



**Environmental Education Association of Illinois**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Thursday, June 6 2019**  
**2:00pm – 3:00pm, Phone Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Abbie Enlund

**Project G UW/PLT Coordinator**

Meghan Bowe

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Jessica Prince-Sharrar, President

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**REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

Tina Dawson Scott, Northwest Regional Director

Susie Ingram, Northwest Regional Director

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Ylanda Wilhite, NE Regional Director

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Ramona Puskar, West Central Regional Director  
Marvin Warner, West Central Regional Director

Anna Marie Froeschle, East Central Regional Director  
Abby DeBuhr, East Central Regional Director

Bryanna Blackburn, South Regional Director  
Stephanie "Rockcat" Jaros, South Regional Director

Board Meeting Attendees: Jessica Prince-Sharrar, President; Janet Beach Davis, Secretary; Regional Directors: Tina Dawson Scott, Susie Ingram, Ramona Puskar, Stephanie Jaros, Bryanna Blackburn Kelli Parke.

Committee Chairs and Liaisons: Abbie Enlund, Executive Director;  
Guests: none

Not Present: Jennifer Day Tariq, Immediate Past President; Stacey Clementz, Treasurer; Regional Directors: Ylanda Wilhite, Margaret Gazdacka, Abby de Buhr, Anna Marie Froeschle, Marvin Warner; Chelsea Prah, Membership Chair; Stacey Clementz, PR Chair; Meghan Bowe, Projects Coordinator; Teresa Vaughn, Mini Grants Chair; Kristi Morris, EPA Liaison; Jo Fessett, Illinois Audubon Liaison; Judy Miller, NAAEE Representative; Jennie Bunde, EEAI Nominations and Elections Co-Chair; Richie Wolf, Awards Chair;  
Quorum not present, not required.

voted on - yellow

Items requiring Action-Underlined

Items moved to Ad-Hoc- blue

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- I. **Call to Order** Meeting called to order at **2:04** by President Jessica Prince-Sharrar.
- II. **Roll Call**- Roll call completed by Janet Beach Davis, Secretary; A quorum is not present, but not need for today's routine voting.
- III. **Additions to the Agenda**- Change March meeting minutes to May, addition to conference discussion for keynote. Motion made to accept Agenda as amended by Stephanie Jaros; Seconded by Tina Dawson Scott; Motion passed by voice vote, no abstentions.
- IV. **Review and approval of ~~March~~ May Meeting Minutes** Motion made to accept Meeting minutes as submitted by Jessica Prince-Sharrar; Seconded by Tina Dawson Scott; Motion passed by voice vote, no abstentions.

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V. **Old Business**

- a. Request to sponsor Mighty Acorns (Ylanda)- No discussion as Ylanda isn't on the call.
- b. Search for PR Chair – Think Tank- We need a PR chair. The board suggested to look outside of the usual group for this. Student members were suggested. There were also suggested that we might reach out to find conference attendees who are not members.

## **VI. New Business**

- a. Committee Ad Hoc work in 2019-2020.

Committee Members Confirmed- All board members need to choose a committee to join by June 30, or Jessica will be appointing members. There will be 2 co-chairs for each. The job description for each is in the google June Meeting folder.

- i. Strategic Planning
  - ii. EE is essential
  - iii. Membership
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## **VII. Executive Office Reports**

- a. President

Advocacy, Membership and Strategic Planning.  
Board Retreat, November

- b. Executive Director

Regional EE Census- Abbie needs input on the decision for the Census project. NAAEE has offered \$5000 to help with the organization of the survey and steering committee. There will be \$100,000 in grants to support the entire Census program. NAAEE and PISCES are requesting that each state put up \$1000-\$1500 to support the program. Abbie would be willing to do some fundraising to find sponsors for this. Our commitment would need to be the end of 2019, but the actual money would not be required until 2020. The timeline for the project has been moved up so we need to decide to go either quickly and less customized to Illinois, or apply for a \$10,000 planning grant and take longer to build a more individualized survey. After discussion, the board decided to support a longer project with a possible \$10,000 organizational grant. The board as a whole will need to have a full vote to commit to funding, and we will need to have this in our 2020 budget. Abbie will be talking to the working committee on this tomorrow.

Grant Updates- We are investigating 3MGives. We have applied for J.M.K. Kaplan Fund Innovation Award and to the Braimayer Foundation for Projects. We were not awarded grants from Burroughs Welcome Fund and Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. We were awarded \$500 of a \$1,620 request from the IL Prairie Community Foundation for 3 birding workshops, and \$1000 from NAAEE for a Guidelines to Excellence training in Springfield.

- c. Secretary- Please submit presubs so we can report out to our membership.
- d. Treasurer- Budget Report and Fund Development- No report
- e. Projects Coordinator- no addition to presub

## **VIII. Region Reports**

Member offerings per Region

- a. East Central- Not on the call
- b. Northeast – Kelli- sent invites to NE regional meeting at Rockford Park District. This is on the website now.
- c. Northwest- Tina/ Susie- Sharathon yesterday and covered pollinators and native plants. There will be another regional event in November.
- d. West Central- Ramona- International Sunday June 30 if the flooding abates.
- e. South- Stephanie/Bryanna- Still looking for two spot to fill in conference committees. There will be a June 22 EEAI summer meetup. Conference- the keynote speaker, Lacy Cagle with

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS & LIAISONS

Stacey Clementz, Acting Public Relations Chair

Chelsea Pahl, Membership Chair

Richie Wolf, Awards Chair

Jennie Bunde, EEAI Nominations & Elections Chair

Teresa Vaughn, Mini-Grant Chair

Kristi Morris, Illinois EPA Liaison

Jo Fessett  
Illinois Audubon Liaison

Judy Miller, NAAEE Affiliate Representative

ecochallenge.org has a fairly steep fee, so Stephanie and Bryanna would like to have some guidance on hiring her. She would be willing to do a keynote, concurrent session, and set up an ecochallenge for the conference members for \$3500, which is 50% of her usual fee. Jess and Tina both offered suggestions, and the board will review a budget for the conference once it is posted to the google drive.

**IX.** Board Retreat- Jess is investigating locations for the board retreat in November.

## **X. Committee Reports**

a. Membership-not on the call

b. PR

Table Top- these are almost done.

New Brochure- Almost done

c. Awards-not on the call

d. Mini-Grants-not on the call

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**XI. Announcements-** no other announcements

## **XII. Calendar Review**

June 22 EEAI South Meeting

June 23-28 Leadership meeting in California

## **XIII. Next Meeting**

Thursday July 11, 2019 @ 2:00pm

Pre Subs due June 25, 2019

Agenda posted July 3, 2019

**XIV. Call to Adjourn** Motion made to adjourn by Susie Ingram ; Seconded by Bryanna Blackburn; Motion passed by voice vote, no abstentions. Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm.