

Environmental Education Association of Illinois  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2014  
10am Anita Purves Nature Center

Board Meeting Attendees: Janet Beach Davis, Patti Brown, Jennifer Day Tariq, Kirsten Hope Walker, Pam Evans, Jennifer VanDerMolen, Lara Darling, Laura McCoy, Richie Wolf,  
Committee Chairs (other than RD's): Stacey Clementz, Caty Roland, outgoing membership chair, Savannah Donovan  
Visitors: Allison Jones, new membership chair  
Attending via conference call: Peggy Doty, Tina Dawson Scott, Jo Fessett, Linda Hauser,  
Not in Attendance: Kristi Morris, Jame Holt, Sarah Livesay,

voted on - yellow

Items requiring Action-Underlined

Items moved to Ad-Hoc- blue

1. Call to Order-President Patti Brown-Called to order by Patti Brown at 10:05am- Addition to agenda- electronic vote for the new slate of nominees email did not go through. Voting will be added to the agenda. **Vote to accept Agenda as amended made by Jennifer Day Tariq, Jennifer VanDerMolen second review/vote Passed by voice vote**
2. Secretary's Report-Janet Beach Davis-Dec 2013 Meeting Minutes **review/vote Motion made to approved meeting minutes as submitted by Lara Darling; second by Kirsten Hope Walker. Passed by voice vote- no abstentions.**
3. Treasurer's Reports-pre submitted-**review/vote**—Kirsten Hope Walker **Motion to approve treasurer report as submitted by Lara Darling; second by Jennifer VanDerMolen. Passed by voice vote, no abstentions.**
  - A. Purchase of new computer for treasurer due to the age of the current treasurer's laptop, a new laptop needs to be purchased. After discussion, the board agreed to investigate grants for two weeks before purchasing from our current board funds. The cost of the computer will not exceed \$500. **Motion made Jennifer Day Tariq; seconded by Jennifer VandDerMolen. Passed by voice vote. Peggy and Tina would like a longer time frame to investigate grants.**

Kirsten also asked that all board members contribute to the annual appeal. It was suggested that this become a board requirement.

4. Committee/Chair Reports-Membership Chair- Patti and Lara recognized Caty Roland as outgoing Membership chair and all her work over the last several years. She was presented with a plant and card in thanks.
  1. Projects Update- by Sarah Livesay-ISBE has removed state provider status to all non-college/university providers. Sarah will be attending a state meeting with ISBE to encourage this to be rescinded.  
Project WILD update/Jennifer Day Tariq- Will be training in California with Sarah.
  2. Flying Wild-Jo Fessett- There have been several trainings in the state over the past few months.
  3. Education Committee-Laura McCoy- Asked who would like to be on the committee. Several Board members are interested: Janet, Peggy, Jame, Jennifer VanDerMolen, Pam, and Laura will work on this committee, First will be a survey to see what formal educators want, so we could meet their needs, and for non-formals- how to make programs that align with core standards. Eventually there

will be a database of activities and their alignment to Common Core and NextGen standards available on our website.

A. Conference-

1. 2014 EEAI Annual Meeting and Conference update-Jennifer/Pam- Ameren has agreed to sponsor, but no check has come. Sun Coal has agreed to sponsor as well. Everything is lined up for the conference otherwise. There are 22 presenters already, and the deadline is in a few weeks, so there may be more. Please send photos to Jennifer Day Tariq for the slideshow.

2. NSTA National Conference in Chicago, March 12-15, 2015 and the IL Science Education Conference in late fall, 2015. We need to have someone represent us to staff a booth. Details to follow.

1. T-shirts- Need new T-shirt chair- Patti asks for a new chair. No one volunteered.

- B. Nominations and Elections- Slate of nominations submitted by Lara in the pre sub report. Motion made to accept slate as submitted by Kirsten Hope Walker; seconded by Jennifer Day Tariq. Passed by voice vote. No abstentions. Online vote will open before Feb 25<sup>th</sup>.

C. Public Relations-Stacey Clementz/Savannah Donovan-

1. Webmaster Contract Renewal **review/vote** Motion made to approve new web contract as submitted made by Jennifer VanDerMolen; second by Laura McCoy . Passed by voice vote. No abstentions

- a. We would like to investigate new items like bumper stickers, window clingies, keychains.
- b. Savannah was invited to present at an environmental history symposium March 8<sup>th</sup>.

D. Awards-Richie Wolf

1. Annual Awards Recommendations and requested action- Award nominees submitted in Presub Motion to approve the recommended winners made by Kirsten Hope Walker; Seconded by Laura McCoy. Passed by voice vote. No Abstentions.

- E. Mini-Grants-Teresa Vaughn- Revised EEAI Mini Grant guidelines-Moved to ad-Hoc committee.

- F. Governance-Lara Darling- Vote on Updated Committee Chair Descriptions- Tabled until June meeting.

- G. Governmental Affairs - The new governmental affairs chair will be announced once the person officially accepts.

5. President's Report

A. EEAI 2013-2014 Meeting Dates

- Friday April 25, 2014 (Annual Meeting)  
Kennekuk County Park, Vermilion County Conservation District  
Danville, Illinois
- June 6-7, 2014 (Board Retreat) Kendall County Forest Preserve District
- September 6, 2014 Board Meeting, 10 am Anita Purves Nature
- December 5, 2014 Board Meeting, 10 am Anita Purves Nature

- B. ISTA Renewal of Agreement- We need to renew our agreement with ISTA. Motion made to accept the new agreement with a three year commitment, with the stipulation that the agreement stays the same made by Lara Darling; seconded by Kristen Hope Walker. Passed by voice vote. No abstentions.

- C. Mike Schneider Memorial Request- After Discussion, the board agreed that we don't want to set a precedent to start any unfunded memorials, but will be happy to administer funded memorials.

D. FYI EEAI on LinkedIn and Twitter- Twitter: @EnvironEdofIL—thanks Kirsten

6. Regional Report Additions to Pre Sub.- No additions to presubs.

7. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn made by Lara Darling; Second by Kirsten Hope Walker.- meeting adjourned at 11:45.