

Annual Meeting
Luthy Botanical Gardens
Peoria, IL, 61761

- 1) Call to order-Meeting called to order at 1:08 by President Jennifer Day Tariq
- 2) Additions to Agenda (Review/Vote) Jennifer Day Tariq adds two presidential appointments to the agenda for the southern region. Stacey Clementz motioned to accept the agenda as amended. Anne Marie Froeschle seconds, Passed by voice vote, no abstentions.
- 3) Board Introductions and election results- Jennifer Day Tariq introduces the board to the membership. Steve Gariepy is stepping down from the board as southern regional director to concentrate on his university duties. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. Anne Townsend is also stepping down from the board as she just had a baby. Jennifer has appointed Stephanie Jaros and Bryanna Blackburn to fill those vacancies. She also welcomed two newly elected board members, Margaret Gazdacka and Ylanda Wilhite who were elected and new North East Regional Directors.
- 4) Review Minutes/ Secretary's Report (Review/Vote) Jennifer Van Der Molen motioned to accept the meeting minutes as submitted. Tina Dawson Scott seconds, Passed by voice vote, no abstentions.
- 5) Treasurer's Report/Approve Budget (Review/Vote)The annual budget was amended to include \$28,000 for the new ED position. Jennifer VanDerMolen motioned to accept the budget as amended. Stephanie Jaros seconds, Passed by voice vote, no abstentions.
- 6) Committee/Chair Reports
 - a) Awards – Richie Wolfe- Ritchie reviewed the awards procedure and announced the winner of the Nonformal Educator of the Year, Laura Hall.
 - b) Project's Report – Meghan Bowe- Meghan introduced herself to the membership, and discussed forward planning for the PLT Steering Committee.
- 7) President's Report
 - a) Strategic Plan-Jennifer Day Tariq reviewed the strategic plan process, and reported that this year we will be focusing on updating the RD roles and regions, membership offerings, and hiring the new Executive Director and concentrating on our finances.
 - b) Stacey reported on the ED position search and reviewed the timeline.
 - c) Jennifer also announced that there will be new board training packets and projects training online.
 - d) Jennifer awarded a Presidential Outstanding Achievement Award to Tina Dawson Scott.
- 8) Meeting dates
 - a) June 9th, 2018 @ 10am [Scovill Zoo Decatur, IL]
 - b) September 8, 2018 at 10am
 - c) December 7, 2018 at 10am
 - d) February 2019 at 10am
 - e) 2019 Conference First weekend in April)
- 9) Adjourn: Kirsten Hope Walker moved to adjourn at 1:43. Jennifer VanDerMolen seconds, passed by voice vote. Bob Carter Abstains.