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MANDATORY TRAININGS 2017-2018

Governance Training
Saturday September 9, 2017
WFL BOCES Newark

Fiscal Training
Saturday February 3, 2018
WFL BOCES Newark

Bundled Pricing Available

Encourage your new members to take advantage
of this locally provided opportunity!
(Experienced members may attend as a refresher for \$25.00)

Presidents Message

I love this time of year! I love being able to go out of the house without a coat; I love eating dinner in the daylight; and I love the end of the school year with all the last concerts and celebrations. I love graduation; I love the sense of accomplishment for the past and the sense of hope for the future. I think that spring might be one of the best times to be a board member.

This time of year has also been a wonderful time for Four County. We celebrated with our Annual Meeting at the NY Wine and Culinary Center. It was a lovely evening to be able to visit with our friends on other school boards, special guests and superintendents. The Art from Honeoye and musical talents from Wayne set a celebratory tone. We were so honored to have Tim Kramer from NYSSBA there to present Heather Zellers from Seneca Falls with their Champion for Change Award. Regent Wade Norwood spoke of the excitement that he feels to be a part of education and many of the positive changes he sees coming out of State Ed.

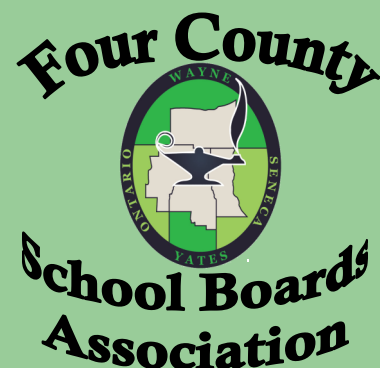
Last week we had a great "get acquainted" evening for newly elected board members. It was so nice to meet the newest members of our boards and have time to connect with existing members and superintendents. I love the relationships that I have developed through my school board service and Four County.

I look forward to a summer of planning and a fall with new events and opportunities to see many of you. Please remember to watch your email for the Four County survey. The best way we can serve you is to know what you would like and are interested in. Have an energizing summer!

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FROM YOUR AREA DIRECTOR



I enjoyed seeing so many of you at your annual meeting of the Four County School Boards Association in Canandaigua on May 18 when NYSSBA Executive Director Tim Kremer recognized Seneca Falls School Board member Heather Zellers as the 2017 recipient of the NYSSBA Champion for Change Award. As you know, this award is presented to a School Board Member while in her or his first term. However, in my opinion, you are all champions for change by making decisions at every meeting so your district can provide excellent opportunities for students within your district. You all champion the best opportunities for your kids that your communities can afford. I am very proud to represent all districts within Area 2 at the State level. Thank you for this opportunity.

As we approach the end of this school year, July 1 starts a new year. For those of you whose term will expire June 30, thank you for your service on behalf of the children in your district. For those of you who have just been elected to another term (or a first term), congratulations and thank you for your willingness to commit your time and considerations while making, at times, the very difficult decisions that are in the best interest of your students. Your volunteer service will have an impact on the lives of all young people for years to come, even beyond your terms of service.

I hope you all have a restful summer with opportunities to relax with family and friends.

Rodney

THANKS TO OUR 2016-2017 BUSINESS SPONSORS

Thanks to the following businesses for their generous support of Association programs, projects and publications through financial contributions and/or program participation throughout 2016-2017:

C&S Companies (Upstate/Downstate Hospitality Suite,
Facts & Figures, Annual Meeting)

Campus Construction Management (Facts & Figures)

Clark Patterson Lee (Facts & Figures)

Club 86 Party House (Facts & Figures)

Day Automation (Facts & Figures, Annual Meeting)

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General Membership Meeting)

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Reliant Community Credit Union (Facts & Figures)

St. John Fisher College (Facts & Figures)

Turner Construction (Facts & Figures)

Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P. C. (Facts & Figures, Fiscal Training)

Wegman's (Facts & Figures)

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THANK YOU & FAREWELL

To All Four County Members who complete board service this year:

**We thank you for your commitment to our children,
to your communities, and to public education!**

Joe Delforte, Jr – Canandaigua

Jim Hill – Dundee

Kristin VanValkenburg – Dundee

Jeffrey Pierce – Geneva

Stan Tepfer - Geneva

Thomas Mann – Honeoye

Edward Clark – Manchester-Shortsville

Mary Evans – Marcus Whitman

Dawn Langdon – Phelps-Clifton Springs

Peter Wormuth – Seneca Falls

Mary Church – South Seneca

Dennis Landry – Wayne

Farewell also to retiring Canandaigua Superintendent **Lynne Erdle**.
Best wishes for a very long, happy, healthy retirement!

Congratulations to Newly Elected Board Members for 2017-2018

Jen Schneider - Canandaigua

Kevin Crofoot - Dundee

Robert Neu - Dundee

Matthew Craig - Geneva

Emily Fisher - Geneva

Ray Thomas - Honeoye

Amanda MacNamara - Manchester-Shortsville

Benjamin Wickham - Marcus Whitman

Linda Jones - Seneca Falls

Ralph Malvik - South Seneca

Steven Gallaher - Wayne

Congratulations to all Re-Elected Board Members

INTEREST SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED

In the coming days members will receive a survey seeking information about your participation in Four County as well as possible topics of interest for the coming year. We will be contacting all who have been members for the 16-17 year. So – even if your term expired on June 30 your comments are still relevant and important to us. When the link arrives in your inbox – please take a few minutes to tell us about your Four County experience, how we can better serve your needs, interests; what your board would like to learn more about and; what speakers you would like to hear from during 17-18. Thanks for assisting the leadership with planning for the coming year - past surveys have always been a valuable planning tool.

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ANNUAL DINNER & MEETING

Four County members gathered for their 43rd Annual Meeting at the **New York Wine and Culinary Center** in Canandaigua, NY on Thursday, May 18, 2017. The program began with a social hour that included a display of student work from the **Honeoye Central School District**. (Thanks to **Michele Meyer, Art Teacher**, for gathering and setting it all up.) The social hour was also enhanced by the performance of the **Wayne Central Jazz Combo** under the direction of music teacher **Elizabeth Smith**. The **Wayne Central Bella Vocce**-the female chorus, under the direction of vocal music and theater arts teacher **Kathy Perconti**, entertained the gathering as they assembled for dinner. Members and their guests then enjoyed dinner prior to the Annual Business Meeting.

After a brief review of the year by Executive Director **Sharon Sweeney**, Nominating Committee Chair and Past President **Kathy Guenther** presented the slate and conducted the election of officers for 2017-2018. Elected by the General Membership were President **Beth Thomas** (Canandaigua), First Vice President **Robin Johnson** (Penn Yan), and Second Vice President **Russ Harris** (Newark). Before conducting the election Kathy presented outgoing Second Vice President **Caroline Nevil** (Bloomfield) with a thank you gift for her many years of leadership for the Association. (Caroline retires from the leadership group due to family commitments.) The meeting was concluded with remarks from re-elected President **Beth Thomas**.

Guest speaker for the evening was New York State At Large Representative to the Board of Regents the Honorable **Wade Norwood** who complimented the work of the Association and updated the gathering on the work of the Regents' Board.

The Association is grateful to **C & S Companies, Day Automation, and Hunt Architects, Engineers, and Surveyors** for their sponsorship of the event. The evening was a fitting culmination of the 2016-2017 year.

Calendar of Events

June 28, 2017

NYSSBA Reception for Area 2 Board Members - Rochester

July 14-15, 2017

NYSSBA New Board Orientation - Buffalo

July 20, 2017

NYSSBA Summer Law Conference - Rochester

August 11, 2017

NYSSBA Board of Officers Academy - Rochester

September 9, 2017

Mandatory Governance Training - WFL BOCES Newark

February 3, 2018

Mandatory Fiscal Training - WFL BOCES Newark



**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY RELAXING, RENEWING SUMMER
FILLED WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| June 28 | NYSSBA RECEPTION – Rochester |
| June 29 | FCSBA Steering Committee Meeting - Newark |
| July 9-11 | Rural Schools Conference – Cooperstown |
| July 14-15 | NYSSBA New Board – Buffalo |
| July 20 | NYSSBA Summer Law – Rochester |
| July 24 | FCSBA Legislative Committee Planning Meeting - Newark |
| August 4 | NYSSBA Board Officers' Academy – Rochester |
| September 9 | FCSBA Mandatory Governance Workshop |

