

NEWS NOTES

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WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK

A warm Four County welcome to our newest members:

Greg Whitney	Gananda	Robin Johnson	Penn Yan
Edward George	Geneva	David Wilson	Penn Yan
Jessica Green	Honeoye	Mary Church	South Seneca
Thomas Mann	Honeoye	Melissa Lavarack	South Seneca
Jeffrey Allen	Marcus Whitman	Dennis Landry	Wayne
Phyllis Frantel	Marcus Whitman	Pamela Pendelton	Wayne
Robert Marshall	Marion		

Welcome Back:

Brenda Eastman South Seneca
Who served a number of years on that board in the past

Michael Ellis Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES
Once upon a time served on the Bloomfield BOE

Welcome Back to Membership:

Newark BOE

Roberta Colacino	Andy Correia	Rob Crowder	Suzanne Earl
Russell Harris	Thomas Ledbetter	Rebecca Vermeulin	

North Rose-Wolcott BOE

John Boogaard	Judi Buckalew	Lucinda Collier	Edward Magin
Andrew Mathes	Danny Snyder	Izetta Younglove	

Congratulations and welcome to newly appointed Superintendents:

Kelly Houck	Dundee	Jamie Farr	Phelps-Clifton Springs
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Welcome also to those serving as Interim Superintendent:

Henry Hahn	North Rose-Wolcott	Dennis Howard	Penn Yan
John Carlevatti	Wayne		

A Special Welcome to the new Four County Administrative Assistant:

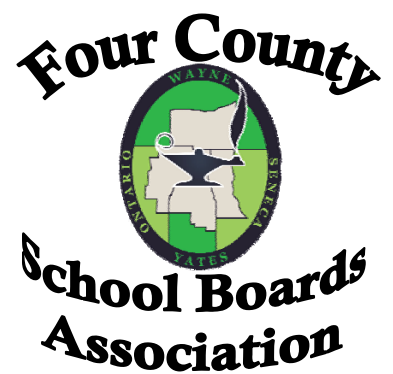
Sarah Sarkar

Sarah lives in Phelps and will be in the office from 9-2 Monday through Thursday. She will also assist with logistics for General Membership meetings.



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Someone has said "the only constant in life is change". Over the past few years public education in New York State has certainly needed to address change – common core, and new nutritional guidelines to name just two. As we begin this new school year, I hope we will look openly at the changes put before us, have intelligent conversation around the changes, and then as board members, make the decisions we believe are best for our children. When we keep that focus with open minds and ears, we usually will make the right decisions.

Welcome to all new Four County members. I am sorry I was unable to make the Get Acquainted event in June but look forward to meeting all of you soon. I look forward to seeing many of you over the next few months. I am hopeful that you will engage in the many training opportunities available for board members at the NYSSBA Convention in New York City, October 26-28. As board members we can only serve our children and our communities well when we invest time in our own training and networking dialogue – the NYSSBA Convention is a great opportunity for both.

Have a great year,

RODNEY

THANK YOU AND BEST OF LUCK MARY

Many thanks and the very best to our out-going Assistant **Mary Roth!**

She has been our happy presence in the "outer office" for nine years. Mary has always been a friendly voice on the phone and presence at our meetings. Her "can-do" attitude will be missed by all who have worked with her. We wish her the very best as she leaves to take charge of her own H & R Block franchises. Mary will join us for a farewell celebration at our general membership meeting in September.

A Reminder –

Four County is fortunate to have a number of business sponsors who generously support our programs and services. As you move through the year, please remember to include them in any RFP process when you are seeking attorney firms, accountants, construction companies etc Let's be sure to give our sponsors a fair chance to complete, in appreciation for their ongoing support. In many cases it is not the board making the decision so please pass the information about these firms along to those who do.



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ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP 2014-1015

Four County officers were elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting that was held on May 19, 2014 at the Belhurst Castle in Geneva. Selected by their colleagues for the 14-15 year are :

President – **Kathy Guenther** (Penn Yan),
First Vice President **Kathy Hart** (Victor),
Second Vice President **Caroline Nevil** (Bloomfield)

President Guenther has tapped Gananda Board Member **Bill Buchko** to lead the Legislative Committee and reappointed **Jeanne Durfee** (Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES) and **Chuck Rothfuss** (Gananda) to continue to serve on the **Steering Committee** as well. The leadership group also includes Immediate Past President **Anne Morgan** (Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES).

ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT

The Association conducts an internal audit annually. We are seeking a member (or two) with financial expertise or interest to join with those already appointed – an internal claims auditor from a member district and a member of the Steering Committee. It is a one-time meeting in the Association office to review a sampling of the financial transactions for the previous year and certify that the cash position as stated is correct. (Will be held in early September this year.) The group also makes recommendations for improving the financial procedures of the organization. Please call or email the office if you are interested.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR 2014-2015

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.

General Membership—Sept. 30, Dec. 3, Jan. 29, Mar. 3

Board of Directors—Sept. 23, Dec. 3, Jan. 29, Mar. 3

**Legislative Committee—Sept. 30, Jan. 29
(plus the Saturday Position Paper workshops)**

Presidents'/Vice Presidents'—Oct. 30

Annual Meeting—May 18

Other Fall Events:

FCFBA New Board Orientation—Sept. 13

Statewide School Finance Consortium Workshop—Newark—Sept 18 and Nov. 6

NYSSBA Leadership Academy—Rochester—Sept 19

Area 2 Discussion of Proposed Resolutions—Canandaigua—Sept. 27

NYSSBA Annual Conv. And Bus. Meeting—NYC—Oct. 26-28