

NYSCHE Steering Committee meeting

Agenda – November 27, 2017

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In attendance: Mary Ellen Mallia (University at Albany); Melanie Morris (Suffolk County Community College); Ryan McPherson (University of Buffalo); Melissa Cadwell (Syracuse University); Marian Brown (Wells College). Tom Kelly (SUNY Purchase) Sarah Brylinsky (Cornell)

1. Membership report – Melissa

6 new members - 3 from Higher Ed. (SUNY Cortland, Le Moyne College & FIT) 3 new members from organizations. Official emails will be sent out today.

2. Regional rep report – Mary Ellen

A doodle poll will be sent out this week for a check in call for regional reps in early January. Any steering committee members that would like to listen in on call please contact Mary Ellen. Mary Ellen will put out a call for openings still available in the southern tier and NYC.

3. Website report – Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen is working with NYCSHE intern on updating the website and getting conference presentations loaded. Keith (NYCSHE intern) is finishing up this semester but another student is lined up for spring. Mary Ellen is going to work with the new intern to try and get case studies on AASHE tagged when they come in.

If you haven't already, send in campus crunch photos to be displayed in the photo gallery on website.

4. Events report

State of NY Conference, SUNY Cortland, Nov 15 and 16:

Marian stated that there were really good presentations that we might want to reprieve as webinars. Ryan agreed that the sessions had really great content and the quality has continuously been getting better, including the integration between SUNY's and privates.

Overall the group agrees that it is difficult to find key note speakers in our field. Ryan suggested that for the 2018 conference NYCSHE should play more of a role in supporting the conference committee in thoughts/suggestions to help frame the content.

Tom agreed that the conference committee would appreciate NYCSHE's voice as planning is concerned.

Tom added that Matt (SUNY Cortland) suggested putting out a poll for 2018 for "how long do you think this presentation should go?"

Ryan said that we should think about formalizing the way locations/facilities are chosen and financed and use NYCSHE as a way to do it as the conference continues to grow.

Ryan added, how should the conference location be chosen? Should an RFP be sent out and submissions be sent out and have NYCSHE review them?

It was agreed that for the 2018 conference, the selection process shall remain the same, because Colgate expressed interest and served on the 2017 conference committee (*if Colgate is still interested*). For the 2019 conference, NYCSHE will put out more formalized criteria.

Ryan added that we should solidify a date/location for 2018 ASAP. Maryellen said that she will ask the regional rep call to get their feedback

Tom is going to find out if Colgate definitely wants to host the 2018 conference on the wrap up call for this year in the next coming weeks.

5. External liaison report – Tom

A lot of commission documents surrounding **PSE?**

The utilities support the increase of renewables up to 5 mw, but don't approve having value stack.

Tom said that he won't force the value stack being formalized until the second quarter of 2018.

NYCSHE will serve as an advocate, indicating our point of view. Ryan suggested sending high level communication where on where we stand.

Mary Ellen added that she will write another letter over intersession.

6. AASHE report – Sarah

No updates other than things we were presented at the conference. There was a continued dialogue on STARS, AASHE put together 5 year strategic plan to continue to support and grow STARS.

Any STARS related thoughts or concerns please send to Sarah. Sarah mentioned her concern of the 2 year reporting cycle and the level of additional work it would require.

Mary Ellen suggested establishing STARS peer review within NYCSHE.

7. SSC report – Ryan

Ryan reported that the pre meeting before the conference went great. There were a few areas that were dived deeper into, one being ramping up renewables. He mentioned that there was a lot of insinuation that the Governor's office is putting emphasis on this and putting proposals together.

Another topic that came up during the meeting was using the UN sustainable development goals as a framework to come up with potential goals for SUNY.

A call for Co-Chair nominations for SSC will go out soon.

8. Old business/updates

- Report from AASHE networking –
 - Mary Ellen reported that in addition to establishing a STARS review group, she is going to put out a call out to see if anyone wants to champion that effort.
 - At the meeting, members asked for a NYCSHE badge that they can display on their webpage.
 - The NYCSHE intern created a badge, Mary Ellen will send out for formal approval.

- NY Cares update –
 - A lot of buzz and excitement trying to get letter of intent together and passed. However, the chancellors pushing down, but Indu is pushing up. Second nature can help relieve some pressure. The process is moving along.
- Webinar potentials –
 - Dan from Geneseo's presentation on mapping the UN SDG throughout the world.
 - Need to find a way to host.

9. New business

No new business. Plan for a January intersession call.

Minutes submitted by: Melanie Morris