

Environmental Education Association of Illinois
Board Meeting Minutes
10:00am February 4, 2011
Anita Purves Nature Center, Urbana, IL

Meeting was held at Anita Purvis Nature Center, Urbana IL.

Board Members Attending:

Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller, Janet Beach Davis, Stacey Clementz, Cyndi Duda, Tara Janisch, Becky Stokes Lambert, Erica Schneider, Sarah Livesay, Suzanne Lintzenich, Ritchie Wolf, Marjorie Riddell

Conference Call attendees; Patti Brown, Jennie Bunde, Kate Hellgren,

Committee Chairs Attending: Caty Roland, Jessica Prince, Lara Darling,

Liaisons: Jo Skugland

Visitors: Natalie Marioni with INHS

Paula Edgar,

voted on - yellow

Items requiring Action-Underlined

Items moved to Ad-Hoc- blue

1. Call to Order Called to order at 10:05 – President Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller
2. Secretary's Report – December Meeting Minutes **review/ vote** – Janet Beach Davis-After discussion Stacey Clementz motions to accept the meeting minutes as amended; Tara Janisch second -Approved by voice vote.
3. Treasurer's Reports – **review/ vote**- Becky Stokes-Lambert – Becky explained budget reports and answered all questions from the board. Cyndi Duda motions to accept the budget report as amended; Stacey Clementz second- Approved by voice vote.
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 - A. **New budget discussion- Ad Hoc**
5. Committee/Chair Reports
 - i. Education/Program
 1. Projects Update - Sarah Livesay
 - a. EEAI Projects Coordinator Agreement signed
 - b. MOU to administer PLT signed -Sarah is working with American Forest Foundation and CEE to start retraining in Illinois.
 - c. Growing Up Wild -New workshops are planned.
 - d. Flying Wild- working on a new contract that will be reviewed and approved at the annual meeting. Jo will be attending Flying WILD conference in Texas.
 2. Project WET- Water Campws is hiring a new coordinator for education, and Project WET will continue to be supported in the state. In the first three years 216 educators have been trained.
 3. ISBE adoption of Common Core- Illinois State Standards are going to replaced with Common Core National Standards for Math and English. Science Common Core is being developed, and may be out this summer. By 2014 all standards and testing will be based on the Common Core Standards. They can be accessed at www.corestandards.org and there is a webinar. Sarah suggests that we attend ROE trainings in our area.
 - B. Conference
 1. 2011 EEAI Annual Meeting and Conference- April 15-17th,Pere Marquette State Park-Grafton- Patti/Paula

- a. Patti- Registration packets will be coming out. Seventeen proposals were submitted. Keynote is still not confirmed. Thursday night networking and workshops. Auction and meeting on Friday, dinner plans underway for Saturday night. Registrations will be online. Fees will be \$90 for members and \$120 for new members. Lodging will be \$90 per night.
 2. 2012 EEAI Annual Meeting and Conference- Tara/Cyndi
 - a. The sight is between Yorkville and another sight with a date in late April. Venue will be decided by the end of February.
 3. MEEC Rochester MN; April 7-9th 2011, Rochester, MN- Lara attending
 - a. Lara attended a conference call and Minnesota will be waiving the fees for Lara. They are expecting about 150 attendees. The MEEC archives are located at Iowa State University. Becky has MEEC data to add to the archives.
 4. NAAEE Affiliate Leaders Summit- April 8th-10th,2011- Place TBA, focused on business and strategic planning.
 5. Illinois Science Education Conference- October 28-29th, 2011, Tinley Park
 - a. Suzanne will represent EEAI at the meeting. ISTA would like us to host a field excursion. We have the option to present a six session strand. Elizabeth will check into this more with ISTA.
 6. 2011 Flying WILD City Partners Conference, McAllen, TX. Feb. 13-16; Jo Skoglund representing IL. Partnership
 7. IL. Headstart Assoc. Annual Conference March 2-4, Springfield Patti Brown will be attending and presenting the EE Toolbox.
- C. Finance Committee
1. T-Shirts- Erica-A new order will be placed for the conference. Erica asked for input on special requests.
- D. Long Range & Strategic Planning
1. Strategic Plan is finalized and online
- E. Membership – Caty Roland
1. Joint membership with ISTA- in finalized. Starting with January renewals, an ISTA insert was sent with renewals.
 2. Caty will be leaving the Nature Center, and will be changing jobs. She will continue as membership chair for six months to see how it coordinates with her new position.
- F. Nominations and Elections- Jennie Bunde/ Jo Skoglund
1. Electronic ballot election report- The ballots should be ready by next week.
- G. Public Relations – Lara Darling
1. New Update editor- Pam Leiter will be the new UPDATE editor starting with the July issue. Lara would like to do a membership survey to address an electronic newsletter.
 2. PR Chair- Stacey Clementz and Savannah Hampson will be the new PR Co-chairs.
- H. Awards – Stacey Clementz
1. 2011 Educator Service Awards - review/ vote
Stacey announced the winners of the 2011 awards. Formal Educator- Caitlynn Bouse Alteirista- Elmhurst Academy, Nonformal Educator- Joyce Mitchell of Wildlife Prairie State Park. Malcolm D. Swan- Sarah Livesay, EEAI Board Member and Pages on the Prairie.

Patti Brown motioned to accept award winners as presented; Suzanne Lintzenich seconded. Slate approved by voice vote.

- I. Governance – Sarah Livesay – An email was sent to everyone who participated in the Strategic Visioning meeting that the Strategic Plan is finalized and online.
- J. Governmental Affairs- Jessica Prince
Jessica if regions keep Jessica informed about events happening at he local level.
 - 1. Regional environmental learning plan conference call- There were 11 midwest states forming their EE Learning Plan, and Illinois is the furthest ahead (draft two of the revision is done and to IEPA, ISBA and IDNR for signatures).
- 5. President’s Report- Elizabeth Thanked the Board for their work during her term.

EEAI 2011 Meeting Dates ** Needs Confirmation

	Fri. April 15 th	Annual Membership meeting, Pere Marquett
	Fri. June 3 & Sat. June 4 Springfield	Board Retreat and Meeting, Location at Audubon Society in
	Sat. September 10 th	Board Meeting, Anita Purves Nature Center
	Fri. December 2 nd	Board Meeting, Anita Purves Nature Center
**	February 2012	TBD

- 2. Regional Report Updates
Southern- will be meeting with Public Lands group for EE opportunities.
WC- several workshops coming up for GUW. Prairie School Project in March, Educator Energizer in April, and working on conference.
NW-River Gathering coming up.
NE- Volo Bog Trip is April 27th.
- 7. Adjourn- Meeting Motion to adjourn made by Suzanne; seconded by Marjorie; adjourned at 11:55.

Proposals for Consideration

None at this time

Ad Hoc

- Regional and committee budgets- Becky
- EE certification- Patti moved to later date.