

Environmental Education Association of Illinois
Board Meeting Minutes
Friday December 5, 2014
10 am Anita Purves Nature Center
Urbana, IL

Board Meeting Attendees: Patti Brown, Kirsten Hope Walker, Janet Beach Davis, Jennifer Day Tariq, Sarah Livesay, Tina Dawson Scott, Peggy Doty, Pam Evans, Jennifer VanDerMolen, Laura McCoy, Linda Hauser- quorum present

Liaisons:

Committee Chairs (other than RD's): Stacey Clementz, Savannah Donovan,

Not in Attendance: Richie Wolf, Natalie Marioni, Betsy Irwin, Jame Holt, Kristi Morris, Lara Darling, Amanda Patrick, Jo Fessett, Allison Jones

Visitors: Emily Henson, Steve Garipey

voted on - yellow

Items requiring Action-Underlined

Items moved to Ad-Hoc- blue

1. Call to Order – President Patti Brown – Called to order at 10:15. Introduction of guests and board. Acceptance of agenda **review/ vote** Motion made to accept as amended with change in placement of awards in agenda by Kirsten Hope Walker; seconded Jennifer Day Tariq; passed by voice vote, no abstentions.

2. Secretary's Report - Janet Beach Davis

A. September 2014 Meeting Minutes **review/ vote** Motion made to accept meeting minutes as submitted by Tina Dawson Scott; seconded Linda Hauser; passed by voice vote, no abstentions.

3. Treasurer's Reports – pre-submitted – **review/ vote**- Kirsten Hope Walker- Kirsten has approached a candidate for a student recruitment chair. She will be writing a job description for the position. She will be streamlining deposits for the upcoming conference during AdHOC. There has only been \$10 in membership fees coming from our joint ISTA membership agreement. In February the board will review the ISTA agreement. Stacey asked that Annual Appeal costs come from the Board Operations budget and not the PR budget. It was decided that Annual Appeals should have its own budget line. Tina asked if each region could have a line to see how much of their budget is left. Kirsten will look into each of these. **Motion made to accept Treasurer's report as amended by Laura McCoy ; seconded Linda Hauser; passed by voice vote, no abstentions.**

4. Committee/Chair Reports

A. Education/Program

1. Projects Update – Report Submitted by Sarah Livesay – Since the presub, we were granted ~\$10,000 from MPI 15. The pilot project is going. The steering committee will have a retreat this winter to consider how the program will be managed in the future. We were awarded a Whitetails grant for \$1060.60. Our provider status is still waiting. We can go through the ROE or through another provider as we make those contacts.
2. Flying WILD – Jo Fessett -4 Flying wild workshops left this year.
3. Project WILD and Aquatic WILD-Jennifer Tariq- 8 facilitators are now active.
4. Education Committee: Laura McCoy- Laura has been presenting NGSS. She's concerned that the CEU format for new providers will be too broad and far ranging in scope for anyone to be able to meet the ISBE requirements. Knowledge of NGSS is spotty throughout the state, and presentations are conflicting at best.

B. Conference

1. 2015 EEAI Annual Meeting and Conference update-Southern April 9-11 at Touch of Nature Environmental Center-Bridging the Gaps under Southern Skies. The RFP ends January 16, 2015. There will be approximately 20-30 concurrent sessions. There will be additional information directed toward students. They are currently working on sponsorship. **There will be more discussions in AdHOC.** One keynote has been scheduled, and another is being contacted. Registrations will be opened in February. There will be a new PLT Facilitator training at the conference. There may also be a RiverWatch training on the Saturday after the conference.
2. Wild Things a Chicago Wilderness Conference for People and Nature Saturday, January 31, 2015-- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.-EEAI PLT represented and Laura McCoy will be presenting.
3. 2015 ISTA National Conference in McCormick Place, IL Chicago (National): Mar. 12–15, 2015 – We will have a shared table. Pam and Stacey will be presenting. Sarah has asked anyone who will be going to the conference to make an appearance in the National PLT booth.
4. American Camp Association St Charles, IL April 16-18, 2015-opportunity to provide a PLT, G UW or Project WILD-contact Patti Brown- Patti usually attends but can't. Patti asked anyone who was available and could present a workshop.
5. MEEC 2015 October 21-24, 2015 Madison Wisconsin- Patti will be attending, Kirsten and Sarah, and several other board members may be attending. We get a \$10 kickback from memberships over 30.
6. MEEC 2017- Will be in NE region. They have been looking into vendors and sites. Dates were considered, and the beginning of November was chosen as a possible time frame.
7. NAAEE –Bob Carter- low attendance at NAAEE this year.

C. Finance Committee

1. T-Shirts- Charlie- No report

D. Nominations and Elections-Patti and Betsy

1. Vote on slate as submitted **review/ vote** Motion made to accept slate as amended to adjust Linda Hauser's term by Kirsten Hope Walker; seconded Jennifer Van Der Molen; passed by voice vote, no abstentions.

E. Membership – Allison Jones- no additions to presub.

G. Public Relations – Stacey Clementz/Savannah Hampson – Savannah will be taking over PR as Stacey moves to President after the election. New materials will be ordered. Stacey will be making a list of new PR materials for the board to discuss in February.

H. Awards – Richie Wolf –no addition to presub- Nomination review committee should be formed soon.

I. Governance – Lara Darling –no report

J. Governmental Affairs – Lara Darling offered to fill this position.

K. EEAI Mini- Grants- no addition to presub. 4 grants awarded. The board would like to have mini-grant recipient reports put on the website so others can see everything going on.

5. President's Report Patti Brown- No additions to presub

6. EEAI 2013-14 Meeting Dates

Friday February 6, 2015-Board Meeting, 10am, Anita Purves Nature Center

April 9-11, 2015 Annual Conference/Meeting Touch of Nature, Makanda, IL

June 2015- Board retreat TBD Tentative June 13, 2015

September 12, 2015- Board Meeting, 10am, Anita Purves Nature Center

December 4, 2015- Board Meeting, 10am, Anita Purves Nature Center

6. Regional Report Updates to Presubs

Sarah- Greenworks- 2 Greenworks grant recipients in Illinois were awarded, Young Men's Professional Network and Douglas-Hart Nature Club. Sarah has Postcards that advertise PLT, and we get a small fee of every guide sold. Chicago Park District has adopted PLT as their sole professional development.

NW Region- Tina can now present the Black Bear program in Illinois.

7. Adjournment- at 12:25pm Motion made to adjourn by Jennifer Day Tariq; seconded Linda Hauser; passed by voice vote, no abstentions.

Ad Hoc:
Set date/location/time for the Strategic Planning
Stuffing Appeal letters.

EEAI Nominations and Elections 2015-2017 Slate pending Board approval

President: Stacey Clementz *confirmed yes

Treasurer: Kirsten Hope Walker *confirmed yes

Secretary: Janet Beach Davis *confirmed yes

President-Elect: No nomination

East-Central: Pam Evans-yes

West-Central: Betsy Irwin *confirmed yes

South: Linda Hauser- Not needed

North West: Peggy Doty YES

North East: Jame Holt -yes