



Month/Date: April 8, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Online, Zoom

RIAEA Mailing Address:

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Cranston, RI 02920

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Rhode Island Art Education Association is to offer professional opportunities, support and advocacy for leadership and globally.

Board Members

2025 RIAEA BOARD

*Existing member interest groups, we could get leaders from [this list](#)

- [RIAEA Openings-RIAEA job descriptions](#)

Members Present:

Tara, Mary Geisser, Ashley, Carolyn, Jean, Alison, Kate, Mary Kate, Stacy, Jill, Mia, Becky Sousa, Becky Shipe, and Liz

RIAEA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: RIAEA's Board Meeting

Time: April 8th, 2026 06:00 PM Eastern Time

ZOOM MEET LINK:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89288095437?pwd=sgggBT6nF2LvVQpkGNHDRm6TcrCQzV.1>

Meeting ID: 892 8809 5437

Passcode: 142581

Join instructions

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Meeting Norms: Once a subject is presented, before it is open to debate and action, the following must happen

1. A motion must be made
- 2 The motion must be seconded*
3. The Chair states the motion:

“A motion has been made and seconded...”

Once the motion is on the table, the Chair calls for discussion and/or opens the motion for debate.

After discussion is concluded, the Chair puts the motion to a vote and announces the result of the vote.

**The following motions do not have to be seconded: committee recommendations, nominations, point of information, requests, withdrawal of a motion.*

Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **Motion to approve [February Minutes](#)**
 - **Motion must be seconded**
 - **Then vote**

TREASURER REPORT

- **Business Checking: 4,284.68**
- **Monthly +/-**
 - **March:** -1508.07
 - **April:** +2082.00
 - Upcoming expenses: WAA donation (-500), RIC balance (-899)
 - Upcoming revenue: Fidelity donation? ECE symposium
 - Financial Forecast
- **Budget/Spending Freeze, transparency & Board approving all large expenses**
- **Registered Agent Service, Stacy**
- **Storage unit, Stacy**
- **RIAEA Merchandise site to sell/fundraise, Tara [Here's a quick example store](#)**
- **Members meetings advertised on all of our platforms, Tara**
- **Sponsors for events/activities, Fundraising:** need everyone thinking, any contacts?
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of the 8 presenters

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Anti-Bias Books: <https://www.antibiasleadersece.com/books/>
- **Summer Book Club**, "**Get the Picture**" [book link for Amazon](#) Carolyn & Tara
- **NAEA Position Statements**
 - [Position Statement on Use of Imagery, Cultural Appropriation, and Socially Just Practices \[Adopted March 2017; Reviewed with recommendations March 2020; Reviewed and Revised February 2021; Approved as Standing March 2026\]](#)

Race and Art Education Ethical Decision Making in Art Education

- [YAM banner and postcard winners!](#) YAM Update on shows. Mia & Alison
- **Phantom Farm Brewery Artwork Auction**, how did it go? Tara & Stacy
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- **June Member's mtg. Thursday 6/25, 10 AM**, Tara. Beth Adouette Nature Radial Design Workshop, need location still
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[EXAMPLE CONTRACT](#)

- [Anchor Awards update, How did it go?](#) Jill & Stacy
- [2026 ANCHOR WORKING BUDGET](#)
- [Open Board Positions](#)

[Meeting Information](#)

[Link to Mia's list of places to have activities/events](#)

→ **Calendar**

- April
 - 4/8 - Zoom Board Meeting
 - ECE Symposium at The Lincoln School, Picturing Play: A Symposium on Early Childhood Creativity, Saturday April 25, 9am-3pm
 - Members Event:
 - Summer Book Club
 - Cyanotype Workshop at RISD?
- May
 - Meet at Good Night Lights together, then out for a drink? Friday May 1st or Thursday May 7th? Also, invite the creator, Steve Brosnihan out!
 - Board Invited to the CT Spring Members Retreat - More info to come May 2
 - 5/13 - Board Meeting in person, the Lincoln School. Mary can you update here what bldg. and what room at The Lincoln School?
 - RISD museum day together, then lunch/coffee, is it possible to get a discount? Or we pay (\$5?) towards each person's admission?
 - Town Halls: Bylaws & Regional Representative Opts.
 - ◆ Bylaws and regional representatives will be reviewed by our membership
 - Wickford (co-sponsor): Drop Off 5/, Opening 5/1, Pick Up 5/
 - Senator Reed, May 3rd exhibit

- PS220 **TBA**
- June
 - 6/25 Board Mtg. & End of Year Members Event, Beth Adouette, Nature Collection Radial Design.
 - Warwick Center for the Arts: Emerging **TBA**

→ **Running Ideas:**

- Kerri and I do Art-on-a-Cart again
- Cultural Appropriation Follow Up
- WCFA Sketchbook workshop
- Meet at the weavers in Bristol, dinner afterward
- Fidelity Tour in No. Smithfield, April?
- RISD day together and lunch/coffee
- Board meetings at coffee shops and libraries
- Stained glass workshop
- Beth Adouette nature/radial design workshop
- “Yoga Retreat” like we’ve done before
- Wicked Tulips Flower Farm together. Need to buy tickets ahead of time, can our members get a discount
- Bardens, Pezza, Dame Farm apple picking together or discount when RIAEA is mentioned.
- Warren Art Mural Walk
- Trolls in Parks Walk
- Now or Never PVD- Free/low cost Hobby Club

Meeting Minutes:

- **April Meeting Minutes**
 - Tara made a motion to approve the minutes
 - Mary seconded the motion
 - All approved
- **Treasurer’s Report**
 - Becky Sousa is the new Treasurer
 - Transitioned from Jill to Becky, with Stacy’s assistance
 - Becky is maintaining a spreadsheet with the accounts payable and receivable information that is shared with the current, past and president elect
 - Checking account balance has increased since February
 - Majority of income is from anchor awards
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expenses

- The current financial situation is dire enough that all expenses need to have financial backing such as donation, fundraising, or additional income that can be attributed to pay for said expenses
- **Registered Agent Service, Stacy**
 - This will provide us with a physical address for the variety of the documents that require a physical address instead of a P.O. Box
 - One based in Pawtucket for \$49 per year
 - Essentially a mail service where they will receive the mail for us and they forward the mail to our P.O. box
 - This will also eventually waive the post office box fee
 - Jill mentioned those who have keys to the post office box may need to return them if the post office box will need to be moved for this transition or for a more central location
 - Government documents or to receive non profit status for various situations requires a physical address
 - **Motion to pay for a yearly Registered Agent Service for \$49 per year**
 - Motion made by Stacy
 - Motion seconded by Jean
 - All approved
- **Storage unit, Stacy**
 - The purpose is to keep all of the paperwork, supplies, etc. that we use for events in one place so it is very easy to inventory what we have and figure out what we need
 - Looking into a storage unit around the size of a closet
 - This will save the association money in the long run
 - Stacy found one in Cranston near legion bowls that is central to most of the board members
 - Cost is approximately \$24-\$28 a month
 - **Motion to pay for a storage unit that will cost approximately \$24 to \$28 per month that is located in Cranston**
 - Motion made by Stacy
 - Motion seconded by Mary Kate Bergh
 - All approved
- **RIAEA Merchandise site to sell/fundraise, Tara [Here's a quick example store](#)**
 - Carolyn uses Artsonia for her school and suggested making an account for RIAEA
 - May need to be a school to use Artsonia
 - Tara researched working with a merchandise company that creates items with our logo, but only makes items as they are ordered.
 - A percentage of the item's cost goes to RIAEA
- **Members meetings advertised on all of our platforms, Tara**
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- Email Tara with any additional fundraising activities
- **YAM reflection on events**, Mia & Alison how did it go?
 - Adults only had to show their ID that was then matched with their name on the list
 - Staggered arrival times reduced lines to get in
 - Waiting for a response from RIC
 - Seamus was impressed with the security for the event
 - Mia mentioned that Fidelity is considering whether they want to continue hosting events within that space for noncustomers
 - State house event was well attended, especially by high school students
 - Email any additional art events hosted during youth art month to Mia, Alison, and Tara for the Youth Art Month report that gets sent to NAEA
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 - need RIAEA swag
 - Coupons
- Kerri has all of the membership and event supplies

- What support is needed the day of?
 - Stacy will assist with check in
 - Taking photographs would be highly appreciated
 - Most of the set up will happen Friday afternoon/night when the maintenance staff are present
 - Additional help for last minute set up tasks Saturday morning may be needed
 - Spreading the word about the event would be the most helpful thing
 - Symposium information sent to Connecticut Art Education Association
 - RIAEA is invited to the CAEA members retreat on 5/2
- **ECE show 2027** Angell St Galleries Feb 6- March 20, 2027. Let's get this event on our calendar now. <https://angellstreetgalleries.com/>
 - 2026 show was a success
 - Assistant gallery director at Angell St Galleries, Grace, is already collaborating for this event for next year
 - Highly interested in supporting RIAEA and art education
 - Tara asked if they would be interested in letting us use the space for the June member meeting
 - Lincoln School has already offered to host the symposium again next year and link it to the exhibition
- **Anti-Bias Film Screening (JAC)**, Mary & Caitlin, how did it go?
 - During the blizzard and ended up virtual
 - 28 attendees
 - Meaningful conversations with teachers and early childhood educators
 - Created a list serve for early childhood educators to continue these conversations
 - Possibly a zoom series
 - Potentially starting fall of 2026?
 - **Anti-Bias Books:** <https://www.antibiasleadersece.com/books/>
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 - Three people have signed up so far
 - Starts in May
 - Depending on how this goes, we may host another one in the fall
- **Phantom Farm Brewery Artwork Auction, how did it go? Tara & Stacy**
 - Tara mentioned the event was a success
 - They sold all of the art work and donated the proceeds to the event
 - The winner of the 50/50 raffle donated the money to RIAEA
 - A total of \$1200 was donated to RIAEA from the event
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- Information on our website and social media
- Cassandra Flores is the point person
- **June Member's mtg. Thursday 6/25, 10 AM, Tara.**
 - Beth Adouette
 - Nature Radial Design Workshop
 - Location TBD
 - Angell St. Galleries?
 - What is the parking situation like near the gallery?
 - Residential building with galleries on the first floor
 - There is a parking lot with approximately 8-10 spaces
 - More parking available on Diman
 - Is in a location on the east side where parking is more available
 - Portsmouth Brewery?
 - Warwick library?
 - Discussion regarding whether districts will be still be in school that day or if people will be leaving town already
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 - Becky mentioned RIC would like to host again next year
 - RIC is going through reaccreditation next year and is already booking the galleries. RIC would like to know when we would like to hold Anchor Awards
 - Gallery most likely not available from 3/15 for a week or so
 - Jill and Becky will touch base regarding date options
 - Independent schools requested opening to not be during their spring break next year
 - Ashley mentioned each school is different, but that she can coordinate figuring out what weeks the different independent schools are on break
 - Jill mentioned potentially the weekend of March 20th 2027 may be the best weekend