

# Environmental Education Association of Illinois

## Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday September 6, 2014

### 10 am Anita Purves Nature Center, Urbana, IL

Board Meeting Attendees: Patti Brown, Lara Darling, Kirsten Hope Walker, Janet Beach Davis, Jennifer Day Tariq, Jennifer VanDerMolen, Laura McCoy, Jame Holt, Linda Hauser, Natalie Marioni, Betsy Irwin, Sarah Livesay, Liaisons: Jo Fessett, Kristi Morris, Tina Dawson Scott, Peggy Doty, Pam Evans,

Committee Chairs (other than RD's): Stacey Clementz, Savannah Donovan, Allison Jones

Not in Attendance: Richie Wolf, Amanda Patrick,

Visitors:

voted on - yellow

Items requiring Action-Underlined

Items moved to Ad-Hoc- blue

1. Call to Order Called to order at 10:09am. Introduction of new members, and welcome back to Betsy Irwin, returning WC Regional Director– President Patti Brown- Additions to agenda- acceptance of agenda **review/ vote** Motion made to accept as amended with additional vote on a governance change by Jennifer Day Tariq ; seconded Natalie Marioni ; passed by voice vote, no abstentions.
2. Secretary's Report - Janet Beach Davis June 2014 Meeting Minutes **review/ vote** Motion made to accept minutes as submitted by Jennifer Day Tariq ; seconded Linda Hauser; passed by voice vote, no abstentions.
3. Treasurer's Reports - Kirsten Hope Walker pre-submitted **review/ vote** – Discussion of the new credit card vendor and upcoming contract. Kirsten will be reviewing new vendors and a change of fees. It might be possible to have the fee added to the purchaser instead of us paying the monthly fee. There is a new google forms for disbursements to Board Members. Kirsten will be opening the new system for everyone to try for the next six months. **Motion made to accept report as submitted by Jame Holt ; seconded Peggy Doty ; passed by voice vote, no abstentions.**
4. Committee/Chair Reports
  - A. Education/Program
    1. Projects Update – Report Submitted by Sarah Livesay – The steering committee has met and the committee went through a review process for the national PLT office to use as a method to ask for grant funding. After December 31, EEAI will lose provider status. We will need to re-apply which is a long complicated procedure. There was discussion on the future of EEAI provider status. An Advisory Committee will be formed to help work on this. Two motions for consideration **review/ vote**- Motion : **The EEAI Board of Commissioners is asked to approve to submit an Approved Provider Application to the Illinois State Board of Education.** Motion made to accept as amended by Jennifer Day Tariq; seconded Lara Darling ; passed by voice vote, no abstentions. Motion: **The EEAI Board of Commissioners is asked to approve Sarah Livesay to submit the Model Programs Initiative Grant on behalf of the EEAI Project Learning Tree program.**  
**Motion made to accept as submitted by Linda Hauser; seconded Tina Dawson Scott ; passed by voice vote, no abstentions.**

2. Flying WILD – Jo Fessett No report

Project WILD- Jennifer can apply as a provider as well, but may be moving under EEAI umbrella. Jennifer is now recruiting for facilitators. There will be a training in November.

3. Education Committee: Laura McCoy-Working with Chicago Wilderness to see what other groups are doing to connect Non-formal educators to Common Core and NextGen. Laura has been working with her local districts and has found ways to connect, but they are just beginning to approach NextGen.

B. Conferences

1. 2015 EEAI Annual Meeting and Conference update-Southern April 9-11 at Touch of Nature Environmental Center- The general outline was submitted. CFP will come out soon. A student rate was discussed. **There will be a conference AdHoc after the meeting.**

2. 2014 November 14-15, 2014 Mississippi River Education Symposium E. Alton IL - National Great Rivers Research Education Center – Registration opens week of Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. Conference fees are \$55 including food.

3. 2015 ISTA National Conference in McCormick Place, IL **Chicago (National): Mar. 12–15, 2015-** We will be having a table. ISTA would like volunteers at the table.

4. Other conferences- NE region- MEEC conference. ISTA would like to meet to co-locate and collaborate- The MEEC committee with investigate this. MEEC has been working on a theme and location. There is a request for ideas for Keynote speakers. **AdHoc meeting for ideas.** Sarah reports on another conference- Northern Illinois Science Teachers Association in Naperville will be having a conference November 4<sup>th</sup>.- a new association and conference. They are not associated with ISTA.

C. Finance Committee -T-Shirts- Jennifer for Charlie- T-shirt quilt- Stacey will spearhead this. Charlie would like to look into promotional items as well. He will coordinate with PR on this.

D. Nominations and Elections – Need to have a chair on the board to replace Jennie Bunde. Betsy Irwin volunteered to chair the committee.

E. Membership – Allison Jones- Membership is at 174. Stacey and Allison will work together to make a “here’s what you are missing” email for lapsed members. Laura suggested having a formal invitation for organizations that RDs can use to send to their local organizations.

G. Public Relations – Stacey Clementz/Savannah Hampson – Working on the pilot PLT with Sarah. UPDATE submissions due September 25<sup>th</sup>.

H. Awards – Richie Wolf - Nominations Due November 30, 2014 – All board members are encouraged to submit for each award.

I. Governance – Lara Darling - Non-Discrimination/Sexual Misconduct Policy- The policy was pre-submitted. The policy was meant to be flexible, but with specific consequences. The last sentence was amended to remove the word “unlawful.” **review/ vote Motion made to accept policy as amended by Jennifer Day Tariq ; seconded Natalie Marioni ; passed by voice vote, no abstentions.**

J. Governmental Affairs – Chair Needed- still looking for a person to fill this position. Betsy would be able to cover this if she got help with the Nomination Committee.

K. EEAI Mini- Grants-Teresa Due by October 30, 2014 -

5. President’s Report -presubmitted

6. EEAI 2013-14 Meeting Dates

Friday, December 5, 2014 - Board Meeting, 10am, Anita Purves Nature Center, Urbana, IL

Friday February 6, 2015-Board Meeting, 10am, Anita Purves Nature Center, Urbana, IL

April 9-11, 2015 Annual Conference/Meeting Touch of Nature Environmental Center, Makanda, IL  
June Board Retreat TBA

6. Regional Report Updates - none

7. Call for adjournment 12:40 **vote**. Motion made to adjourn by Kirsten Hope Walker ; seconded Jame Holt; passed by voice vote, no abstentions.

Ad Hoc: **MEEC and Conferences**

### **Motions for Consideration:**

**The EEAI Board of Commissioners is asked to approve Sarah Livesay to submit an Approved Provider Application to the Illinois State Board of Education.**

Background: While in transition, the application period has opened and can be found at <http://www.isbe.net/licensure/default.htm>. EEAI's current certification expires December 31, 2014. EEAI is in contact with similar-missioned organizations including ISTA on this process.

### **BOARD PROPOSAL FOR VOTE:**

**The EEAI Board of Commissioners is asked to approve Sarah Livesay to submit the Model Programs Initiative Grant on behalf of the EEAI Project Learning Tree program.**

Background: Since 2011, EEAI has received approximately \$30,000 through this grant program. These funds pay for additional Coordinator hour compensation and a variety of PLT outreach initiatives.