

**Environmental Education Association of Illinois**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 14, 2013 10am-12pm**  
**10am Anita Purves Nature Center**

Board Meeting Attendees: Janet Beach Davis, Patti Brown, Jennifer Day Tariq, Jame Holt, Richie Wolf, Kirsten Hope Walker, Pam Evans, , Linda Hauser, Jennifer VanDerMolen, James Wilkins  
 Committee Chairs (other than RD's): Stacey Clementz, Savannah Donovan (briefly)  
 Liaisons: Sarah Livesay, Projects Coordinator  
 Visitors: Audra Walters (new WC RD Nominee)

Not in Attendance: Lara Darling, Kristi Morris, Laura McCoy, Peggy Doty, Jo Fessett, Laura McCoy

voted on - yellow

Items requiring Action-Underlined

Items moved to Ad-Hoc- blue

1. Call to Order- Called to order at 10:06 by Patti Brown, President. Introductions for new members to the board.
2. Additions to agenda- Presidential Appointment to fill Newly vacant NW RD position by presidential Appointment review/vote Motion to accept Agenda as amended by Richie Wolf; Jennifer Day Tariq second. Passed by voice vote. No abstentions.
3. Secretary's Report-Janet Beach Davis June 2013 Meeting Minutes review/vote Motion to accept Meeting Minutes from the June meeting as submitted by Richie Wolf; Kirsten Hope-Walker second. Passed by voice vote. No abstentions.
4. Vote on Previous meeting minutes/treasurer's report (Annual Meeting) review/vote Motion to accept meeting minutes and treasurer's report from the last meeting when there was not a quorum as submitted by James Wilkins; Jame Holt second. Passed by voice vote. No abstentions.
5. Treasurer's Reports-pre submitted- Changes to treasurers report: Sarah's 2013 PLT category was changed and Conference budget item date changes . Kirsten will send a new updated report to reflect changes. review/vote –Kirsten Hope-Walker Motion to accept as amended by Jennifer VanDerMolen; Linda Hauser second. Passed by voice vote. No Abstention
6. Committee/Chair Reports
  - A. Education/Program
    1. Projects Update-Report Submitted by Sarah Livesay: Sarah gave a verbal report about her position for the new board members. Sarah then asked for questions about her pre-sub quarterly report. The numbers of workshops have declined for GUW, and Sarah had a few ideas why that is, but asked for suggestions to increase GUW workshops. PLT is being revised to Next Generation PLT to align to Next Generation Science standards. State ROEs will no long allow outside professional development, and we will have to become an "inside" partner. A new state bill will remove our provider status for CPDUs, and we will have to be proactive to partner with ROEs for that. There is an upcoming ROE conference that Sarah and Elizabeth Hagen- Mueller will be manning a table. Sarah also has made a connection with the Illinois Arborists Association and will be holding a PLT training in Tinley Park and needs help on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Project WILD update- moved to AdHoc
    2. Flying Wild-Jo Fessett- no updates.
    3. Education Committee-Laura McCoy

Laura volunteered as chair and Jame Holt, Peggy Doty and Janet Beach-Davis mentioned they would like to help. See below her comments regarding this committee. Jame Holt can liaison with Chicago Wilderness and this committee.

#### B. Conference

1. 2014 EEAI Annual Meeting and Conference update-Jennifer/Pam - Kennekuk is our host site. There is not a large enough room for the keynote and dinner. There is the possibility of a venue for the keynote and dinner a mile away. Otherwise, plans are going well. There is help needed for funding. Thursday will be field sessions, a scavenger hunt and fun run in the evening, Friday concurrent sessions with keynote and dinner in the evening, and Saturday will be a half day, with a goodie bag given on Saturday at noon. [More discussion in AdHoc.](#)
2. Take a Child Outside Week September 21-29, 2013 –Sarah and Stacey will be attending. Stacey will be driving Richard Louv to breakfast and is extremely excited about it.
3. 2013 Midwest Environmental Education Conference September 25-28, 2013 Coralville, IA – Patti, Sarah, and Jennifer will be attending-Auction items were donated by LindaHauser.
4. 2013 ISTA Conference in Tinley Park, IL October 25-26, 2013. Update to any conference concurrent sessions accepted. We will have a table. Jame can man the table Friday.
5. The Natural Areas Conference is in Chicago October 1-4.
6. Symphony of Soils- October 4-6 – More information to follow.

#### C. Finance Committee

T-shirts- Erica- Erica gave instructions and introduced a new T-Shirt design.

#### D. Nominations and Elections

1. Slate to be presented at December Board Meeting for Board Approval- no report. President Elect position is open, and president position will be elected. Most RD positions are up for re-election, but no one is hitting a term limit this election. Sarah asked for 10 names from each board member for an annual appeal letter. Please send the 10 names to Caty Roland for the annual appeal.

#### E. Membership-Caty Roland- 206 members currently.

#### F. Public Relations-Stacey Clementz/Savannah Donovan

1. Constant Contact update – A year ago we changed to Constant Contact and it has worked very well.
2. September 20, 2013 Submit for UPDATE and the website. The website will have a donation capability. Stacey is looking into different providers to find the most cost efficient company.
3. Savannah will be sending out list serve announcements every 4-6 weeks, and submissions should be planned accordingly. Items should be submitted with a one or two sentence description and a link.

#### G. Awards-Richie Wolf

1. Nominations Due by November 30, 2013- submissions can be made anytime.

#### H. Mini-Grants-Teresa Vaughn

1. Due by October 31, 2013-
2. We are re-working the mini-grant criteria –level is currently \$200 per grant. More to follow.

#### I. Governance-Lara Darling- no report.

#### J. Governmental Affairs- need a person to lead this committee-

#### K. IEPA Report- Poetry/Prose/Art contest information distributed via email.

7. President's Report

EEAI 2013-2014 Meeting Dates

Friday December 6, 2013	Board Meeting, 10 am Anita Purves Nature Center
Friday February 7, 2014	Board Meeting, 10 am Anita Purves Nature Center
April 24 -26 , 2014	Annual Meeting Kennekuk County Park, Vermilion County District Danville, Illinois
June 6-7, 2014	Board Retreat- Kendall County Forest Preserve District

8. Regional Reports- Additional Items- none

9. Presidential items:

- Patti Brown made a Presidential appointment for Tina Dawson as the new NW RD to complete Richie Wolf's term. Richie will be moving into the EC region, but will stay on as Awards Chair.
- Fund Development –Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller suggested license plate frames. Soil and water districts are selling them for \$5. Kirsten will look into costs and providers to offer this as a membership bonus.

At 11:55- Motion to Adjourn made by- Jennifer Day Tariq, James Wilkins second . Meeting adjourned.