

NYSOBBA News and Notes

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News from the September Board Meeting

- Rob Levesque, Regional Vice President of Sales at Windham Professionals, has joined the Board as an Associate member. Rob has been an active participant in NYSOBBA for many years. He'll be a great asset to the Board.
- After much discussion, and a conference call to Chris Seda, who currently manages our listserv, we decided to maintain the current listserv option. There are a few problems (for example the multiple copies of "out of office" messages) but we'll work on fixing that. It seems there are many problems with all of the other options. So, for now, continue to use institution@nysobba.org If you know of other systems that might work for us, please let someone on the Board know. All suggestions will be researched.
- Planning is already in full swing for the June 2011 conference at the Rye Town Hilton in Rye, NY. Great sessions and some fun activities have already been planned. Wait til you see the agenda!!
- Kevin Smith will be working on the slate of candidates for new NYSOBBA officers. Look for his emails during the winter months.
- As many of you know, Larry Brennan will be retiring on December 31st. He has been a contributing, active member of NYSOBBA for over twenty years. It was very difficult to say goodbye to him at this, his last Board meeting. He will truly be missed by every single person who knows him. He is a smart, gentle, caring man. We all wish him all the best in this next phase of his life. We'll hope he'll "pop in" at some of the future conferences.
- Kevin shared the compiled results of the conference evaluations. 88% indicated that the conference was excellent, and 12% that it was good. Many thanks to all who made it such a success! Great job!

Those of you who know Patty Ronan-Thompson will be happy to learn that she has a new job— a well-deserved promotion – as the new Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Aid at the SUNY Administration. Many of us will be seeing her in this new role as she continues to work with our schools. We are certainly happy for her.

Our current NYSOBBA president, Cathy McCue, became Mrs. Jose Morilla earlier this fall. Congratulations and all best wishes, Cathy!

Most of the NYSOBBA scholarships have been awarded this year. Here are the recipients:

Central	Daniel Hershelman	SUNY Cortland
Genesee Valley	Karen Congilro	FingerLakes Community College
Long Island	Shequanna Cooper	Molloy College
Mid-Hudson	Gina Sirico	Marist College
	Julie Potak	SUNY Dutchess Community College
New York City	Elisheva Katz	Yeshiva University
Northeast	Elliot Franke	Rensselaer Poly Tech
	Lydia Mellnitz	Clarkson University
Western	Megan Battista	D’Youville College
	Kristina Clabeaux	Niagara University - Fall only
	Kelsie Blizzard	D’Youville College – Spring only

There are still four scholarships that could (should) be awarded. If you know of any deserving student, please access the scholarship application forms on the website NYSOBBA.org and/or contact your regional director.

Wishing you all safe, warm, peaceful and Happy Holidays!