



## Statewide SEFA Council

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Nick LaMorte  
*Chair*

### SEFA COUNCIL CONFERENCE CALL May 21, 2015

Caroline Westbrook  
*Vice-Chair*

Council Members and Alternates in attendance: Tom Wickerham, Cornelia Mead, Caroline Westbrook, Bill Ferguson, Pete DeCicco

Suzanne Maloney  
*Director*

The Minutes from 3/26 were reviewed:

Corrections were noted, Minute Marilyn Wilson - Recertification should say November 30.

Cherice was on the call please add to the list of attendees. Bill – Matt Eckert, Pete Decicco, #1 Last sentence cut off, she will also remain on the Council.

Moved by Bill Furgeson, seconded by Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> Caroline 2<sup>nd</sup> with changes noted.

Tom - in future want to include committee chairs as well as council members – please make sure invitations go out to them as well, want to add committee report section to each call. Two subcommittees have been formed

Tom – Campaign results - one area still out, but best estimate suggests we're just slightly under last year. (Still awaiting updated information from Delaware-Otsego.)

Statewide RFP Committee - We have begun processing of developing an RFP for the agreement with the FCCM. Current MOU with Earthshare expires the end of this year. Matt chair of this committee. Reported that they don't have a final product yet, will have something in the next day or two.

Tom - campaign planning time.

Need to get good volunteer recruitment going - loaned associates if we're using them, or approaching our local agencies so they can name coordinators for the local program.

Have not heard anything from the Governor's office.

United Way of Buffalo has sent a letter to the Lt. Governor.

Asked for ideas from the Council.

Bill Ferguson - trying to get support from our labor unions - primarily PEF and CSEA.

Matt Ecker - have we tried to follow up our letters with a phone call?

Any avenue via OGS (thru Suzanne) that might help? Suzanne said in the past they have scheduled a meeting with someone in the Governor's office. Bill offered to work to get the support of PEF, and suggested Nick can get help from Nick.

Suzanne – Reported on the Directors Report.

Bill asked what the Finance Committee should be considering

Campaign Report - Tom looks at least as if the downward turn has begun to level off.

Suzanne – Describes the three processes that occur throughout the year 2015 Data, 2016 Recertification, 2016 Application, then spoke about DropBox.

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Bill reported that he had a discussion with Sheila about finance reports, they are developing what they should include and when the finance committee required them.

Matt reported that Caroline would be looking at the prior RFP and reorganizing it. She said she would look at it the evening of 5.21.2015.

Tom - Council recruitment is very important! We need to beginning finding volunteers

Tom – Has not heard anything from the Governor’s office. Reported all of the communications, Greater Niagara United Way, Letter from the Council and have not heard anything. Bill suggested that the Labor Unions involved. PEF and CSEA are most represented. We are struggling but need the support of the Unions and their support.

Matt recommended possible everyone calling in to the Governor’s office. Bill and Suzanne made the recommendation that a meeting with the governor’s office with Union’s Chair and Vice Chair.

Tom asked Suzanne where the marketing material was

Furn has reserved the space at Marcy Correctional Facility on June 18, 2015. Is it good for most of the Council? Face to Face good for Matt, Pete, Cornelia, Bill, Tom, Nick, Furn. Tom is inviting all but there is a time of Executive work only and everyone else is welcome afterward.

Open meeting - invite coordinators, all stakeholders. Portion of the meeting to be council-only (first part of the meeting). Tom will get more detail out on this soon.

Opened floor for other concerns. Marilyn was looking for times of the face to face. 10:30 to about 2:00 PM.

Pete Motion to adjourn Caroline 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Meeting adjourned at 2:35PM



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