

**Minutes for the Meeting of the
GNTA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY
March 19, 2015 - South High School Library**

Call To Order — President Sheila Scimone called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda — The agenda for today's meeting was adopted.

Approval of Minutes — The minutes of the February 26, 2015 DA meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report — The report is up to date and available as of 3/19/15.

Executive Board Reports — Maura Carroll reported that the GNTA End of Year Reception and Retirement Party will be on May 27 from 4-7 p.m. at the Westbury Manor. Visit our News Blog at www.gnteachers.net for more details.

Fighting Back

- There was a well-attended pro-public education community forum on 3/12 at Westbury High School.
- There will be another community forum on 3/24 at 7 p.m. featuring Great Neck's Dr. Sheri Lederman at the Port Washington Library.
- Jennifer Snyder reported on our lobbying efforts and NYSUT's Committee of 100.
- A letter to the Great Neck community written by our subcommittee detailing the dangers of proposed changes to APPR was approved. It will be disseminated by the PTAs and via www.gnteachers.net.

GNTA Elections — Linda Gitman, GNTA Elections Committee Chairperson, reported that she has received petitions for the upcoming elections from these members running for the following positions as officers and directors: President, Sheila Scimone (incumbent) and Dennis Mooney (challenger); VP for Prof. Rights & Responsibilities, Jennifer Snyder; VP for Administration, Jim Daszenski; VP for Contract Improvement, Kim Semder; VP for Prof. Development, Elaine Brendel; Treasurer, Maura Carroll; Elem. Director (K-2), Donna Peirez; Elem. Director (3-5), Luci Legotti; Middle School Director, Frank Bua; High School Director, Jeff Bernstein. Petitions were also submitted by the following seven candidates to fill seven positions for our 2016-17 NYSUT & 2015-16 AFT Delegates: Jeff Bernstein, Sandi Cooper, Jim Daszenski, Joan Greenberg, Sheila Scimone, Jennifer Snyder, and, for the Retired Educators Chapter, Bill Toto. The elections will be held in all buildings on 4/27/15. BRCs will soon receive instructions, ballots, validation sheets, and tally sheets.

Other — Eileen Kurinskas reported that there will be training for new Mentors at our Teacher Center on 5/12 and 5/14 with a refresher training session offered on 6/3. The AV Center is open from 3-5 p.m. on Mondays and from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Eileen also asked that members go to the NYSUT MAC website to voice their support for Teacher Centers.

Adjournment — The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Daszenski

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