

NEWSLETTER

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE

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Secondary Representatives Elected in All Eight Dioceses by Mail Balloting

Three administrators were elected to their second two-year term on the Executive Board, and five were elected for the first time in the recent balloting conducted through the mail. Those re-elected, after signifying their willingness and their ability to devote again the time and energy required of a diocesan representative, were:

Mr. Michael Kramer	Rock. Cent.	St. Agnes Cathedral H.S.	(parish, urban)
Rev. L. Wm. Gordon	Ogdensburg	Immaculate Heart Central	(diocesan, suburban)
Mr. Patrick Hughes	Buffalo	St. Mary's H.S.	(diocesan, suburban)

Elected in other dioceses were:

Sr. Sarah Michaela, CSJ	Brooklyn	Stella Maris H.S.	(private, suburban)
Br. Kevin Gilhooly, FSC	N. Y.	La Salle Academy	(private, inner-city)
Rev. John Connolly	Albany	Cardinal McCloskey	(diocesan, inner-city)
Rev. George Sheehan	Syracuse	Bishop Grimes H.S.	(diocesan, suburban)
Rev. Albert Gaelens, CSB	Rochester	Aquinas Institute	(private, urban)

Fr. Connolly was elected thru the Albany Diocese S.S.A.A., as was Sr. Karen Marcil, the present representative; Fr. Gaelens, like Sr. Margaret Merkel before him, is the past president of the Rochester S.S.A.A.

Br. Delaney, CFC, (Iona Prep, New Rochelle, and Bro. Angus, FMS (Archbishop Molloy, Brooklyn) will be working to a greater extent in their provincial administrations, and they felt they could not do justice to the role of diocesan representative for another two years. They, along with Msgr. Charles Eckermann, Sr. Karen, and Sr. Margaret, will continue to contribute to CSAANYS their strong support in their own schools and in every other area of professional contact.

Our Secondary Representatives, like their elementary counterparts, form a real cross section of Catholic education and bring to CSAANYS expertise in and understanding of the many different facets of Catholic education.

A feature of the Newsletter next year will be a section on the board members, giving the membership a little more detail on their representatives.

Health Services, Excise Tax, 15 mile Bus Mandate Signed.

Monday, June 10 — Gov. Malcolm Wilson signed into law today three bills aimed at removing practices which discriminated against our students. The object of these bills is to insure that equitable health services are rendered to all nonpublic students, that our schools will receive the same excise tax exemption as public schools for motor fuel, and the "in district-out of district" interpretation can no longer be used as a basis for inequitable treatment in transportation. This last law, because of date of application being past, will be permissive, not mandatory, for the coming year.

As of this writing, the fire alarm transmission bill and the TAP bill are still unsigned.

New Elementary Reps in Syracuse, Buffalo

Sr. Maureen Mara, CSJ, and Sr. M. Christelle Sawicke, CSSF, were elected Elementary Representatives for Syracuse and Buffalo respectively. They will serve the unexpired terms of Sr. Patricia Geary, CSJ, Syracuse, who has been transferred to Albany as supervisory principal of the Cohoes Consolidated Schools, and of Sr. Mary Pat Bonnes, SSJ, Buffalo, who will

not be in administration next year, because Mt. St. Joseph is being closed.

Sr. Christelle is the principal of Queen of Peace School, Buffalo, and has been active in associations of science teachers. She is also a delegate to the Catholic Principals' Council for the Diocese of Buffalo.

Sr. Maureen, an English major, is alternate on the Executive Board of the educational TV station WSKG and the supervisory principal of the consolidated schools in western Broome County.

Board Sets July Meeting For Planning 74-75 Goals

Goals, means of achieving them, and priorities in them, will be the topic of the board meeting set for Tuesday, July 23rd, in CSAANYS headquarters, Albany. Board members are seeking grassroots in-put on such ideas as:

- * what is the need and desire for workshops, conferences, etc.
- * how much can be effectively achieved through the mail — or when do we become just another mail order house.
- * in what area of curriculum and administration can we serve administrators.

Please contact your Diocesan representative or this office if you wish to help shape the work of CSAANYS for the coming year.

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Budget and Membership Reports Prepared

A detailed budget report on 73-74 will be mailed to all members in July, as well as an up-to-the-minute membership report. There are several weeks before the end of the fiscal year, and much can change in that time. Our present condition can be summed up in several statements:

- * Actual expenditures were lower than the projected budget figures.
- * Dues **actually received** have been insufficient to meet current obligations.
- * Prompt payment of renewals would have allowed us to meet all running expenses for the current year, but new memberships are needed to pay back loans taken last summer on promised memberships to cover 72-73 expenses.

Memberships have started to come in fast since June 1, and if even half of the non-member principals as of that date join, we will have little trouble in meeting all our obligations in the coming year.

The Executive Board decided at the May meeting that since CSAANYS has two years and many accomplishments to its credit, the membership figures of next January must be taken as the realization of our practical potential. Therefore a review of the financial situation, with an eye towards expanding or decreasing staff and services, must be made in January so that any changes in arrangements can be accomplished with due notice to the individuals and congregations involved.

Our hope is that a near 100 per cent membership will allow us to add staff and serve administrators in more ways.

Executive Board Meeting

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Among the goals discussed at our May meeting for consideration in July were:

Service

* represent principals in disputes with school districts over textbooks, busing and Title I planning.

* facilitate sharing of experience of developments in curricula and administration.

* act as a resource for administrators in questions about lunch programs, Title programs, health programs, insurance, etc., etc.

* develop legislative programs that will achieve equity for our students.

Communication

* maintain and improve the grassroots nature of CSAANYS by local meetings.

* maintain our liaison with the Federation of Catholic School Parents, SAANYS, NCEA, as well as with the State Ed. Detp., etc.

* relate to media the achievements of Catholic schools.

* relate to the public the philosophy and history of religiously oriented schools as part of American history and values.

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Workshop Report: 450 plus some red

The final report shows that 450 people attended the three regional workshops, and that a net loss of \$125.70 was incurred by CSAANYS in their operation.

Both the formal evaluations and personal contacts revealed that the presentors did an excellent job overall; also, that the feature which made the workshops more difficult to arrange and more expensive — the many panel groups available — was much appreciated by the participants.

The impromptu luncheon at Utica will long remain the most memorable feature of this year's series, for those of us who were there!

Plans for next year are just being considered. Please contact your local representative about the what and how of workshops for next year if you can identify needs and preferences now in your school or in your area.

NEWSBRIEFS

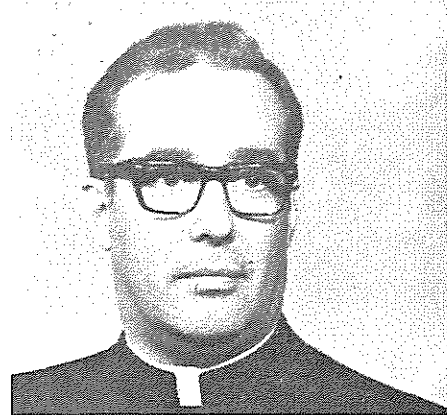
TEXTBOOK LAW

The SED is gearing up to notify districts and make new provisions of the law operative. Schools that have not had to place order as yet, should be able to order lab books, etc. (We tried to get law passed much earlier.) In past years many districts spent only a fraction of the state money allowed them. The K-6 program may change that. However, if money is available after the initial ordering, all students should share in it.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

As of February 18th, 1974, all schools in the state must maintain a library.

The study guide on freedom of religion in education in the light of the First Amendment will be printed during the summer. Descriptive material and order forms for teachers who want a copy mailed directly to them during the summer are being sent to principals.



Msgr. Charles Eckermann

Acting on the conviction that a new organization such as CSAANYS should not be too long guided by one hand, Msgr. Charles Eckermann, principal of Bishop Ludden H.S., Syracuse, announced at the March board meeting that he did not wish to stand for re-election as the chairman nor as the secondary representative from Syracuse.

Respecting his judgment and good intentions, the board regretfully acceded to his wishes, saying that they would miss his professional advice and direction at their meetings. He was one of the dozen or so principals responsible for CSAANYS coming into existence, and no one had a clearer vision of needs and directions for CSAANYS, nor a greater desire to make it succeed through hard work and personal sacrifice.

The Board Members applauded his intention of working closely with and for CSAANYS. It is their hope that he will long be in the work of the schools, for Catholic education can ill afford to lose the services of such a gifted man.

Elementary schools are for the first time being specifically brought under the requirements of law in this matter.

TITLE I ALLOCATIONS

The battle over a new formula for Title I allocations still rages between the House, Senate, and White House. The Senate is trying to restore to large cities monies they would lose in the House version. The final outcome is not predictable, but it should be known sometime during the summer. State priorities on reading, math, and bi-lingual education will apply again next year. Administrators should have ideas and needs ready to present for suitable programs in September.