

Environmental Education Association of Illinois
Board Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2013 9:00 am
Lincoln Memorial Garden, Springfield, IL

Board Meeting Attendees: Janet Beach Davis, Patti Brown, Jennifer Day Tariq, Jame Holt, Betsy Irwin, Laura McCoy, Richie Wolf, Laura McCoy, Kirsten Hope Walker, Peggy Doty,
Committee Chairs (other than RD's): Stacey Clementz,
Liasons: Kristi Morris
Not in Attendance: Linda Hauser, Lara Darling, Jennifer VanDerMolen, Sarah Livesay, Pam Evans

voted on - yellow

Items requiring Action-Underlined

Items moved to Ad-Hoc- blue

1. Call to Order – President Patti Brown Called to order at 9:00. There is not a quorum present. All votes will be done after the meeting via email.
2. Adoption or Amendments to Agenda **review/vote** There will be no discussion of gift policy- this was completed and voted on last September.
3. Secretary's Report - Janet Beach Davis April 2013 Meeting Minutes **review/ vote** Motion to accept as submitted by Jennifer Day Tariq; Jame Holt second. Vote online later.
4. Treasurer's Reports – pre-submitted – **review/ vote**- Kirsten Hope Walker –no questions or additions. Betsy Irwin motioned to accept as submitted; Laura McCoy second. vote online later
5. Committee/Chair Reports
 - a. Education/Program –No report.
 - ❖ Projects Update – Report Submitted by Sarah Livesay –Stacey Clementz will be offering a workshop next week. Sarah and Jennifer went to the Kaleidoscope conference and discovered a gap in facilitators to cover the southern part of the EC region.
 - ❖ Flying WILD – Jo Fessett –no report-
 - ❖ Finance Committee- no report- Betsy asked if the board would be interested in a fundraising concert. The board was very receptive. There will be a discussion AD-Hoc at the next board meeting.
 - b. T-Shirt Committee-Erica made a worksheet for maintaining inventory. We need a new T-Shirt chair to maintain our spreadsheet and store the shirts.
 - c. Nominations and Elections- Jo Fessett- no report- We need someone for the President Elect Position
 - d. Membership-Caty Roland- No additions to presubs
 - e. Public Relations-Stacey Clementz – PR Update for binder passed out. The website area that was “regional happenings” is gone but items are now listed under “trainings” on the website. Stacy updates the google calendar that is connected with the website. Patti asked if there could be a section on the website for forms for RD's

to use. That would be very possible. Stacey will work on this after she completes the donor section.

- f. Awards-Richie Wolf-- Please nominate people for the awards. Submissions can be done anytime.
 - g. Governance-Lara Darling- No report-
 - h. Governmental Affairs- Need a chair for this position
 - i. Kristi Morris- IEPA report- Introduction to the group. Funding for Dive-In program is in progress. There are also opportunities to help with Stewardship Day and the Art, Prose and Poetry calendar contest. The \$500 LEAP grant is also still available.
6. Conference
- a. 2013 EEAI Annual Meeting and Conference wrap up/update – Richie/Peggy
2013 - \$1200 was raised at the auction. The conference came in at \$2000 profit. Conference evaluations are available for everyone to read. Survey monkey helps bring in an increase in evaluations.
 - b. Midwest Environmental Education Conference – September 25-28, 2013 in Coralville, IA- Jennifer and Patti will be attending. Peggy and Betsy may be going. We need auction items for our basket.
 - c. 2014 EEAI Annual Meeting and Conference update-East Central Region- At Kennekuk in Danville. Construction will be complete in September. There will be several areas for breakouts. The date (2 day or 3 day) is being discussed. The site will be free for us and a major sponsor is being groomed.
 - d. 2013 ISTA Conference in Tinley Park, IL October 25-26. We need to submit proposals for concurrent sessions by June 10. Pam Evans may do one. Would like a PLT (prek-8 or secondary module) session as well. EEAI booth will need people to man it during the conference. Peggy, Jame, and Kirsten are available to man a booth at the conference. There will be a June 15th planning meeting. We will ask for someone to attend once we find out the time and location. Laura suggests that we need to make the booth focus on what we can do for formal educators to increase interactions at the booth.
 - a. Next meeting will be an AD-HOC to make a series of selling points for the booth or session proposals.
7. Take a Child Outside Week September 21-29, 2013 September 26, 2013 presentations for Community Forum. Proposals due June 30, 2013.
8. President's Report-Patti challenges the RD's to hit the 300 member mark by the next conference. James Wilkins, from Lincoln Memorial Gardens, will be the new WC Regional Director by presidential appointment.
9. EEAI 2013-14 Meeting Dates
- Saturday, September 14, 2013 --Board Meeting, 10am, Anita Purves Nature Center
 - Friday, December 6, 2013 --Board Meeting, 10am, Anita Purves Nature Center
 - Friday, February 7, 2014 --Board Meeting, 10am, Anita Purves Nature Center
 - April Annual meeting - TBD
 - June 6- 7, 2014 Board retreat - TBD
10. Regional Report Updates – nothing to add
11. Items for discussion

- a) Need RD for WC and South. Southern is in the works.
- b) Laura McCoy would like to share an idea about creating a database for lessons that meet new standards (NGSS) that could be accessed by our members. On that note another idea shared that can go with this is having information on website for those organizations needing help to meet new standards through their activities. EEAI could “consult” with those people reviewing their activities, facilities, have their info on our website (only if they become members!) that they meet new standards. Also consider an EEAI Resource day for teachers, others to help them meet standards. Stacey will check to see if there will be room on the website. And this would be a perfect project for the Education committee, Laura will chair the committee, and Patti and Jame will join the committee. It was also suggested to update and reformat at TOOLS workshop.
- c) Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller was asked to consider this: Debby Perryman Eligin High Environmental Science class would like to have EEAI support (by name) to declare to Pres. Obama to Proclamation 2014 “ the Year of the Passenger Pigeon” (100 yrs since its extinction) see attachment of the class goals. This will be voted on in the September meeting.
- d) Revisit EEAI Executive Director position: maybe a grant through NAAEE to support a 3yr position. Grant maybe due in August. Need to see if we would like to go forward with the idea. Sarah has more info. Patti asked for any input on finding an executive director. It was suggested that this position would be charged with writing grants to fund their own position.
- e) Field trips in State. Several people have come to me asking if EEAI has any pull, ideas about the status of school field trips being cut. (which affects non-formals) What is happening in your neck of the woods? How are you handling cutbacks? What are suggestions for teachers? -
- Fees to cover buses
 - Aligning your activity with state standards
 - Take the activity to the school
 - Offer grants to pay any fees.
 - Contact district office to get on their agenda to approach top down approval
 - Check with transportation director and find the actual cost per student and add that to fee costs.

12. Adjournment- Meeting is adjourned at 11:09.

Ad-Hoc Committees

Regional director meeting.