

EEAI Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
Touch of Nature Environmental Center
Makanda, IL
April 10, 2015

1. Call to Order – President Patti Brown called to order at 12:47pm. Acceptance of agenda **review/ vote motion to accept as submitted by Kirsten Hope Walker ;second by Natalie Marioni; passed by voice vote, no abstentions.**
 - a. Patti thanked the conference committee, especially Linda Hauser. Linda recognized the working committee members. Patti thanked the membership for coming and supporting EEAI.
2. Secretary’s Report - Janet Beach Davis
 - a. February 2015 Meeting Minutes **review/ vote motion to accept as submitted by Jennifer VanDerMolen;second by Bob Carter ; passed by voice vote, no abstentions.**
3. Treasurer’s Reports – Kirsten Hope Walker
 - a. Approval of 2015-16 budget **review/ vote motion to accept as submitted by Linda Hauser ;second by Peggy Doty; passed by voice vote, no abstentions.**
 - b. We are now using square and online donations and memberships are accepted.
4. Nominations and Elections announcements-
 - a. Patty introduced all the Regional Directors. Patti Presented a Presidential Leadership Award to Lara Darling for all her work on the board over the past several years.
5. President’s Report-

- a. Patty recognized the sustaining members:

Cyndi Duda, Northeast region

Brett Ivers, West Central region

Sarah Livesay, East Central region

Deb Chapman, Northeast Region

Tim Grant, Out-of-State

Kathleen Gaare-Wiese, Southern Region

Cynthia Harn, Northeast Region

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- b. Savannah Donovan Discussed the PR committee and announced that there is a vacancy on the PR committee due to Stacey Clementz' change to president.
 - c. Patti encouraged the membership to spread the word and build membership.
6. Update on Strategic Plan– Stacey Clementz Our strategic Plan is due to be updated. The community Foundation of East Central Illinois will be working with us for free to update our plan. Stacey asked the membership to give us feedback on the Plan. It will be on the website next week for review.
7. Projects Update- Sarah Livesay- Sarah introduced her new PLT facilitators. PLT has reached 3270 teachers in the last five years. Sarah recognized the PLT Facilitator of the Year- Mary Rice and the G UW Facilitator of the Year- Linda Hauser. The Coordinator of the Year Award- Judy Fichett
8. EEAI Awards Presentation – Richie Wolf-
 - a. Formal Educator of the Year- Sandy Perkins Biology teacher at Triad High School

- b. Non-Formal Educator of the Year- Dawn Kovarik- From US Army Corps of Engineers at Rend Lake
 - c. Malcolm D. Swan Award- Cindy Harn, Forest Preserve District of Will County
9. Regional Report Updates –Natalie – WC- Next year’s conference will be in the WC region. Natalie asked everyone to go to the website and take the conference survey. MEEC will be hosted in the NW Region in 2017. Kirsten reminds everyone to do the conference evaluation online. She also introduced Allison Neubauer, the new student recruitment chair.
10. Adjournment **motion to adjourn at 1:44pm by Steve Gariepy; second by Kirsten Hope Walker; passed by voice vote, no abstentions.**