



Environmental Education Association of Illinois
Board of Directors
Thursday, September 5, 2019
2:00pm – 3:00pm, Phone Meeting
Meeting Minutes

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Board Meeting Attendees: Jessica Prince-Sharrar, President; Janet Beach Davis, Secretary; Stacey Clementz, Treasurer; Regional Directors: Tina Dawson Scott, Susie Ingram, Kelli Parke, Ylanda Wilhite, Margaret Gazdacka, Marvin Warner, Ramona Puskar,

Committee Chairs and Liaisons: Abbie Enlund, Executive Director; Meghan Bowe, Projects Coordinator Stacey Clementz, PR Chair;

Guests:

Not Present: Teresa Vaughn, Mini Grants Chair; Kristi Morris, IEPA Liaison; Jo Fessett, Illinois Audubon Liaison; Judy Miller, NAAEE Representative; Jennie Bunde, EEAI Nominations and Elections Co-Chair; Jennifer Day Tariq, Immediate Past President; Abby de Buhr, Rockcat Jaros, Bryanna Blackburn. Richie Wolf, Awards Chair; Chelsea Prahl, Membership Chair;

Quorum present.

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 by President Jessica Prince-Sharrar at 2:02pm. Kelli Seconds.
- II. **Roll Call completed. Conference call recording started.**
- III. **Additions to the Agenda:** Motion made by Marvin Warner to accept the Agenda as submitted; Seconded by Stacey Clementz; motion passed by voice vote. No abstentions.
- IV. **Review and approval of March Meeting Minutes** Motion made by Marvin Warner to accept the July Meeting minutes as submitted; Seconded by Tina Dawson Scott; motion passed by voice vote. No abstentions.

V. Old Business

- a. Request to sponsor Mighty Acorns (Ylanda)- The program would like to have EEAI help find partners statewide to offer workshops. The program is focused on the NW region of Illinois.

Ramona and Marvin will be hosting at the Nature Institute. Kelli suggested that there be a presentation at the conference for the membership. Ylanda will be reaching out to the Southern RD's about this.

- b. NAAEE Leadership Proposal (Abbie). Next steps- Has connected with other EE Directors around the state to see what they have done with board development.

VI. New Business

- a. Congressman Peters Opportunity (Abbie/Jess)- We have the opportunity to have a congressman speak at any of our events. His district is on the lakeshore in the Chicago area. He was scored as 100% supporting the environment. If anyone has an event that would be appropriate, he is very receptive to come and speak. There is an event at Morton Arboretum in November that would be a good fit.
- b. Earth Force (Abbie)- Abbie will be having a workshop at Four Rivers on October 28th. The will be sending at \$500 check to cover the costs of the workshop. This is a civic action curriculum.

VII. Executive Office Reports

- a. President

Board Meeting Schedule-Jessica is seeking feedback on the new conference call format. It was suggested that we change to a two- month schedule and move the call slightly later in the day. Jessica will send out a couple options.

Board Retreat, Nov 1-2 location, reservations- Peoria Wildlife Park. More details to follow.

Search for PR Support/Chair – Status- There was a near miss with a lead, but it didn't work out with her scheduling.

- b. Executive Director

Earth Force - Upcoming Training- Information above.

Pisces and other Grant updates- We applied for a grant for an Illinois Environmental Leadership Summit similar to the one held in California. The goal of the summit is to bring key players in education together to plan on goals for the whole state and a state environmental literacy plan. Several other grants are in the works.

- c. Secretary-Janet- No report
- d. Treasurer-Stacey- The July treasurer report is on the google drive, and the August report is coming in a day or two. There is \$66,000 in our account. Tina asked if there will be an audit. The cost is very restrictive. It may have to wait until next year.
- e. Projects Coordinator- Meghan- The MPI grant will be zeroed out by the end of the year. There will be a second faculty training this year because there was allocated funds left. The Michigan PLT have an understanding with the boy scouts and have aligned the project with Boy Scout badges. They have approached up to do this in Illinois as well. There is a new unit coming from PLT about forest careers and it will be presented soon at a conference at Starved Rock.

VIII. Region Reports

Member offerings per Region

- a. East Central-Janet trained in the Population Connection project in Wisconsin and will be presenting it at the conference. There will be a Citizen Science Workshop on September 14th At Heartland. Heartland Community College will also be hosting Dive-In with IEPA on October 11th.
- b. Northeast_Northeast and Northwest had their joint program last week and it was a success.
- c. Northwest- Reflecting on Practice Workshop- Next week is Share-a-thon.

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

- d. West Central- Newsletter to WC Members and included a member survey. They also brainstormed with Natalie on events.
- e. South- not on call
2020 Conference Update, Areas needed for support- no additions to presubs.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Membership-
- b. PR

Table Top – distribution, use and upkeep- Tina is having trouble with stowing away the new banner after use. Ylanda suggests that the photos be more diverse. Stacey can use any photos anyone takes to put on the banners. More will be printed later.

New Brochure- Stacey will be mailing them out this week.

- c. Awards-not on call
- d. Mini-Grants- Not on call
- e. Ad Hoc – Meetings

- i. Membership (Jess) -

Outcomes from August 6th meeting. Next steps. The committee will be presenting findings at the board retreat.

- ii. EE is Essential = Status- the committee is reviewing a document presented. The document is on the Google drive. Abbie would like feedback from everyone.

- iii. Strategic Planning – Current Efforts and Direction Committee is working on action items and will be meeting and presenting at the retreat.

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- X. **Announcements-** Abbie- if you hosted an event in 2019 keep a tally. We need stats for 2018 for all events hosted.

- XI. **Calendar Review**
August <> September

- XII. **Next Meeting**
An NAAEE attendee meeting for details instead of our October conference call. The next meeting will be our Board Retreat in November.

- XIII. **Call to Adjourn Motion** Motion to adjourn- Tina Dawson Scott, Marvin Warner Second; 3:25 meeting adjourned.