The Science Teachers Association of New York State (STANYS)

Mission Statement

The Science Teachers Association of New York State (STANYS) promotes excellence in science education. Its mission is to work with educators and communities to provide opportunities for ALL students to participate in and learn science.

Goals

- Student centered education that excites and invites participation by all students will be the prime focus of STANYS supported activities.
- A collaborative/partnership relationship with other professional and community organizations.
- A communications network will be maintained including; telecommunications, newsletter and other publications.
- Exemplary programs and effective teaching practices based on tested research will be identified, recognized, modeled and promoted.

STANYS supports its membership by:

- Providing opportunities to attend workshops, conferences, and seminars at which science educators can learn best practices in science education, receive content updates, network with teachers who share a passion for science teaching, and receive professional development credits that can be applied to the 5-year 175 hour requirement;
- Representing all constituencies interested in promoting science education in NY State including networking with the NY State Education Department;
- Informing membership about important issues and current topics through email E-Blasts;
- The opportunity to connect with other STANYS members via Facebook – available on the STANYS homepage (at STANYS.org). The website is continually evolving and will contain additional elements that will make it a virtual one-stop-shop for members to gather knowledge and connect with other science educators;
- Publishing statewide and local section newsletters that keep members informed on state-wide and local section activities, important issues in science education, articles pertaining to the science disciplines, legislative updates at the state and national level, notices of grants, awards, and educational opportunities for teachers and students, and much more;
- Publishing issues of the Science Teachers Bulletin that provide articles on educational methodologies, philosophical issues, and information about STANYS members;
- Providing access to the STANYS subject area Directors at Large (DALs) and the local section Subject Area Representatives (SARs) who provide support to members and provide a vehicle for communication between classroom teachers and the NY State Education Department;
- Providing retirees with the means to maintain their connection to science education share their expertise after careers teaching students, and with professional and recreational opportunities;
- Facilitating recognition of teachers and students through its state-wide and section awards.
- A statewide annual conference with outstanding keynote and invited speakers, more than 250 workshops over 2½ days that provide support for all levels and disciplines, an exhibit area with vendors of science supplies, equipment, and textbooks, and many opportunities for collegial collaboration.

STANYS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.