

SCIENCE EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
Minutes of the Annual Board Meeting
April 6, 2000
Omni Rosen Hotel, Orlando, Florida

Present: Judy Egelston-Dodd, Joyce Gleason, John Stiles, Sami Kahn, Ed Keller, Jr., Laureen Summers, Dorothy Miner, Saul Shenberg, Karen Milchus, Judy Reenhartz, Patti Davidson, Greg Stefanich, Zach Davidson.

2:20 P.M.

SESD President Judy Egelston-Dodd called the meeting to order. first item of business was to appoint a Secretary Pro-tem. John Stiles volunteered to take the minutes, and was appointed by Judy.

An attendance sheet was passed among attendees, and each signed to confirm their attendance. Judy asked each person to introduce him/herself, which each did.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer report had not yet arrived before Judy left for the pre-conference workshop, but Judy noted that a report was in the September 1999 newsletter. Judy added that there were approximately 130 current members, and that there is over \$1000 in the treasury, \$500 of which would be used to reimburse editors for the 1999 Journal. Judy added that by using first class mail, the organization is able to keep closer tabs on members, since it improves address updates.

Old Business:

- ISSN for journal. Judy said that there had been a miscommunication between her and the editors of the journal (JSESD) concerning obtaining an ISSN for JSESD. She will follow-up.
- By-laws. No comments.
- President's Goals.

--Judy reported that NSTA special support services provides good visibility for affiliates. Members are urged to send ideas for increasing SEDS visibility to Judy.

--Membership is up 10%, increasing at that rate each year. Judy noted that there is still a need for ideas to recruit new members. It was hoped that the new membership chair would gather information and ideas from the board and members.

--JSESD. Next issue will go to press in June, still time to receive new manuscripts. Members are urged to send ideas for articles to the editors.

--Brochure. Changes to be made include adding the website address (www.as.wvu.edu/~scidis); adding information about institutional membership; list of committees.

--Lawrence Scadden Award. Search reported by chair Sami Kahn. Quality of applications was excellent, but there were low numbers of applicants. Ideas were brainstormed for increasing interest and response. there appears to be a problem with the term "students with disabilities" which is often associated with

"special education" and some potential applicants thought that it was for special education teachers only. The suggestion was to re-name the award the "Lawrence Scadden Award for Excellence in Science Teaching for Students with Disabilities." Sami asked members to help disseminate information and volunteer to help review applications. Interested persons should contact Sami at samkn@rci.rutgers.edu.

--Web-based bibliography. The bibliography has been maintained by Jan Davies. Judy reported that there have been few purchases, even though it is a very valuable resource. The board agreed to move it to the web site to make it more accessible. (The board noted their thanks for the work of previous board members and Jan for compiling the information)

--E-mail distribution list. John reported that he had received 40 e-mail addresses from members in response to a survey sent out the previous month. Ed agreed to assemble a list at West Virginia University in conjunction with the SESD website.

--Student research. Greg suggested having university students publish activities and research on the SESD website with links for access.

New Business

--Approval of substitute for Judy at the NSTA CAGs (Committees and Affiliated Groups) annual summer meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia. Motion by Ed Keller: **"to approve the substitution of Sami Kahn for Judy Egelston-Dodd at the Williamsburg CAGs summer conference."** The motion was seconded by Lauren Summers, and passed unanimously.

Ed also made a motion **"to increase the stipend for this year's CAGs conference to \$300."** The motion was seconded by Joyce Gleason, and was passed unanimously. Sami asked that the members give her input regarding concerns to take to the CAGs conference.

--Sharing booth space. Karen Milchus asked if there was interest in sharing booth space with the Center for Rehabilitation Technology of Georgia Tech at an NSTA regional conference next fall. Judy accepted with thanks.

Reports

--Judy reported for the journal editors, who were not present. Five articles are necessary to publish an issue, and the editors (Dana Caseau and Jim Marshall) report that they have received only three of quality so far. John mentioned that there are many SESD members who could contribute excellent articles to the journal, and they are asked to consider it.

--Bibliography. Judy reported that there has been no update in two years, so the bibliography will be moved to an electronic site, which is timely. There was some discussion regarding how to update the bibliography, including assigning various key journals to individual members to review regularly and screen for resources. No action was taken.

--Convention. Lauren (chair) announced to all present that the Science-Abled Breakfast was to be held that Saturday morning, and that tickets were still available. She reported that she was using a AAAS list to recruit speakers, but would like to have future speakers from the SESD membership. Ed reported on the

SESD booth at the convention, which is supported by NSF.

--Election of new officers. John (chair) asked for volunteers to be newsletter editor and secretary. The silence was deafening. It was suggested by Greg that new people should take on these open slots, as the same people always do it when there are no volunteers or nominations. John suggested that there would be no newsletter published until a volunteer steps forward, as both he and Judy have been doing double duty as temporary editors just to keep it going. An appeal to members was suggested, and John replied that all members received the information and appeal last month, but no one responded.

John distributed ballots for Membership Chair. Sami Kahn was elected unanimously. Greg suggested making the award chair an official officer and board member. Sami replied that since she was chair of both membership and awards, it might make sense to combine them. Judy will ask David Bartlett (treasurer) for updated membership list.

3:40 P.M. Meeting adjourned by President Judy Egelston-Dodd

Respectfully submitted by John Stiles, Secretary Pro-Tem

John Stiles
4-14-00