

- 1) Report out on special committees working on Conference details;
 - a) Food committee had to firm up break-out snacks and awards dinner but have set the rest of the menu
 - b) Decorations committee was meeting with the florist this past Thursday
 - c) Entertainment committee was investigating some ideas: magician, trivia, card games, trio etc., but we discussed doing one-on-ones at this time.
 - d) Tickets and set up cannot be done as of yet – need to get the schematic for the banquet room as soon as possible...there was much discussion on last year's issue
- 2) We talked about the ESP of the Year award process. Scott Elliot/Warren put in a new business item about doing a Goggle Form for the nomination. Need to contact Communications to see if that is possible. This could be a choice with the online and paper copy still being available. We discussed changing the dates that the nomination form was due in the county to June – there was much discussion about that. We also talked about being able to receive the nominations before the meeting so that we could read and discuss when we met.

We had a discussion about the NEA award in comparison to our application. There was a discussion about our revamping our application so there cannot be any misunderstandings about the process and what the award nomination should look like. Needs to be discussed with Bob but we will need a sub-committee to work on it. We will have to limit the size if we want it to be productive.

- 3) We picked the Friend of ESP. We picked the career achievement. The committee inquired how the recipients were notified and it was reported back that they have to be approved by the Executive Committee first.
- 4) We talked about Phil Murphy and how we can keep our issues in the forefront of what's going on at the State. We talked about how it is all of our responsibilities to be involved in that process. I am hoping that GR can give us an update on the bills and where they are and where/when they will be moving.
- 5) We discussed the Convention Questions briefly and I asked the committee to study them a little more closely and come back in January with some items that stood out to them.
- 6) We discussed the classes offered for ESP members at the Convention. I told them that I was unhappy with the amount of classes that were offered and that Michael Cohen is open to discussion for this coming year. I did a survey at my local of my ESP members and received several great ideas for courses; I asked them to do the same, find out what would make people come to the convention and our conference. We also spoke about what colleges who attend could offer for ESP members – Michael suggested maybe having some of the Technical Colleges attend. We will discuss this further in the coming months.
- 7) We talked about the Janus court case. They listen intently and it appeared as if most of them were unaware of the ramifications if this case is resolved in favor of Mr. Janus.
- 8) We talked about the NEA Conference in March and discussion about finding out which counties would fund their reps to go.
- 9) A suggestion was made that we really should avoid December for committee meetings because it is too close to the holidays.