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WELCOME

It is our hope that this newsletter will provide you with timely information on state-level activities and events within your professional association as well as those from NYSED and NYSCEA.

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Area News

Minutes of the November 30, 2018 Meeting held in the Riverside Frontier Room, Rochester, NY

Area 1 No report

Area 2 Donna Watts reported that RACAME partnered to hold a Nazareth Music Week. The implementation of the new Arts Standards were discussed. RACAME Partners with Nazareth College each summer to provide music-specific PD offerings to area music educators. Sessions have included standards training, instrument repair, teaching music to learners with special needs, and music technology sessions. This summer we are exploring more standards sessions to incorporate some advanced training in the new standards, as well as technology, and sessions on mental health and/or mindfulness in the music classroom.

Area 3 No report

Area 4 Lori James reported that there is only one official arts administrator in the area which covers fine & performing arts and foreign language; all other titles in the region are teaching administrators. Many do not have administrative certification and are unable to observe teachers. Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES is providing training on the new standards to teachers and administrators. They see value in ensuring administrators without an arts background know how to supervise and evaluate using the new standards. Lori is providing training in the area. PNW BOCES is also working on developing a Parent/Arts in Education session.

Area 5 Westchester County Arts Leaders Association (WCALA) hosted a day of professional development in White Plains on November 6th for 150 music teachers and 90 visual arts teachers. Music workshops were held at the Music Conservatory of Westchester, art workshops at the Westchester County Community College Art Department studios in the Westchester County Center.

A joint meeting of arts directors from WCALA and CAAA (Connecticut Arts Administrators Association) was held on Oct. 18, 2018 at Darien (CT) High School. Arts Directors from Bedford, Scarsdale, New Rochelle and Northport were joined by their Connecticut counterparts from Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Newtown and Westport. Topics included middle school general music curricular focus (Sixth Grade – guitar or ukulele, Seventh Grade – piano, Eighth Grade – musical theater course or digital music lab), summer music programs, STEAM, grants, TAB, and open enrollment for AP Art.



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- Area 6 Nassau NYSCAME President Anthony Ambrogio reported that several sessions were held including a conference. We are envisioning our county organization for the future including professional development. We are planning our Superintendents luncheon in the middle of January. Past-president Anissa Arnold will speak on Social/Emotional Learning with a local teacher who is an expert in that area. Nassau NYSCAME had an exceptionally good year. This year, our professional development program had twenty (20) sessions. Last year they had sixteen (16). Our Symposium on Election Day—*The Balanced Mind Conference*—saw eight hundred (800) teachers in attendance. This conference offered one hundred twenty (120) sessions for teachers of music, art, theater, and dance. We see NYSCAME evolving more as professional provider since many newer teachers need professional development hours that we can support.
- Area 6 Suffolk NYSCAME President Eric Albinder (West Islip) reported that the annual Symposium Day saw five hundred forty (540) music educators attend. Tom Chapin was the keynote speaker. NYSCAME-Suffolk holds two professional development workshops per month at a cost of \$20.00 each for the year. We have great attendance. We draw from presenters from our county. Our recent all county concert for students in eleventh and twelfth grade was very successful.

Administrator Tenure Law Update

On June 12, 2018, the Jarema Credit Bill, sponsored by the Empire State Supervisors and Administrators Association (ESSAA) and the Council of Administrators and Supervisors (CAS), had been passed by both houses of New York's legislature and was before the Governor for approval.

The Bill is designed to shorten the tenure period from four years to three years for administrators who previously received tenure in their administrative position in another New York school district. That protection has been in place for many years for teachers but does not apply to administrators.

Unfortunately, on December 21, 2018, Governor Cuomo vetoed the Bill. The Governor's objections appear to be based upon technical flaws in the Bill that can be addressed and corrected.

Efforts are being made to address the issues outlined in the Governor's veto in the hope of having a law passed by the end of 2019.

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- Area 1 Buffalo/Rochester
- Area 2 Syracuse/Central NY
- Area 3 Capitol District/North Co.
- Area 4 Hudson Valley
- Area 5 NYC/Westchester
- Area 6 Nassau/Suffolk

2018-19 Meeting Schedule

Joseph R. Sugar NYSSMA Day in Albany
General Membership Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2019
1:30—3:00 p.m.
Meeting Room 7 (Behind "The Egg")

NYS Summer Music Conference
General Membership Meeting
Albany Hilton Hotel
Time TBD