Minutes

CENTRAL SECTION MEETING 2/14/2018

Yesterday’s

**1. Call to Order – 12:30 PM**

President – Nicole Joy

**2. Roll Call Executive Committee:**

Nicole Joy President **X** present absent

Carrie-Anne Lyons Vice President **X** present absent

Emil Nemec Treasurer **X** present absent

Eric Reichert Secretary **X** present absent

Jim Lafferty Past President present **X** absent

TRUSTEES

Mike Roy (Expires 5/2018) \_ \_ present\_\_\_ absent

Jill Plesnarski (Expires 5/2019) \_\_\_\_ present\_ \_ absent

Jerry Harris (Expires 5/2020) \_\_\_\_ present\_ \_ absent

**3. Pledge to the Flag:**

**4. Self Introductions:**

**5. Approval of Minutes** *– from November*

Motion: Frank Kunz

Second: Rich Malt

Comments & Corrections: N/A

Approved: YES

1. **President's Report: Nicole Joy:**

Safety Message:

Today’s safety message topic is on Fire Safety. Over the last several months, I kept hearing about incidents of fire disaster, including witnessing first-hand the impact of the Napa and Sonoma wildfires, a whole apartment building that burned to the ground with one fatality near my office in Montgomery Township and then a few weeks ago at my boyfriend’s restaurant when a cigarette butt caught mulch on fire and fire traveled under the floor in the bar. If it hadn’t been for someone following through with calling the fire department when hearing the fire alarm, the business would have burned to the ground. Please make sure when burning something that it is fully distinguished and placed in a proper fire proof container. A lack of inattention to this detail can cause destruction, harm and loss of life. According to the national fire protection association, “fire research has demonstrated with today’s modern furnishings, fires can spread much more rapidly than in the past when more natural materials were used. Because of this, having a sufficient number of properly located smoke alarms is essential to maximum the amount of available escape time. For many years NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, has required as a minimum that smoke alarms be installed inside every sleep room (even for existing homes) in addition to requiring them outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Homes built to earlier standards often don’t meet these standards.” I have printed a two sided list of instructions for proper installation of smoke alarms and testing smoke alarms on your tables for your review. A few key things I noticed from this is we should all be testing our smoke alarms once per month, and installing new batteries once per year. Remember – if your smoke detector goes off, get out and call 911. It can save your life. Also, please remember to thank your first responders who put their safety on the line to help those in danger

President’s Report

1. The Central Section Executive Committee met at Stagehouse Tavern on January 3rd to prepare for the Annual Budget Meeting.
2. I attended the NJWEA Annual Budget Meeting at Bayshore on January 12th where we set the Central Budget for 2018-2019.
3. Hosted the NJWEA Central Section Annual Awards Dinner on January 13th where one hundred attendees came out for a fun night to celebrate our Central Section Awardees and Scholar Awards Recipients. Thank you to all of our dinner sponsors and also to Roseann Pettrow, Carrie-Anne Lyons, Jill Plesnarski and Emil Nemec for all your hard work in making it a successful night. The date for next years event is Saturday, January 18th
4. On February 1st, I attended the Central Section’s second Night at the New Jersey Devils at the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey.
5. On February 9th, I attended the State Executive Session meeting where I provided a report on the status of the Central Section.

Announcements and Reminders

The North Section Franklin S. Miller Dinner Dance and Awards Night will be March 3rd at the Fiesta in Woodridge. The South Section Ladies Night and Awards Dinner will be April 7th, 2018 at the Mansion in Voorhees. Please go out and support our fellow sections as they support us.

The NJWEA Technology Transfer Seminar will be held March 5th through 8th at a new location, the National Conference Center in East Windsor, NJ.

The John J. Lagrosa 103rd Annual Conference and Exposition is scheduled from May 7th through 11th at Bally’s in Atlantic City.

The April Annual Business meeting was scheduled for April 13th at National Conference center Holiday Inn, 399 Monmouth Street, East Windsor, NJ 08520. Delegates and Alternates will receive an email invitation with the start time. Please confirm your attendance. General announcement to check you are current with your NJWEA membership. There is a link to renew your membership online in the NJWEA upcoming events email. Please note: all delegates and alternates need current membership by April in order to vote.

Also, remember that the current TCH cycle will end September 30th 2018. Jill do you have any additional notes on that?

INSERT JILL’S TALK ON THE TCH CYCLE AND CEU AVAILABILITY ON THE DEP WEB SITE.

WEFMAX

Carrie-Anne Lyons and myself were nominated to attend WEFMAX in Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina May 23-25. As you know, we typically send representation on a yearly basis for this valuable membership association information sharing and networking. Due to schedules and location, the Central Section could not send a representative to Puerto Rico last year. The State will pay for meals and conference expenses, but we are looking for Section support for hotel and transportation costs. We have a line item in our budget for $1,000 per year for this and spent nothing last year. We plan to share a room to cut down on hotel expenses, but are looking at plane tickets since it’s over 12 hours away. I am requesting funding to offset these expenses. It would be three nights of a shared hotel and two round trip plane tickets if we can find a good deal. I am estimating the cost of attendance would be $1,500. Does anyone have any comments ore questions?

If not, I would like to make a motion to approve Central Section funding of these costs:

Motion: Rob Villee motioned that we allocate $2,000 for the WEFMAX attendance.

Second: Brendan Tobin

Approved: YES

1. **Vice President's Report: Carrie-Anne Lyons:**

INSERT Carrie-Anne’s report here.

1. **Treasurer's Report: Emil Nemec:**

**Checking: $33,581.44**

**Wells Fargo: $9,330.05**

**Cash: $100.00**

**Total: $43,011.49**

Motion: Alan Friedrich

Second: Jeff Williams

Comments and Corrections: N/A

Approved: YES

1. **NJWEA State Report:**  Tom Grenci, State President was present and offered the following:

* Reminder that the Spring Tech Transfer Seminars are being held at a new venue.
* The may conference is coming up. If any vendors are looking for booths or want to change their locatin, then please see Henry Penley
* We are always looking for sponsors – Please see Rick Eustace.
* There was a State Executive Meeting this past Friday.
* This years Awardees have been sent letters notifying them of their award.
* There was a second reading of the new State Officers.
* **Jill Plesnarski is our State Vice President Elect!**
* State Association 2017 Audit turned out well – there were only a few maintenance issues.
* The backup audits from 2015 and 2016 were good too.
* The 2018 budget has been submitted and approved by the State Executive Committee. The budget will be voted on at the State Association’s April Annual Business Meeting.
* **Meghan Lyvak is now working for WEF**

1. **Committee Reports:** I have made a few revisions to committee chairs to balance the workload out over our section. Jill Plesnarski has accepted the role of committee chair for the Scholar Awards. Additionally, Megan Livak has stepped down from her role as YP committee chair. Megan has taken a new position with WEF and is moving to Washington DC effective last week. She sent a lovely letter to us all thanking us for all her support and she will keep in touch. Our new YP committee chair is Emily Zidanic of Cape May.

**Alan Friedrich -** Good & Welfare **–** **No Report.**

**Clark Wolverton –** Membership (& Mailings) – **Absent.**

**Roseann Pettrow-** Scholarship and Awards Dinner - **No Report.**

**Jen Loudon -** Special Activities– **In addition to the Devils Game, Jen has asked that anyone interested in helping plan future special activities contact her. She is currently evaluating dates for the Somerset Patriots Game and is looking for volunteers to assist with the planning of this. Jen needs some help. Please volunteer.**

**Roger Parkhurst** **–** Golf Outing – **Absent.** Emil Nemec offered the following:

* Golf outing was held in August in PA.
* Attendance was low, but those that did attend enjoyed themselves.
* We are ready to do it again on the 3rd week in August.

A discussion among the membership ensued. It was suggested the having the event in NJ might gain us more attendees.

**Robert Noel -** Education & Seminars Programs –

**Jerry Harris –** Manual of Practice – Presentation of Manual of Practice revisions

**Eric Reichert –** Webmaster – No report, but if you notice something amiss on our page, please don’t hesitate to contact me so that I can fix it.

**Henry Penley -** Membership roster – As always, Henry has a membership roster available. Just email him a request.

**Jill Plesnarski** - Scholar Awards –

**Emily Zidanic Young Professionals** –

**10. New Business:**

**11. Door Prizes:** Prizes donated by**:**

**12. Next Meeting: Yesterday’s, Wednesday, March 14th. Topic to be determined.**

**13. Adjournment:**

Motion:

Second:

Time:

Meeting Attendees: