

MEEA 8/30/2019 Board Meeting

4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/910433005>

Attending: Jan, Sarah, Hannah, Jenny, Lesli, Meredith, Karen

Regrets: Laura

4:00 Sharing

- Board Members
- [ED Update](#)

Logos! [https://drive.google.com/a/meea.org/file/d/12rnLV7P65iBghKS4qR0\\_pHmME1Nt2W4y/view?usp=drivesdk](https://drive.google.com/a/meea.org/file/d/12rnLV7P65iBghKS4qR0_pHmME1Nt2W4y/view?usp=drivesdk)

Background behind dogwood flower on MGS logo is great -- keep it with the other revised version?

Certification logo update to match hand-drawn look? Many buttons still (with old look)

Ask her to remove box around "care, understand, act"

Karen moved to approve, Meredith seconded -- unanimously passes

4:20 Set next meeting date (should we set up a few, through Dec. 2019?) **Wednesday, Sept. 25th 4pm**, **Lesli will send a Doodle poll for Oct, Nov, Dec board meeting times**

4:25 [Treasurer's Report](#)-Jan moves, Karen seconds to close US bank savings account, keep the Community Foundation of the Ozarks (\$40,000) and other accounts, e.g. US bank checking (\$17,000 at the end of July) to make bookkeeping simpler -- unanimously passes

4:30 Conference Committee Report: Lots of proposals, almost double what there's time for, including 6 youth bright spots and 6 adult bright spots (4 concurrent bright spot sessions), registration going up Sept. 15, \$1500 in sponsorships so far, goal is \$2,000. **Invitation letter for sponsorship and spreadsheet to record who you contact is in the MEEA drive.** Sponsorships help keep registration costs low. Sliding scale button instead of scholarships this year.

- Awards? Procedure in prior years?

In the last three years, the conference committee has identified local folks for the awards and written up award nominations. This raises the profile of local champions and hi-lights their work, and makes it easier for them to attend (since we can't afford to pay travel). This should be taken care of in September and the awardees notified and invited to attend the ceremony by the end of September if not before. MEEA covers their conference registration. Plaques - wood plaques bought at a craft store, dropped off for engraving 3 or more weeks before conference. A one page nomination letter and plaque are presented over the lunch break, preferably by the nominator. A list of awards is at <http://www.meea.org/meea-awards.html>. Not every award is given in every year.--JW

4:40 [MFH follow-up questions](#) -- already spent an hour with Doneisha and sent her the responses, big question is are all ok with me amending the budget next week to include more conference \$ (per MFH suggestion) and see what else makes sense? If someone can help me, it needs to be in by Friday of next week and I have time on Thursday mainly --LM We'll find out mid-September, consider more conference attendance in budget (they like to fund PD)

4:55 Fund Development Committee Report, there are items that need board approval

- [Latest meeting minutes](#) (in google drive), Jenny moves to approve treasurer's report, Hannah seconds, none opposed. Passes.
- Regional Hub idea and the Pisces grant budget
- Working board *and* fundraising board in the future? Fundraising and relationship building needs to be a key part of our work, training or teach-in for this?

5:10 Outreach Committee Report (10 min) -- Bingo engagement ladder (Jan) can be introduced at the conference, MEEA [member survey results](#) highlights the importance of networking, DESE/admin support for EE, most respondents were non-formal educators

**Karen and Jenny will attend Columbia conference**

- [Latest meeting minutes](#) (in google drive)

Action item for Lesli: **Forward information regarding the Climate Science class**

- [2019 Educator Survey results](#)
- [MEEA Presence Events](#) (just in case we need to look at this quickly during the meeting)

5:20 Staff Evaluation due

- [Template info from other NAAEE Affiliates](#) (also in google drive NAAEE folder)
- Who will take the lead on this project? Jenny, Jan, Laura
- Ideally evaluation completed by end of September
- Related: ED Work Plan info from North Carolina Affiliate (in google drive NAAEE folder)

5:25 Volunteer Appreciation (5 min)

- Thank you to Linda Lacy (FB), Traci Jansen (MGS Committee and ee360), Steven Juhlin (ee360 and MDC partnership efforts), Hope Gribble (MGS Committee and a very late-nighter with Lesli finishing MFH grant), kate Mazejka (logo work), and Carrie Whipkey (bookkeeping) for their work
- Volunteers to send notes?
  - i. Jan will write to Linda and Kate
  - ii. Sarah will write to Traci - got PD coordinator position!
  - iii. Lesli will write to all others

5:30 Adjourn

NEXT MONTH: Need to start planning our annual report and schedule next board retreat