

MEEA Board Meeting Agenda – May 16, 2017

1. **Call to order – 7:02**
2. **Roll call - Present: Susan, Christine, Carrie, Liz, Phyllis, Kristen, Melvin, Jan (ex officio) Excused: Linda**
 - a. take period out of Phyllis' email
3. **Approve Agenda** – approve with amendment of pollinator act discussion – moved, Liz Petersen, seconded, Mel Johnson, approved unanimously by voice vote
4. **Consent Agenda (items approve individually)**
 - a. Minutes from previous meeting – moved Phyllis Balcerzak, seconded Liz Petersen, amended to add events to table at, Sustainability Institute for Educators June 20, 21 approved unanimously by voice vote
 - b. Reports
 - Executive Director's Report (see attached) – the way the deadlines for awards and grants was written was confusing and the column for April membership counts didn't have a label. Jan will fix in the next report. moved Mel, seconded Carrie, approved unanimously by voice vote
 - Jan-Mar 2017 Running Financials (see attached) – question about the MEF and Earth Share relationship, MEF replaced Earth Share – moved Mel Johnson, seconded Carrie Hammond, approved unanimously by voice vote
 - c. Email votes since last meeting – none
5. **Old Business (action items to discuss and/or vote on)**
 - a. 2017 Conference Update from Linda – tabled since Linda Lacy out of cell phone ranges
 - b. Names to finish out the remaining 1 year term - Liz Petersen sent a list of names to Jan Weaver, who had not yet acted on them.
 - c. Benefits for US DoE Green Ribbon Schools – note, they will receive a plaque and a banner from the Department of Education – make award to schools that don't go – check on what the school, have a subcommittee make a recommendation – waive registration to conference? Susan Flowers and Liz Petersen will work on this
 - d. Green Schools Quest update – Susan Flowers met with Hope Gribble from the St. Louis US Green Building Council's Green Schools Quest, and discussed sponsoring challenge for schools to do no or low cost environmental grants, and whether we could match with our grant program deadline with their program start time? Quest has September 15 project deadline, same as our grant deadline. We were willing to alter our deadline to October 15. Phyllis Balcerzak – what is the downside? Jan Weaver – the turn around is pretty tight, Susan Flowers and Phyllis Balcerzak will help review. Also, will ask Hope to present in KC at our conference.
 - e. Review of MEEA grant program – designate a board member to work on this – Susan Flowers and Phyllis Balcerzak
 - f. Tabling
 - June 20-22 – Sustainability Institute for Educators – St. Louis –June 21 – Susan Flowers and Liz Petersen, Jan Weaver has details
 - October 13-14, Columbia – STOM - **still need volunteers** – Liz Petersen, maybe Carrie Hammond
 - October 16-21, Puerto Rico – NAAEE - **President-elect, Christine**
 - November 3-4 – Kansas City – MOGSEE - **All Board members should plan to assist**
 - g. Summer Retreat – Jan will send an email asking for dates people are not available.
6. **New Business (action items to discuss and/or vote on)**
 - a. Request to ask Blunt to support Pollinator Recovery Act bill - discussion – Kristen Schulte asked about lobbying (its ok, we just cannot campaign for someone for an office), Mel Johnson- are pollinators defined? Yes, both by function and by categories. Susan Flowers – letter from MEEA and action alerts.
 - letter to ask that Blunt co-sponsor bill, moved Phyllis Balcerzak, seconded Liz Petersen. Jan Weaver will draft letter and add names. approved unanimously by roll call
 - email to our members, moved Liz Petersen, seconded Mel Johnson. approved unanimously by roll call
 - b. MELAB Report –
 - Susan Flowers – Career and Leadership Development – the working group is
 1. developing a survey form and then some way to represent on the MEEA website, also,
 2. wants to encourage shadowing by young people of people in our member organizations. Goal is to put the info on MEEA website,

3. Building a case for the economic impact of environmental jobs in MO
- Jan Weaver– Green Schools – had the team review the parts of the application and provide feedback on ways to make it easier to fill out

7. Comments and Questions from Board Members

- a. reminder about 990 ez
- b.

8. Adjourn - 8:11

Teams 2017

People (membership and communication)

Linda
Carrie

Resources (fund raising for organizational operations budget)

Kristen
Liz

Purpose (certification program, annual conference, educator grants program)

Linda
Christine – 2018 Columbia Conference Liaison
Carrie
Melvin

Governance (meeting agendas, bylaws, strategic planning)

All officers: Susan, Liz, Linda