

Environmental Education Association of Illinois
Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 6, 2014
12pm Hoover Forest Preserve, Yorkville, IL

Board Meeting Attendees: Janet Beach Davis, Patti Brown, Jennifer Day Tariq, Pam Evans, Jennifer VanDerMolen, Lara Darling, Laura McCoy, Jame Holt , Peggy Doty, Tina Dawson Scott, Natalie Marioni,

Committee Chairs (other than RD's): Charlie Jakes-T-shirt chair

Not in Attendance: Kristi Morris, Sarah Livesay, Kirsten Hope Walker, Richie Wolf, Allison Jones, Linda Hauser, Stacey Clementz, Savannah Donovan, Jo Fessett,

voted on - yellow

Items requiring Action-Underlined

Items moved to Ad-Hoc- blue

1. Call to Order – President Patti Brown called the meeting to order at 12:34pm. Additions to agenda- **review/ vote** Motion to accept agenda as submitted by Jennifer VanDerMolen; seconded by Lara Darling ; passed by voice vote. No abstentions

2. Secretary's Report - Janet Beach Davis- April 2014 Meeting Minutes **review/ vote** Motion to accept minutes as submitted by Jennifer Day Tariq; seconded by Laura McCoy ; passed by voice vote. No abstentions

3. Treasurer's Reports – Kirsten Hope Walker pre-submitted – **review/ vote-** Motion to accept as submitted by Jennifer Day Tariq; seconded by Natalie Marioni; passed by voice vote. No abstentions. We will be checking credit card usage for the next conference.

4. Committee/Chair Reports

A. Education/Program

1. Projects Update – Report Submitted by Sarah Livesay – several board members will be doing the PLT pilot.

2. Flying WILD – Jo Fessett- no report

3. Education Committee: Laura McCoy- Meeting with Chicago Wilderness about Next Gen in nonformal situations. Another meeting/workshop needs to be set to introduce nonformals to the use of NextGen. There is discussion to set up a standards based lesson database for EEAI members to use. There are already several rubrics out there to consider to maintain a professional level of the lesson plans. There was discussion about the housing for the database. There were suggestions for bringing a few outside agencies in for support.

B. Conferences

1. 2014 EEAI Annual Meeting and Conference wrap up/update – Jennifer/Pam- Lara suggests that all conferences are \$100 registration fee or more. There is a lot of work going into the conference, and \$100 is more in line with other conferences. The conference ended in the black. A full report will be at the next meeting. All documents will be uploaded to the google docs site.

2. 2015 EEAI Annual Meeting and Conference update-Southern -The dates for the conference could be changed to another part of the year, but an annual meeting would have to be planned. The dates submitted with presubs are the possibilities. Board members should contact Linda in the southern region with suggestions

3. November 14-15, 2014 Mississippi River Education Symposium E. Alton IL National Great Rivers Research Education Center- accepting RFP's- send to Patti. Chad Pregracke is the keynote speaker. Registration is not open yet.

4. ISTA National Conference in McCormick Place, IL **Chicago (National): Mar. 12–15, 2015** need to submit a proposal for concurrent session. The EEAI booth will need people to man it during the conference. Pam Evens will be there presenting. Laura will be able to go.

5. We need to be at conferences to have our banners and brochures out. We can have booths at Staples or Office Depot. Patti asked for everyone to email her dates and places where we can have a representative attend.

C. Finance Committee

1. T-Shirts- Charlie - sold 81 shirts at the conference- Charlie is working through the T-Shirt inventory and will be investigating new vendors and styles.

D. Nominations and Elections –no report- we need a WC director. Nominations chair. Nominations are due by December.

E. Membership – Allison Jones- membership is currently 166 without the conference membership renewals. Patti and Lara suggested different things we can do to encourage membership and connect with members.

G. Public Relations – Stacey Clementz/Savannah Hampson –Promotion ideas can be developed and put on the google docs. Update submissions are due in September.

H. Awards – Richie Wolf

1. Nominations Due November 30, 2014 Patti asked for all three awards to have submissions. It was suggested that each region nominate people for at least one if not all three awards. There was a suggestion that the award nomination form be reviewed to make submissions easier. Patti will approach Richie about forming an ad-hoc committee. It was also suggested that region scholarships go to award winners.

I. Governance – Lara Darling – Committee chair job descriptions are being rewritten. The harassment policy and nondiscrimination policy will be renewed by Lara.

j. Governmental Affairs – Chair Needed- still looking for a person to fill this position.

K. EEAI Mini- Grants-Teresa Due by October 30, 2014- grants will be for \$350.00

5. President's Report

A. Need RD for WC. Presidential appointment needed.

B. Need to add to manual: Sexual Harassment, Nondiscrimination Policy- will be completed and distributed. Tina asked to check to see if there is a liability waiver on our policy for any type of lawsuit. Patti will check on this. Anyone who has a policy we can review for comparison should email it to Lara.

EEAI 2013-14 Meeting Dates

- Saturday, September 6 - Board Meeting, 10am, Anita Purves Nature Center
- Friday, December 5 - Board Meeting, 10am, Anita Purves Nature Center
- Friday February 6 -Board Meeting, 10am, Anita Purves Nature Center
- April/Annual Conference Meeting TBD

6. Regional Report Updates –Additions to presub.-

NW- November 1, 2014 50th anniversary of the conservation district. There will be a dinner and presenter on Aldo Leopold.

WC- Mississippi regional conference coming up.

7. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn by Jennifer VanDerMolen; seconded by Peggy Doty; passed by voice vote. No abstentions. 2:39 meeting adjourned.