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**The WNY Suburban CounselorS’ Consortium**

(A brief history 1983-2017)

During the early 1980’s, there was no organized, professional organization of high school counselors in the WNY region. A chapter of the New York State Personnel and Guidance Association known as the WNYPGA existed, but meetings were in the evening and few high school counselors were members. There were several regional groups of counselors who met regularly centered on common local interests. Some examples of these groups included Maryvale, Depew and Cheektowaga, who were instrumental in starting the original NFIEC Career Fair, and the Southern Erie County Counselors Association who ran a fall college fair each year.

In 1982 Robert Gourlay, counselor at Clarence High School, approached his friend, neighbor and colleague, Carl “Sandy” Behrend, who was a counselor at Orchard Park High School, with the idea of starting a high school counselor group that would meet during school hours and represent suburban schools with similar interests. The name, Suburban Counselor’s Consortium, was chosen to identify the group. The founding members of the organization were primarily colleagues of Bob Gourlay. They included: Joan Baer (Williamsville South), John Daken (Sweet Home High School), Robert Ciszak (Akron High School), Michael Smith (Tonawanda High School) and Martin Goodrich (Kenmore East High School). Sandy Behrend (Orchard Park High School) and Bob Gourlay (Clarence High School) completed the original founding seven members and schools.

*After several initial organizational meetings, in late 1982, the group decided to begin meeting in September 1983 the following agreements were approved:*

* Bob Gourlay was elected as the first President and would serve a two year term.
* The goal of the SCC was to promote professional development for all counselors in member schools.
* We would meet once a month during the school day (Friday) at a different member’s building.
* A grass roots, pertinent topic agenda would be created in September for the rest of the year with members volunteering to coordinate the meeting and the topic. The host building would also provide refreshments and invite their Principal to the meeting for a welcome.
* Each high school could bring as many counselors as they wanted to but at least one counselor from each school would attend each meeting.

To gain support for this endeavor, Bob Gourlay and Sandy Behrend attended a meeting of the Erie County Principal’s Association to seek their approval of the concept of creating the SCC and holding our meetings during the school day. They liked and supported our proposal.

Over the course of the next 34 years, the Suburban Counselor’s Consortium has provided professional development and networking for scores of high school counselors. A sub group of the Consortium spearheaded a local spring college fair program for more than 20 years prior to joining the NACAC National College Fair family. Meeting topics have covered a wide range of professional development, problems and information sharing. Gradually more public high schools from all over Erie County became members and eventually private schools counselors joined us as well. We began to collect minimal dues to assist students and recognize our colleagues who retire or are ill. An annual joint meeting with the Niagara County counselors (NOCA) was established. Guests over the years have included local service provider referral organizations, area Principals, Superintendents and State education officials. The name of the organization was changed to the WNY Suburban Counselor’s Consortium to reflect our broader membership. Growth in size led to the addition of positions like treasurer, secretary and membership chair with Past Presidents serving as a nominating committee. An annual June meeting at a local restaurant was added to provide a social networking opportunity in addition to being able to recognize members. A past Presidents reception was added in the fall to welcome new counseling professionals to our organization.

Fast forward to around 2014/15 and Bi-Laws have been added to the group along with a shift in name to HSCA of WNY. The biggest forward movement would be in the creation of a website which includes public information for the counseling community and a private portal which allows counselors to interface and communicate in a question and answer forum.

The future of the WNY Suburban Counselors Consortium is bright. A solid membership base and ever changing professional needs will ensure that the original goals and vision of the founders will be fulfilled for many years to come.

***Presidents of record***

* 1. Robert Gourlay Clarence High School

1985-1987 Carl “Sandy” Behrend Orchard Park High School

1987-1989 Martin Goodrich Kenmore East High School (decreased)

1989-1991 Elizabeth “Betty” Horrigan Clarence High School

1991-1993 Michael Smith Tonawanda High School (deceased)

1993-1995 Kathy Homer Williamsville South High School

1995-1997 Cynthia Ebsary Clarence High School

1997-1999 Gerald Marcussen Kenmore East High School (deceased)

1999-2001 Pam Kiely Tonawanda High School

2001-2003 Randy Carpenter Kenmore East High School

2003-2005 Margaret “Peg” Sullivan Orchard Park High School

2005-2007 Cheryl Goldstone Williamsville South High School

2007-2009 Kimberly McEwen Depew High School

2009-2011 Dr. Annemarie Cervoni Orchard Park High School

2011-2013 Edward Haley Akron High School

2013-2015 Patrick Mandia Erie 1 Boces

2015-2017 Trey Gardner Clarence High School

2017-2019 Jodi Cormier Erie 2 Boces, Ormsby

**\* History courtesy of Carl “Sandy” Behrend**

**LEADERSHIP ROLES**

**President** 2-year term

* + - * responsible for running monthly PD & business meetings
      * oversees all other leadership positions
      * serves as main contact person for association

**Vice President**

* Maintains HSCA Website
* Member Outreach

**Treasurer/Membership** 2-year term

* + - * collect dues and registration forms
      * updates consortium membership directory
      * maintains checking account

**Secretary** 2-year term

* + - * takes notes/minutes and reports via e-mail to membership
      * custodian of Association records
      * sends sunshine gifts/cards

**Purpose of dues:**

* + - * to fund; the HSCA Annual Scholarship
      * website development and maintenance
      * sunshine/retirement gifts
      * miscellaneous Association expenses