



Month/Date: November 12th, 2025

Time: 6:00

Location: Zoom Call

RIAEA Mailing Address:

PO Box 20420

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 Villanova, Mia Metcalf, Jean Carmody, Carolyn Dooley, Mary Geisser, Mary Kate Bergh, Shana Cinquemani, Katelyn Camara, Ashley Szczesiak, Becky Shipe, Jill Cyr, Stacy Wilbur, Kerri Marshall, Caitlin Black

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Agenda

- **Welcome-** [October Agenda/Minutes](#)
- **Bi-annual Conference update, Saturday October 17, 2026**
- **Community Vibrancy** - Recap TOY Art Education Awards
- **ECE show at JAC and PD**, Mary Geisser, Tara
- **Town Hall** I've heard from Kristi and Christie from Natls. I'm looking to schedule a Saturday in either January or February. Still reaching out to people to speak
- **December & January members' events December:** Jill, can you tell us

more about the [Student Rebuild Project](#)? 12/13, 9:30-12, Warwick Public Library. Jill's students running the project. Hold raffle at the same time, Jill reaching out for raffle prizes.



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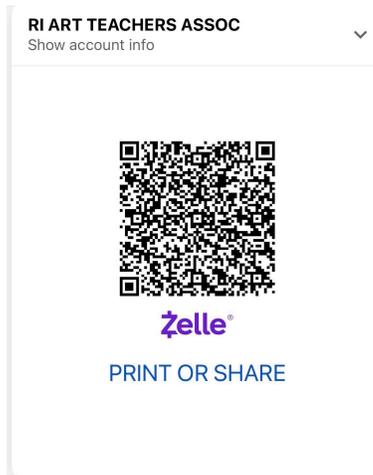
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- December meet up at the Guild in Pawtucket - when's a good date? 12/5?
- **January Members Event:** XX/XX Collage Club, Adam? At Lincoln School or Recycle Center Or
- **Cultural Appropriation Review** and Round Table workshop
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- Anyone have an idea for **where we can have our January mtg.** Cranston has a small room that fits 12 people for free, their larger room is \$50. I could get Cumberland, but that's very North of everybody. I could also have it in my art room, also in Cumberland.
- **Open board positions**
- **Social Media Update-** Many new follows on Insta and FB, TOYA reel had 500 views In 72 hrs; high numbers of likes/reposts on TOYA posts.

TREASURER REPORT -

Business Checking: 2,596.93

2026 TOA cost: - \$534.61

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Meeting Information

→ **Welcome** [October Meeting Minutes](#)

- ◆ Motion to approve October meeting minutes - Mary
- ◆ Motion seconded - Jean
- ◆ All Approved

→ **Calendar**

November

- RECAP 11/6 - T.O.Y. Awards at the Cumberland Library.
- 11/12 Zoom Board mtg. 6pm Zoom
- 11/20 canceled Members Event, Making ornaments at Cranston East HS
- YAM flag and postcard submissions begin

December

- No Board mtg.
- 12/13 Members Events: Student Rebuild Project, 9:30-12, Warwick Public Library. Jill's students running the project. <https://www.studentsrebuild.org/> Hold raffle at the same time, Jill reaching out for raffle prizes.
- 12/29 YAM Flag Entries Due
- Holiday get-together? Kerri and Tara
- January
 - 1/14- Board Meeting. In person, need mtg. Location. WCFA?

- Cranston Library?
- Members Event: XX/XX Collage Club, Adam? At Lincoln School or Recycle Center Or Cultural Appropriation Review and Round Table workshop
- Announce YAM Flag winner
- JAC Birth - K Art Show, will be at the end of January (31st)
 - ◆ Drop off 15th, 16th, 17th
- YAM Flag Winner Announced
- February
 - 2/25, 4pm -Board meeting at RIC, so we can help hang Anchor Awards
 - Agenda catch-up will be YAM and Conference for sure
 - Anchor-
 - **Friday, February 27**- Set up, 3:30 - 5:00pm
 - **Saturday, February 28** - Set up, 9 - 11:30 am and Judging 12:00 - 4:00 pm
- March
 - No Board Meeting
 - YAM activities, Fidelity, State House, Wickford Art Center, etc.
 - NAEA Conference in Chicago, 3/5-3/7
 - Anchor Gallery installation and take down:
 - **Reception options-** Saturday 14th Sunday March 15th?
 - **Tuesday, March 17 and Wednesday March 18** - Pick up, 3:30 - 5:00 both days
- April
 - 4/8 - Zoom Board Meeting
 - Members Event: Flower Arranging with Stacy's colleague?
 - Cultural Appropriation Review and Round Table workshop, NK HS Library?
 - YAM, Finalize Bylaw Review, Finalize Regional planning
 - Meet at Good Night Lights together?
- May
 - 5/13 - Board Meeting in person, Sandy Lane Library?
 - Members Event: Beth Adouette Nature "Mandala"/Radial Design workshop?
 - 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 **TBA**
 - PS220 **TBA**
- June
 - 6/XX Board Mtg. and End of Year Members Event, Fidelity Art Curator Tour, picnic lunch, use their cafeteria, nature walk, end-of-year supply swap OR RISD Nature Lab, come sketch OR Yoga "Retreat"
 - 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
- 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
- Bardens, Pezza, Dame Farm apple picking together
- Warren Art Mural Walk
- Trolls in Parks Walk
- Now or Never PVD- Free/low cost Hobby Club

Meeting Minutes

- **Approval of October meeting minutes**
 - a. Motion to approve October meeting minutes - Mary
 - b. Motion seconded - Jean
 - c. All approved
- **Bi-annual Conference update, Saturday October 17, 2026**
 - a. RISD agreed to host the conference at 20 Washington Place
 - i. Close to RISD Museum and Store
 - ii. Spaces assigned for Keynote, lunch, and raffle
 - iii. Currently working on finding places for sessions, both art making and non art making
 - iv. Parking
 1. Public safety, all lots with RISD tags we will be able to park in those parking lots
 2. Discussions regarding securing a shuttle across from Dick Blick on Wickenden Street
 - v. RISD Store is offering a discount coupon for us to put in the swag bags
 - vi. Looking into getting attendees of the conference free admission to the RISD Museum
 1. The museum is looking forward to being involved with the conference
 2. Possibly have a kick off event at the RISD Museum on the

1. Discount for RIAEA members
2. Trying to make this affordable for early childhood educators

- **Town Hall**

- a. Tara has heard from Kristi and Christie from Nationals.
- b. Looking to schedule a Saturday in either January or February
- c. Still reaching out to people to speak
- d. Kate asked about the survey that was discussed during the October meeting that would inquire what days and times work best for our members to do events

- **December & January members' events December: Jill**

- a. [Student Rebuild Project?](#)

- i. 12/13, 9:30-12, Warwick Public Library
 1. In the small meeting room, which has the second largest capacity, 25 people
- ii. Jill's students running the project
 1. Three to four national arts honors society students
- iii. Hold raffle at the same time, Jill reaching out for raffle prizes.
- iv. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own materials to work with



- v.
- vi. [STUDENTS REBUILD Workshop Sign Up](#)

- b. December meet up at the Guild in Pawtucket

- i. 12/5 at 5pm
- ii. Casual meet up for members
- iii. Bring your art teacher buddy!
- iv. Kerri is double checking that it is bring your own food

- **January Members Event:**

- a. Collage Club - Adam

- i. Looking into the Recycle Center
- ii. Adam was interested in having this be a recurring club that meets
- iii. Shana suggested we could use project open door

- b. **Cultural Appropriation** Review and Round Table workshop

- i. Not a professional development event
- ii. This would just be a workshop where there would be a brief introduction about cultural appropriation and then split up into groups to discuss

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 - f. Panel with the art from the high school will be on an outside wall
 - g. Scholarship amount RIAEA awarded last year was \$500.
 - i. Will make a motion for this closer to the date of the show
 - ii. Stacy mentioned having a written contract with Wickford about how much RIAEA will contribute towards scholarships
 1. This helps to protect RIAEA financially by creating a clear record of our financial obligations
 - h. One student submission per school is free for RIAEA members
 - i. Jill wants to inquire if it is possible that the art teachers of the award winners also receive a discounted or free one year membership
 - i. This could help incentivize art teachers outside of South County to submit their student's artwork
 - j. Middle of May is a good time frame
 - k. Need to look into if non WAA members can submit their student's artwork
- **Brainstorm for new Member ideas/Member Event ideas.**
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 - b. Cultural Association Event
 - i. Carolyn is interested in running this or assisting with this\
 - c. Cyanotype member recruitment event
 - i. Shana suggested a collaboration with TLAD to host this event
 - ii. Workshop
 - d. Community wide events
 - i. Caitlin wants to start offering community wide events throughout the state
 1. Start a committee to help plan these events
 - e. Mia and Kate mentioned looking into hobby clubs and art/mural walks
 - i. possibly collaborating with Now or Never PVD Hobby Club
- **Member Recruitment**
 - a. Discussed possibly mailing information about RIAEA to schools with the attention to the art teacher
- **Board Meeting Locations**
 - a. Using public locations for executive board meetings
 - i. Carolyn suggested keeping our board meetings in closed spaces due to current political climates
 - b. Looking into locations to have our board meetings

- i. Ashley said we can have meetings at Moses Brown after January
 - ii. Shana mentioned RISD can host meetings at well
 - c. Discussed pros and cons of virtual verses in person meetings
 - i. Having both is important
 - ii. Strategically schedule the in person ones before large events
 - d. February 25th board meeting at RIC
 - i. Start setting up for Anchor Awards
 - ii. Could also use this as a drop off date for state house artwork
 - e. Switch January board meeting back to on zoom
 - f. No board meeting in March
 - g. April board meeting on zoom
 - h. May 13th board meeting at the lincoln school in Providence
 - i. June board meeting location will be decided based upon what the member event will be
- **Open board positions**
 - a. It is hard to fill the treasurer position, especially when looking to recruit from RIAEA members who have not been on the board before
- **Social Media**
 - a. Lots of recent engagement with the social media posts
 - b. Kate requested sending her the information to be posted on social media with enough time in advance