

**Minutes for the Meeting of the
GNTA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY
September 18, 2014 - South High School Library**

Call To Order – President Sheila Scimone called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda – The agenda for today’s meeting was adopted.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the May 15, 2014 DA meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s Report – The report is up to date and available as of 9/18/14.

Announcements & Correspondence – BRC Chairs were reminded to send updated lists of their BRC members and alternates to Rosemary Cook at the Cottage.

Executive Board Reports – Kim Semder reported that the next CIC meeting will be on 10/8, and that the process of Summer Scholarship reimbursements has begun.

Strides Against Breast Cancer – Walk with GNTA on Sunday, October 19 at Jones Beach to Make Strides Against Breast Cancer. Visit gnteachers.net for more information.

Selection Committee Guidelines – Elaine Brendel walked the DA through several proposed changes to the selection committee guidelines. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the revisions.

Upcoming GNTA Events – 10/15: New Teacher Reception; 11/5: potential retirees meeting on benefits & retirement; 11/19: Tim Southerton from NYSTRS; 1/21: benefits refresher workshop for all. All are 4 p.m. at the SMS library.

Internal Organizing Committee (IOC) Update – Jim Daszenski & Sheila Scimone are continuing to be liaisons to this new committee whose function is to ensure that GNTA is as internally cohesive as possible. The committee has decided on two major areas on which to focus this year: 1) Creating a survey to collect data from our members to help dispel the public notion that teachers are idle all summer and 2) Participating in a community service project possibly connected to the GNPS 200 year anniversary. The IOC will meet again on 10/16 at the Cottage.

GNTA in the Buildings – BRC Chairs were asked to use the end of faculty meetings in their buildings to hold brief union meetings. The first meeting could be used to help members 1) download the NYSUT MAC app on their smartphones; 2) discuss our new “Do One Thing” campaign; 3) have your CIC representative give an update on the committee’s progress.

Do One Thing – In an effort to even further mobilize our members, GNTA has begun our "Do One Thing" campaign for the 2014-15 school year. We hope every member will "Do One Thing" (at least!) to promote public education on a national, state, or local level. As a further incentive, one lucky, active GNTA member is going to win a \$300 American Express gift card for his or her efforts this year. For full details, visit our new “Do One Thing” page at gnteachers.net.

Other – Eileen Kurinkas reported that the search continues for an AV Center Director, mentor training will occur later this fall, and the Teacher Center Policy Board needs volunteers. Eileen will be in touch with BRC chairs to help recruit new members.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Daszenski