

**NJASC Meeting
High Point Regional High School
Minutes for September 14, 2007**

- I) Call to Order:**
A. President Sara Plotkin called the meeting of the New Jersey Association of Student Councils 2007 Executive Board to order at 9:57 a.m. on September 14, 2007.
- II) Roll Call:**
A. Secretary Annie Valentine took attendance. All members of the 2007 NJASC Executive Board were present.
- III) Review of Minutes:**
A. Annie reviewed the minutes from the April meeting at Union High School. There was 1 correction suggested; Vice President Jonathan Weisbrod's name is spelled wrong, a lot, the correct spelling is Jonathan. Executive Member in Charge of the Review Prerna Bhatia moved to approve the minutes with the aforementioned corrections. Treasurer Mina Ra seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- IV) Treasurer's Report:**
A. The Treasurer's Report was not available at this time.
- V) Correspondence:**
A. There was no correspondence.
- VI) Committee Reports:**
A. Jonathan reported that there will be a mandatory meeting at the Fall Business Meeting for all those interested in running for State Office in 2008, he has all the forms together for the meeting.
B. State Board of Education Representative Kayla Stoll reported that Prerna spoke at the State Board of Education's meeting this month and things went well. There was also a presentation about second hand smoke and obesity.
C. Executive Member in Charge of the State Charity Jessica Derrico reported that Lori Abrams, a representative from the Valerie Fund, will be attending the Fall Business Meeting in October with a former patient of the Valerie Fund to speak to the students.
D. Executive Member in Charge of Special Projects Stephen Flynn reported that there was no report.
E. Prerna Bhatia informed the board that she will use information from the LTC Ledger in her next publication of the Review.
F. Middle Level Representative Michaela Brown reported that she spoke to the State Board of Education in August and that Secretary Annie Valentine will speak in January.

VII) Advisors Report:

- A. Wendy and Lou next discussed the upcoming Fall Business Meeting. There was discussion of a video of the state officers to be shown at the January meeting, however the board felt this would be difficult to accomplish in the upcoming months. Bill Sanders, author of *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul* series, will be the keynote speaker at the Fall Business Meeting. The order of events that day is as follows: Call to Order, presentation of state theme, introduction of state charity representatives, keynote presentation by Bill Sanders.
- i. After the general session, Mr. Sanders will hold break out sessions with the advisors while each of the state officers conducts their respective workshops.
 1. Jon will conduct the “Running for State Office” workshop, Stephen Flynn will conduct the Standards of Excellence Workshop, Bill Sanders will run the advisor’s workshop, The Valerie Fund will hold a workshop with Jess, Sara and will run the “So Now You’re President Workshop,” Prerna will run the “So Now You’re Vice-President” Workshop, Annie will run the “So Now You’re Secretary” Workshop, Mina will run the “So Now You’re Treasurer” Workshop, and Michaela will run the Intense Games workshop. TCNJ will also be holding college information sessions about the application process and life as a college student during this time.
- B. The prospect of attending the L.E.A.D. Conference was also brought up by Wendy and Lou. The conference will be held in Washington, DC from February 1-3 and is run by the NASC. Any state officers interested in attending should let Lou know ASAP. It will cost approximately \$300.

VIII) Old Business:

- A. There was no old business.

IX) New Business:

- A. The State Officers discussed the nominees for advisor and administrator of the year. After carefully reviewing the forms and discussing all the nominees, the State Officers chose to narrow down their choices by voting 3 different times. The first time the choices were narrowed down by scoring the Advisor and Administrator of the Year forms, the forms were then scored again for the remaining candidates and narrowed down once more. The board then was able to choose the winners.
- i. The nominees for Administrator of the Year were Richard Baccarella from Bayonne High School, Joseph Bollendorf from Washington Township High School, and Matthew Campbell from Shawnee High School. Criteria considered when scoring all nominees for Administrator of the Year included: Years of Service,

Advisor Letter of Recommendation, Student Council President Letter of Recommendation, and a third letter of recommendation. Stephen motioned to accept Richard Baccarella as Administrator of the Year. Perna Bhatia seconded the motion and Jon and Mina abstained. Motion passed with a vote of 7-2. Richard Baccarella of Bayonne High School is the Administrator of the Year for 2007.

ii. The nominees for Advisor of the year were: Marilyn Trotta from Cherokee High School, Matthew Purdue from Ocean City High School, and Jill Ocone from Manchester Township High School. Criteria considered when scoring all nominees for Advisor of the Year included: Local Student Council Activities, State Student Council Activities, National Student Council Participation, Recognition and Awards, Other Leadership Service Activities, Principal Letter of Recommendation, and Student Council President Letter of Recommendation. Michaela motioned to accept Marilyn Trotta from Cherokee High School as the 2007 Advisor of the Year. Mina seconded the motion. With 6 in favor, 2 abstentions, and 1 opposition, the motion passed. Marilyn Trotta is the 2007 Advisor of the Year.

B. The Fall Business Meeting will be held next month at TCNJ on Monday, October 22nd, registration will begin at 8:15 am. Lou reminded the officers that they needed to be at the Howard Johnson's Hotel in Ewing by 6pm on Sunday October 21st.

X) Adjournment:

A. Jon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 pm, Jessica seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Sara adjourned the meeting at 12:33 pm. The next meeting will be held at Parsippany Hills High School on Friday, November 16, 2007.