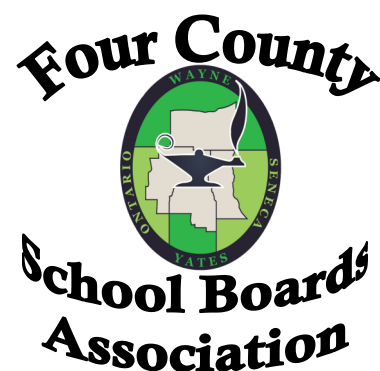


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THANK YOU & FAREWELL To All Four County Members who complete their board service this year:

**We thank you for your commitment to our children, to your
communities, and to public education!**

Jeannie Kesel – Canandaigua
Paul Brown – Dundee
Amy Suchan – Gananda
Ed George – Geneva
Barbara Roesch Rokow – Geneva
Nathan VanBortel – Honeoye
Frank Adams – Marcus Whitman
Crystal Tomion – Marcus Whitman
Andy Correia – Newark
Roberta Colacino – Newark
Laura Cirone – Phelps-Clifton Springs
Greg Walsh – Seneca Falls
Kathy Hart – Victor

A special thank you to **Kathy Hart** has served Four County as Legislative Committee Chair and Vice Chair as well as Vice President and President. Her leadership is appreciated and will be missed.

MANDATORY TRAININGS 2016-2017

Governance Training
Saturday September 10, 2016
WFL BOCES Newark
Members \$85 Non-Members \$135

Fiscal Training
Saturday February 4, 2017
WFL BOCES Newark
Members \$105 Non-Members \$135

Bundled Price--Register for both prior to September
Members \$170 Non-Members \$250

Encourage your new members to take advantage of this locally provided opportunity!

Experienced members may attend as a refresher for \$25

The Office has officially moved to the Maple Building!

Though there is much work to be done to settle the space, the first meeting was held there when the Steering Committee met on Wednesday, June 23rd.
When you are in the area – do stop in to visit!

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ANNUAL DINNER & MEETING

Four County members gathered for their 42nd Annual Meeting at the **Belhurst Castle** in Geneva, NY on Monday, May 23, 2016. The program began with a social hour that included a display of student work from the **Canandaigua City School District**. (Thanks to **Sandy Estes Bishop, Art Teacher**, for gathering and setting it all up.) The social hour was also enhanced by the performance of the **Victor Jazz Ensemble** under the direction of music teacher **Zach Pelton**. The **Victor Third Grade Singers**, with animated music teacher **Jennifer Lewis**, entertained the gathering as they assembled for dinner. Members and their guests then enjoyed dinner prior to the Annual Business Meeting.

After a brief review of the year by Executive Director **Sharon Sweeney**, Nominating Committee Chair and Immediate Past President **Kathy Guenther** presented the slate and conducted the election of officers for 2016-2017. Elected by the General Membership were President **Beth Thomas** (Canandaigua) and First Vice President **Robin Johnson** (Penn Yan), and Second Vice President **Caroline Nevil** (Bloomfield).

The meeting was concluded with remarks from the incoming and outgoing presidents followed by the presentation of a thank you gift to Kathy Hart. Guest speaker for the evening was **Mary Ellen Elia**, New York State Education Commissioner. Commissioner Elia talked about the concerns she has heard during her many meetings around the state and the initiative being undertaken by the Department and the Board of Regents as a result of that information.

The Association is grateful to **C & S Companies, Day Automation, and Hunt Architects, Engineers, and Surveyors** for their sponsorship of the event. The evening was a fitting culmination of the 2015-2016 year.

NYSSBA NEWS

NYSSBA Area 2 representation to the NYSSBA Board of Directors is up for election this year. Per Article 8 of the NYSSBA Bylaws. Directors and Their Duties - any candidate for an area seat shall be a member of an active member board. The term begins on January 1 of the calendar year following the election (in even years, the election is for even areas; odd years, odd areas). The term is for 2 years.

In order to be nominated, the candidate must receive a minimum of five nominations from member boards in their area. The **deadline for nomination submission this year is 5 p.m. on Monday, August 1st**. Nominations must be on district stationery and sent to the attention of Mary Metheny, via email, fax or snail mail. The clerk, the superintendent, or the board president is asked to sign the nomination letter. A copy of the minutes need not accompany the nomination. All that is required is a simple sentence stating that the XXX School Board has nominated XXX for Area XX Director for a two year term effective January 1, 2017. (If there is more than one candidate by the nomination deadline, an electronic ballot will be sent to all member districts in the area with a deadline for return to Mary.)

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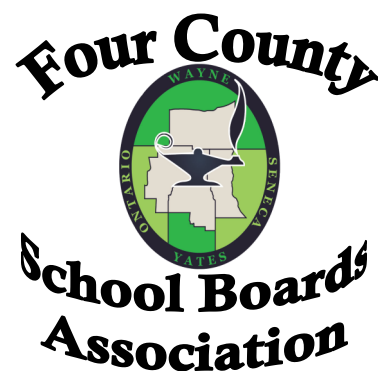
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Thanks to the following businesses for their generous support of Association programs, projects and publications through financial contributions and/or program participation throughout 2015-2016:

Ashley McGraw (Facts & Figures)

The Bonadio Group (Facts & Figures)

C& S Companies (Facts & Figures, Upstate/Downstate Hospitality Suite, Annual Meeting)

Campus Construction Management (Facts & Figures)

Clark Patterson Lee (Facts & Figures)

Club 86 Party House (Facts & Figures)

Day Automation (Facts & Figures, Annual Meeting)

The Ferrara Firm (Facts & Figures, New Board Orientation)

Finger Lakes Community College (Facts & Figures)

Freed, Maxick, & Battaglia, CPA, P.C. (Fiscal Training)

H&R Block (Facts & Figures)

Harris Beach, LLP (Facts & Figures)

Harter Secrest & Emery, LLP (Facts & Figures)

Hunt Engineers, Architects Surveyors (Facts & Figures, Annual Meeting)

LaBella Associates, PC (Facts & Figures)

Leonard Bus Sales, Inc. (Facts & Figures)

Mach Architecture (Facts and Figures)

Monroe Community College (Facts & Figures)

Municipal Solutions, Inc. (Facts & Figures)

New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal (NYSIR) (Facts & Figures)

Reliant Community Credit Union (Facts & Figures)

St. John Fisher College (Facts & Figures)

Turner Construction (Facts & Figures)

Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P. C. (Facts & Figures, Fiscal Training)

Wegman's (Facts & Figures)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR 2016-2017

The Steering Committee has identified the following dates as preferred for upcoming Four County events. Topics and other details will be provided as soon as available. In the meantime - make a note on your personal calendar.

- Rural Schools Conference—July 10-12
- Governance Training—September 10
- NYSSBA Conference—October 27-29, Buffalo
- Fiscal Training—February 4, 2017