19)
* Board of Trustees meeting (01/22)

-Policy for video conferencing was discussed to resolve questions regarding quorum for example-VP Squires reported revenue tracking as expected-Starting 1/1/24 went to self insured health care-Auxillary Services reported being unhappy with dining contract-discussed design for the S&T building-state funding of Community Colleges was discussed-The lockdown was discussed again regarding the spam filter being a problem, they will be making sure there are actual phones in labs and discussed to drills every semester.* United Way Board meeting (01/25)
* Labor Agency meeting (01/29)
* NYSUT Higher Education Policy meeting (02/04 – 02/05)

-Motto is “fair funding and funding Downstate (Hospital)”* CNY Labor Council Legislative Breakfast (02/09)

-Stacey Abrahms was the guest speaker.  |  |
| **Correspondence:** | * Submitted Ross Wittenberg for the NYSUT Leadership Institute program for 2024
* MVCC Foundation – thank you letter for PA Scholarship sponsorship
* Thank you from Mother Marianne’s Kitchen
* Thank you note from The Center
* Request to sponsor Ted Moore Run / Walk
* $500 donation to Ted Moore Run/Walk

Motion: Aaron FriedSecond:: Robin Saxe | **Motion approved** |
| **Treasurer’s Report** | MVCCPA Textbook scholarship discussion* There were no payments in the fall but $1,265.07 for the Spring
* Discussion on how to approve requests/limits.
* Should there be a committee to decide approvals?
* Guidelines needed to approving money, setting $ limits?
* Homework is to send Norma, Patti or Aaron your suggestions for guidelines that should be in place.

Bank statement has been reconciled through January 2024214 Paying Members9 non paying members -Tax forms were send out via interoffice mail only if your stipend was over $600Motion to approve Treasurer’s report: Aaron FriedSecond: Yue Riesbeck | **Motion approved** |
| **Committee Reports** |  |  |
| **Benefits Fund** | * AFT provides Fidelty policy will be renewed through 3/2025
* Continuing to work on updates
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| **Community Outreach** | * + - Michelle Kelly has let us know the dates for the spring intergenerational cleanup. They will be 4/27 and 4/28.
		- Kathy Kotary has asked Robin to Face Paint for Touch a Truck.
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| **Education and Training** | * + - Tentatively talked about negotiations output: Aaron suggested maybe a negotiations simulation for the members to better understand the process.
		- Talking about putting together a video about basic member benefits before the end of the semester.
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| **Internal Communications** | * Met and talked about the next Panorama, articles are due by next Friday, 2/23/24
* Election edition Panorama to be put out in March
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| **Member Engagement** | * Meeting last Monday in February to talk about spring get together.
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| **Political Outreach** | * Public Education = Public Good is the stance of NYSUT
	+ Expressing to state that there is a benefit to investing in Higher Education
	+ 2024 state budget is very “vanilla”
	+ $20 million reduction in system funding
	+ $217 million in one time funding and strategic funding
	+ $53 million in funding new full time faculty positions
	+ $20 million reduction in overall funding for Higher Education from last year!
	+ Flat funding for campuses across the system – funding 100% of the funding floor but no additional money
	+ $138 million for Community College Capital funding projects
* A software called StopIt relates anonymous reporting of whatever someone wants to about whoever they want to, to Human Resourses. Already being used at some schools.
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| **Research and Records** | * No report
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| **New Members** | * No report
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| **Grievance**  | * No report
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| **Negotiations** | * Need feedback on promotion and career/continuing appointments process. None of which is in the contract language except for guideline.
* Working with the college - both sides hope to agree on the new contract before current contract is up.
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| **Social Justice** | * Volunteers going to Hope House this Sunday, 2/18/24. Sign up for this was great so considering doing another one later in the semester.
* Meeting on 2/19/24 to talk about hosting a panel discussion this semester on homelessness.
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| **Old Business** |  |  |
| **New Business** |  |  |
| **Next Meeting** | The next meeting 3/20/24 at 3:30 in PH 382  |  |
| **Adjourn** | Motion to Adjourn: Aaron Fried2nd: Erica Brindisi | **Adjourned at 3:46pm** |