

NJCEA General Membership Meeting  
May 26, 2005  
Minutes

The meeting was brought to order by Lou Romanet at 1:06PM. Members present were; Dr. Siobhan Kelly, Bonnie Durante, Diane Bergeron, Caroline Wagner, Diane Whiteway, George Kopko, Carla DiBenedetto, Penny Berringer, Lori Nadolny, Ellen Karch, Victoria Vavricka, Dennis Armento, Annette Beckerman, Carolyn Reynolds, John Hillard, Joe McGinty, Joe Branosky, Paul Ponter, John Arkema, Kathy Breaut, Joe Walker, Kim Carfolite, Frank Eichmann, Rosemary Grabitz, Susan Maroon, Grace Cunha, Regina Leitner, and Grace McClosky.

Lou introduced creator of organization web site, Chris Grabosky who made a presentation overview of the new NJCEA web site, NJCEA.com. Lou noted that there were 15 scholarship winners but that some scholarships were still available. Students may still apply for available scholarships. The scholarships still available at the time of the general membership meeting were, #4, #13, #15, and #21-24 as listed in the scholarship booklet.

Victoria Vavricka conducted the election of officers. Information about Karen McCann was distributed to the general membership. Other candidates spoke to the group. A fact sheet on Victoria was distributed. John Hillard distributed and discussed the results of the Cooperative Education Guidelines Survey. John rescinded his nomination for president and asked the membership to vote for Victoria for president. Victoria spoke about her qualifications.

Lou introduced Mr. Michael Schneider, OSHA Safety Instructor, who explained how students can receive an OSHA 10-hour "General Industry Safety Certification" from the New Jersey Department of Labor and United States Department of Labor. He explained the benefits to students and teachers of the program. Certification is also available to both teachers and students in First Aid and CPR.

Lou introduced the featured speaker from the Department of Labor Workforce Development, Evelyn Wallace-Byrd. She explained the reasoning behind the new minimum wage law in New Jersey and gave a brief presentation on Child Labor Laws including; the most dangerous areas of work for minors, statistics on injuries and fatalities, what to avoid at work, and the role of the Labor Workforce Development in state approved sponsored learning.

Linda Keebler from Omega Institute spoke briefly about the educators tour and the student tour available at the Omega Institute.

The meeting concluded at 2:32PM and ballots for the election of president and vice-president were turned in by the membership.