



## General Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Molloy University

- I. Call to Order Heidi Green
  - The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m.
  
- II. Consent Agenda Items Melissa Bellantonio
  - Approval of September General Membership Meeting Minutes
  - Approval of June Agenda
    - **Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items (September General Membership Meeting Minutes and June Agenda).**
      - 1st: Lisa Searle
      - 2nd: Kate Gildard
      - **Motion carries.**
  
- III. President's Report Heidi Green
  - Heidi would like to acknowledge the amazing volunteers who work to keep our organization afloat. There's leadership that represents the best of NYSACAC, who have dedicated years and years of service to the organization. Will those who are here who have previously served in that capacity please stand.
  - Happy to share the future dates and locations of our annual conference.
    - Hartwick College in 2025; we will officially pass the torch tomorrow.
    - Where will we be in 2026 and 2027? When you're ready to host, come see Heidi, Dave Follick and/or Kathleen McArthur. Some people think it's a really big expense; here to tell you that is not the case. Please come talk to us more if you'd like to learn more about hosting.
  
- IV. President-Elect's Report Dave Follick
  - First, Dave would like to thank Molloy University for putting on the most amazing conference; if you've been here since Tuesday you have experienced it all. Thank you to Molloy and Marguerite; their planning has been amazing.
  - Dave would also like to thank the conference Steering Committee.
  - After this session we will be doing a 50/50 raffle to help support NYSACAC; we also have a silent auction, please bid on those items, as it gets competitive at the end of the hour. We have bocce, cornhole, and our first annual WINGO; hosted by the admissions counselor who started it at Molloy University.
  - On Friday morning, there will be an awesome mega session in this room.
  - Two great socials tonight; NYSACAC's casino night and dueling pianos.
  
- V. Past President's Report Chris Doyle
  - Chris is unable to be here; Heidi Green presented the Past President's report.
  - The Past President is responsible for awards and elections. Award winners were presented at the opening session; please stand to be recognized again.
  - As you may remember, we moved to a regional model to reflect the changes that NACAC made. We elected the following people to the regional roles. We will spend the summer retreat discussing these roles.
    - Region 1
      - Secondary Representative: Ricky Papandrea

- Region 3
  - Secondary Representative: Haniya Mee
  - College Representative: Nicole Radassao
- Region 4
  - Secondary Representative: Tyler Anderson
  - College Representative: Sarah Ireland
- Region 5
  - Secondary Representative: Mark Mason
  - College Representative: Brian Gleitsmann
- Region 6
  - Secondary Representative: Courtney Stern
  - College Representative: Molly Place
- In addition, we have elected three people to leadership positions:
  - President-Elect: Lauren Sangimino
  - Vice President for Professional Development: Rob Robinson
  - Vice President for Finance-Elect: Rob Oliva

## VI. Vice Presidents' Reports

- VP for Professional Development and Planning Lisa Searle
  - Lisa had the distinct pleasure of working with some incredibly dedicated colleagues and committee co-chairs from around the state who were busy planning professional development programs for you to engage with this past fall and spring. We offered professional development events from August 2023 through this month!
  - School-College Relations: Makenna from Geneseo and Erica from Keuka College hosted several virtual lunchtime “ketchup” sessions throughout the year and provided members the opportunity to connect around various topics including What to Expect at Conference. Thank you for joining us on a Hollywood square to discuss these topics!
  - Winter Institute: Rob from St. Francis College and Sheryl from Grand Island High School planned and executed two Winter Institute programs this past January on the 12 and 19. Thank you to our host institutions for welcoming the newest members of our profession to their campuses and for the mentors who shared their expertise and perspectives around important topics impacting our work.
  - Middle Management: Lauren from Stony Brook University and Rob from Student Leadership Network planned and executed a Middle Management program in collaboration with co-chairs of Winter Institute and hosted their program on January 19.
  - Professional Development: Kory McBride from New Visions Public Schools and Cait from Syracuse hosted two different professional development events this spring on March 8 and 27 focusing on counseling students with physical disabilities and with keeping students' mental health in mind.
    - On February 9 they hosted a virtual Student Leaders in Admission Forum focussed on Training and Retaining student ambassadors. And get excited! Student Leaders in Admissions is returning in person this fall! The save-the-date has been sent for September 7 at St. John's University. You can submit proposal submissions until July 15.

- Summer Institute: Annemarie from Orchard Park High School and Stacy from St. John Fisher, along with the support of on-site coordinators from Skidmore are hard at work preparing for this year's Summer Institute 2024 program at Skidmore from August 6-9. Registration opened on June 1!

- VP for Finance

Christine Murphy

- Finance Committee
  - The Vice President of Finance typically provides a financial update at the June meeting. On the slide is the profit and loss report from our most recently completed fiscal year, which was 2023. As a reminder, NYSACAC operates on a January 1- December 31 fiscal year.
    - a. Total income was \$259,000.86.
    - b. Total expenses were \$176,858.03.
    - c. Net Income was \$82,142.83.
  - I would also like to thank the eleven members of the Finance Committee for their work in preparing the 2024 Budget, which was presented to the Executive Board in December.
- Membership:
  - As of the May report, we have a total of 1,804 members:
    - a. College: 883
    - b. Secondary: 564
    - c. CBO: 244
    - d. Individual: 113
  - Thank you to our Membership Co-Chairs, Alyssa Krawczyk and Mike White, for all their work. In addition to keeping our membership numbers strong, they worked diligently to maintain and enhance our membership database and they are currently planning for the development and distribution of a map that acknowledges NYSACAC member institutions.
- College Fairs
  - Haniya Mee and Colette Montgomery successfully hosted four college fairs this year. Two in the fall – hosted at Sarah Lawrence College and St. Francis College. And, two in the spring – hosted at SUNY Maritime College and Our Lady of Lourdes High School.
  - Thank you to our host institutions for supporting NYSACAC and for welcoming hundreds of colleges and students to your campuses.
  - If anyone is interested in hosting a college fair at your institution next year, please contact the College Fairs committee at [college.fairs@nysacac.org](mailto:college.fairs@nysacac.org).
- Scholarship Committee
  - Megan DeMayo-Dalen and Rob Kretcher, along with their committee, did a wonderful job this year. They received more than 60 applications from all over New York State. The 2024 application recently closed, candidates are currently being reviewed and the 2024 recipients will be notified in late June.

- VP for Communications Bryan Rothstein
  - The committees on the communications team have been hard at work updating our website, sending emails, posting on our social media accounts, and producing/editing our newsletter! The hard work of the committees have connected us as an association together and to the larger higher education field. Bryan looks forward to our year ahead with new innovations in our newsletter, updates to our forms and website, more targeted emails and the roll out of Hootsuite for social media.
  - Make sure you are following us on social media; at the end of the presentation there are QR codes to drop your photos from the conference and share them.
  - Thanks to Anna from St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn, Brenna from Bennington College, Kate from Marist, Hannah from St Lawrence, Brian from Utica University, and Madison from U of R for all your hard work!
  
- VP for Inclusion, Access and Success Danny Robinson
  - Camp College (Tiarah Vergara & Marcelle Hicks)
    - Camp College will be hosted on July 17-19 at SUNY Geneseo. The committee has been working diligently to prepare for our first in-person, overnight event, in quite some time. The mentor and student applications are now available, and we ask that you consider encouraging your students to apply. A new update for this year, is that transportation will be provided for campers (details will be available soon). If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact [camp.college@nysacac.org](mailto:camp.college@nysacac.org).
  - CBO & Opportunity Programs (Tyree Vann & Rob Robinson)
    - CBO and Opportunity Programs hosted another successful virtual event on May 14 entitled "You Got in Now What? Financial Aid Edition" with the co-chairs and committee members (Bill Short, Cynthia Ling, and Kim Nauer- The New School).
    - Additionally, the committee co-hosted a WE-WISH Lunch Series on Fair Admissions Ruling and FAFSA (March 20) with an open dialogue as to where attendees were at that time and how to support students at the given moment.
    - Earlier in the year they also hosted two other well attended events on Navigating Your Future on December 6, 2023 (fourth time started in 2021) to further assist in refueling, informing, and motivating students about their future and options.
    - As well as Navigating Diversity HBCU Series along with Luis Barcelo from Pelham Memorial Prep on February 28, 2024 (third time, started in 2022) - an event to further inform students and families about the college process and Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
  - Coming Together (Emmanuel Moses & Lauren Quigley)
    - What an amazing year! Hope everyone enjoyed the networking, learning, and fellowship. Congrats to Manny, Lauren and the whole committee.
  - Government Relations (Alex El Helou & Annie Stull)

- Government Relations this year had to pivot from a planned in-person Legislative Advocacy Day (LAD) to a virtual event. Despite the quick turnaround, LAD was a great success.
- This year at the Conference, the Government Relations Legislative Session recapped the year, discussed legislative changes in the state budget, and presented action plans on how to get more involved. If you want to get more involved with advocacy, email [government.relations@nysacac.org](mailto:government.relations@nysacac.org).
- Would like to thank all the committee members and especially the amazing Co-Chairs of all the IAS Committees for their hard work and leadership in their respective areas this year.

Thank you to the attendees for your attention and a special thanks again to the four Vice Presidents and the Secretary.

VII. Adjourn

Heidi Green

- **Motion to adjourn the meeting.**
  - 1st: Lisa Searle
  - 2nd: Bryan Rothstein
  - **Motion carries**, meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.