



General Membership Meeting October 10, 2024 Minutes

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1. Welcome
2. Treasurer's report: current balance is \$13,370 after dues deposits of \$690 and a down payment of \$500 for the holiday breakfast
3. Sector Reports/Announcements re: October meetings 10/24 - Southern Sector 8 am at Bellmore-Merrick Brookside Center; Northern Sector 8 am Jamaica Ave School POB
 - a. Northern: welcomed new members, shared 3-8 testing results, possible legislative changes regarding FAFSA completion forms, cell phone policies, attendance issues, MTSS implementation and character education, and revising literacy assessments
 - b. Southern: welcomed new members, discussed CSDF standards, AI and AI policy, courses for HS students, FAFSA notification legislation, Seaford's college boot camp, substantial equivalency, and regionalization
4. VR Tour of Auschwitz presented by Gil Cygler and Ethan Schnur - The film is a tour interspersed with stories about what transpired there. Sean Feeney brought this film to Port Washington for 10th grade students. The organizers have about 100 headsets. They are making a new version that will be about 30 minutes long. They can be contacted about the 2D version. The fee is a sliding scale based on the number of students. Jim Svendsen will book a session through Nassau Tract. Contact information is Gil Cygler 917-417-6640 or gcygler@gmail.com
5. Blue Ribbon Committee Recommendations 4 Corners Activity. We will be discussing the following questions:
 - a. What are you most curious about for middle/secondary AND for elementary?
 - b. Which recommendations do you view as positive for middle/secondary AND for elementary?
 - c. What are you concerned about for middle/secondary AND for elementary?
 - d. Which aspects of your district's current practice are already aligned with the recommendations for middle/secondary AND for elementary?
6. Member Items
 - a. BOCES Updates
 - i. Please complete the Thought Exchange at [Welcome - Thoughtexchange](#)
 - ii. Free resources for the Presidential election were shared
 - iii. K-3 Literacy Study Group - focus on curriculum audit, educator knowledge around SoR, writing/reading and translating that into instruction - Leah Mermelstein (literacy thought leader, published author, trained in Sounds Right)
 - b. Trusted Colleague sign up: : <https://forms.gle/tGMC7ciMq4QoWgV56>
 - c. Collegial Circles interest form: <https://forms.gle/mE4yS4NU61qa2ijD8>
 - d. Book Club sign up: <https://forms.gle/GRVneouKYYZvfmPY7>
 - e. NADCON Planning Committee -dates for NADCON will be 2/6-7 - it's a great opportunity for professional development
 - f. For the Good of the Order

2024-25 CALENDAR

September 2024 • 18, General Meeting, 8:30 AM** • 26, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM October 2024 • 10, General Meeting, 8:30 AM • 24, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM November 2024 • 7, General Meeting, 8:30 AM • 21, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM December 2024 • 13, Holiday Breakfast, 8:30 AM, TBD January 2025 • 9, General Meeting • 23, Sector Meetings	February 2025 • 6-7, NADCON IV Tentative March 2025 • 6, General Meeting 8:30 AM • 20, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM April 2025 • 10, General Meeting, 8:30 AM • 24, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM May 2025 • 8, General Meeting, 8:30 AM • 29, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM June 2025 • 13, Year End Luncheon, 1:30 PM (tentative)
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** September general meeting to be held at Nassau BOCES GC Tech, 150 Abbey Lane, Levittown. All other general meetings to be held at Nassau BOCES Lupinskie Center, 1 Merrick Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590, Conference Rooms 1/2/3