

**RIEEA Board Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, May 15, 2015**

Board Members Present: Shareen Knowlton, Samantha Polon, Denise Poyer, Nicole Souza, Kristen Swanberg, Wendy Fachon, Molly Allard, Paul Dolan, Jim Murphy, April Alix, Andrea Stein, Elisabeth Bux

Other Participants: Jeanine Silversmith (RIEEA Coordinator), Lauren Parmelee, Kelly Shea (GEMS-Net)

Site: Cranston Public Library

Coffee and Conversation: April gave a presentation on using RIEEA's Facebook page

Welcome/Introductions

Treasurer's Report: \$5893.53 in account. All expenses for Flower show except for one check are accounted for. The outstanding check (\$2,975) is due to the show filing an insurance claim due to weather on Sun.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Tabled until next month because the minutes were incomplete.

Membership Report: No new memberships.

Website & Social Media update: (Chair – April Alix)

Please send any websites of interest to April to be posted on Pintrest board.
Discussion about making our website more mobile apt

Professional Development Committee update: (Chair – Andrea Stein)

- No new scholarships. Report from one of the scholarship recipients went into newsletter.
- Will be discussing options for formal educators, such as offering evening programs that teachers can attend.
- Kelly discussed grant that GEMS-Net is writing to give teachers scholarships to have EE programs brought into the classroom.
 - She needs information regarding orgs programs and pricing – email to kellyshea@uri.edu
- She is also planning to look for funding to have teacher leaders work with EE orgs to align NGSS with their programs.

ELP: (Chair – Shareen Knowlton)

- Environmental Literacy Assessment project – still waiting to work out details with consultant.

Organizational

- Kristen will be leaving the board and presidents position as of today. Elisabeth will take over as president.
- Procedures discussed regarding replacing a board member and vice president. Kristen will suggest a replacement from ASRI and Elisabeth can appoint them. The executive board will nominate new Vice President and the whole board will vote.
- Subcommittee regarding goal setting for RIEEA will continue with Elisabeth. No meetings have been set yet.
- Suggestions to get RIEEA name out:
 - board members go on Renewable now 1320 (WARL), last Wed of every month, from 1 to 2 pm.
 - Ed Chat RI (#edchatri) held on twitter every Sun night from 8 to 9

NEEEA Update:

- Still need two new board members from RI. One can be from the RIEEA board and one can be an at-large member.
- NEEEA Conference November 8-10 at Waterville Valley in NH, with climate change as a major thread. There is a call for presenters currently out.
- Leadership retreat attended by Kristen, Sam, and Jeanine.
 - Indication that NEEEA is moving towards being more supportive of individual state orgs.
 - Discussed funding models and communications
 - Consensus – we should all like each other’s Facebook page; start a newsletter; quarterly conference call with state org presidents

Announcements:

Bridgette reported about STEM conference this week. They are looking for other groups who should be involved. It seems like they are in the same position that RIEEA was in getting the ELP in the state. The ELP summit that will come out of the RIF grant will be a good chance to get key players from STEM involved.

Next meeting – Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at Norman Bird Sanctuary