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 Fried  Second:: 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 2024  214 Paying Members  9 non paying members  -Tax forms were send out via interoffice mail only if your stipend was over $600  Motion to approve Treasurer’s report: Aaron Fried  Second: Yue Riesbeck | **Motion approved** |
| **Committee Reports** |  |  |
| **Benefits Fund** | * AFT provides Fidelty policy will be renewed through 3/2025 * Continuing to work on updates |  |
| **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. |  |
| **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. |  |
| **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 |  |
| **Member Engagement** | * Meeting last Monday in February to talk about spring get together. |  |
| **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. |  |
| **Research and Records** | * No report |  |
| **New Members** | * No report |  |
| **Grievance** | * No report |  |
| **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. |  |
| **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. |  |
| **Old Business** |  |  |
| **New Business** |  |  |
| **Next Meeting** | The next meeting 3/20/24 at 3:30 in PH 382 |  |
| **Adjourn** | Motion to Adjourn: Aaron Fried  2nd: Erica Brindisi | **Adjourned at 3:46pm** |