

# SCIENCE EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

## Business Meeting Minutes

17 April 1998  
Las Vegas, NV

Attendance: See attached sheet

1:35 pm — Call to order by Ed Keller, Jr., SESD President

Agenda: Since Jim Marshall, Journal editor, had a program conflict he asked to speak first. Judy Egelston-Dodd was asked to serve as Secretary-Pro-Tem in place of Sami Kahn who resigned her secretary office in January.

### Item 1. SESD Journal by Jim Marshall

Jim announced that our journal's ISBN number will be changed because ~~of~~ our organization's name was changed last year. Jim will let members know the new ISBN when our next newsletter comes out in September. The next issue of the journal will be ready by the end of May. There is room for more manuscripts. Please submit to Jim as soon as possible. Contact the website for more information. ✓

### Item 2. Update on medical status of past president

Jim also reported on Ben VonWagner, our past president. Ben had surgery in the fall, during which he suffered a stroke. He has been in rehabilitation, but will be moved to a nursing home. Ben is in a wheelchair, has lost gross motor skills and short term cognitive functions. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

### Item 3. Minutes for 1997 Business Meeting by Judy Egelston-Dodd

Lauren Summers submitted a correction. **Moved to approve as corrected by John Stiles. Seconded by David Bartlett. Passed unanimously.**

### Item 4. Kudos and other announcements

Judy announced that Lauren Summers had her picture in Modern Maturity (Sept.-Oct. 1997, p. 26). Ed Keller, Jr. was one of the recipients for the 1998 NSTA Awards for Outstanding Service to Science Education. Congrats to Lauren & Ed!

Judy also distributed copies of the February 1998 SESD Newsletter and reminded everyone to join/renew their membership using the renewal form on the last page. The new bright yellow t-shirts are also for sale for \$15 available at the Disabilities booth #1082. The Science Abled Breakfast is Saturday at 7:30 a.m. and Lauren and Ed will be doing several demonstration strategies with adaptation suggestions for students with disabilities.

Item 5. Treasurer's Report by David Bartlett

See attached ledger. 107 memberships were paid for 1997-98 year from June 1996 to March 31, 1998.

The greatest expense is the publication and mailing of our journal. Our fundraiser (t-shirt sales) is necessary to ensure our survival with benefits of a newsletter and journal.

Item 6. Membership by David Bartlett

We had about 90 renewals last year. David will be sending out the renewal forms to everyone who has not renewed at this convention. When people request journal article reprints, he will insert membership applications.

Item 7. Elections by Judy Egelston-Dodd

Judy, as president-elect, is responsible for preparing a slate of officers for approval of a majority of members in attendance at the annual business meeting. This year's slate included:

Secretary--Catharine Riederer, science teacher, Manitowac, WI

Treasurer--Dave Bartlett, science teacher, Northville, MI

Membership Chair--Brett Moulding, Salt Lake City, UT

**The slate passed animously.**

Item 8. E-mail

Item 9. Group Membership Rate by Ed Keller

Ed was approached by teachers who wanted a group rate for their membership if all from the same institution.

**It was moved by Greg Stefanich that we set up an SESD "institutional membership" for \$50 for 5 or more people to receive two copies of the newsletter and journal to the one institutional address. Student institutional membership will be half of the full membership. Seconded by Laureen Summers. Passed by unanimous vote.** If a person from the institution holding an institutional membership wants to join and get their own copy of the newsletter and journal, they will pay the regular member dues of \$10.

Item 10. Affiliate Status by Ed Keller

Under NSTA's proposed reorganization structure, we will become an affiliate under the Multicultural Division. There will be no more chapters and associated groups. We will continue to press for affiliate status.

Item 11. CAGs Summer Meeting by Ed Keller

Ed reported that the next meeting of Chapter and Associated Groups (CAGs) reps will be July 9-11, 1998 in Corpus Christi, TX. Ed was the rep for SEDS for the last three years and cannot attend this summer. Ed has appointed Judy to attend, since she is president-elect. NSTA will pay each rep. up to \$200 and SEDS pays \$100 toward travel expenses. Ed has had to pay the balance each year himself (about \$400/year). The organization should consider providing more support. Perhaps next year?

Item 12. New Businesses

- a) Proposed support for outstanding educator of science for students with disabilities by Lily Chou.

RACEN has NSF funds which they wish to use to fund a competition to identify the most outstanding teachers.

Discussion: A committee will be needed to organize the award announcement. Greg said anyone who meets the criteria should be eligible for a plaque, rather than make it competitive. John said we could call it the "SESD Excellence Award in Science Education for Teachers with Students with Disabilities." We could include a complimentary membership in SEDS.

**Action: Moved by Lily Chou to have SEDS be responsible to have a committee to identify outstanding K-12 teachers who teach science to students with disabilities. The nominees should be non-member of SEDS. The funds used annually to honor the nominees should not exceed \$1,000. Seconded by Greg. Passed unanimously.** Ed Keller appointed John Styles as chair of the new awards committee.

Item 13. Adjournment

**Adjournment was moved by Greg, seconded by David. Passed unanimously.**  
Adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Egelston-Dodd  
Secretary Pro-Tem

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

## **Science Education for Students with Disabilities**

This report represents the financial status of the Science Education for Students with Disabilities account with COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN; ACCOUNT #1015973. The following report is the status of the account from 4/1/97 to 3/31/98. **BALANCE** of the account on 3/31/98 is \$291.94.

### **INCOME:**

Balance on Hand 4/1/97	\$817.75	
Membership Dues	950.00	
Dividend from Account	11.19	
NSTA CAGS Rebate	20.00	
Contribution (K. Ricker)	<u>20.00</u>	
	<b>\$1,818.94</b>	<b>\$1,818.94</b>

### **EXPENSES:**

Journal Printing	\$515.00	
Newsletter Print and Mail	101.53	
Bibliography Print and Postage	86.78	
Mailing Fees (J. Stiles)	46.46	
Mailing Fees (D. Bartlett)	29.98	
Account Check Printing Fee	15.25	
New "T" Shirt Charge	<u>732.00</u>	
	<b>\$1,527.00</b>	<b>\$1,527.00</b>

### **CURRENT BALANCE:**

**\$291.94**

TOTAL BALANCE OF SESD ACCOUNT AS OF 3/31/98: **\$291.94**

Respectfully submitted by David F. Bartlett  
Treasurer of Science Education for Students with Disabilities  
March 31, 1998