



**Month/Date:** SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

**Time:** 1:30

**Location:** RI Clay Space,  
838 Dyer Ave. Cranston, RI

**RIAEA Mailing Address:**

***PO Box 20420***

***Cranston, RI 02920***

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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

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## Board Members

### 2025 RIAEA BOARD

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

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

Members Present:

GOOGLE MEET LINK

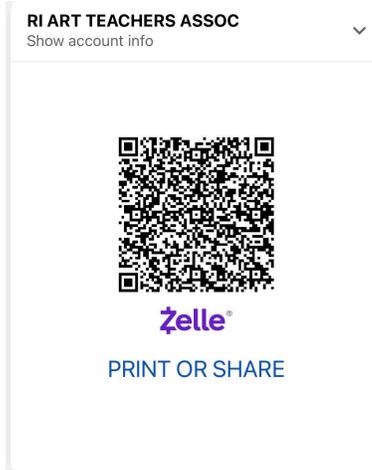
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## Agenda

- **Welcome-** [June 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)
- **Bi-annual Conference update, Saturday October 17th**
- **Community Vibrancy Share-out on 2025 Team East, Newport, RI**
- **Art Educator Awards** Tara, Mary Kate Bergh,
- **ECE show at JAC**, Mary Geisser
- **WCFA recap and [proposal](#)** Stacy Wilbur
- **Calendar**
- **Brainstorm for new Member ideas/Member Event ideas**
- **Discuss our meeting schedule and where to hold them**

TREASURER REPORT -

**Business Checking: 3,794.42**  
**Venmo has been cancelled**  
**Zelle**



Meeting Information

→ **Welcome** June Meeting Minutes

- ◆ Motion to approve June meeting minutes -
- ◆ Motion seconded -

→ **Calendar**

- September
  - 9/27 Members Event at RI Clay Space
- October
  - 10/8 - Zoom Board Meeting
  - 10/11 - Members Event, 9:30-11:30, Sandy Lane Library, Warwick. Round table discussion with an ECE, ES, MS, HS rep. for each group to share art lessons and resources. Provide snacks and drinks, hold an art swap, maybe in a smaller room near the round table room.
  - Family outing to pick apples together. Can we ask for a teacher discount for anyone who shows their school ID? Bardens Orchard, Pezza?
- November
  - 11/6 - T.O.Y. Awards at the Cumberland Library. Set-up starts at 5, ceremony starts at 6.
  - 11/12 Zoom Board mtg. 5pm
  - 11/20 Members Event, Making ornaments at Cranston East HS,

- 4:45-6
    - YAM flag and postcard submissions begin
    - Meet at Goodnight Lights together?
- 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/XX YAM Flag Entries Due
- 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:
    - **Tuesday, March 17 and Wednesday March 18** - Pick up, 3:30 - 5:00 both days
    - **Reception options-** Saturday 14th Sunday March 15th.
- 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?
- Or Wicked Tulip Farm, meet to pick tulips and chat over coffee or drink in the evening?
- 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**

## → **Other Business**

- ◆ Old Newsletters
  - Dr. Becky Shipe GA to digitize the old newsletters for the website.
  - They will be more accessible for board members to view, etc
  - Possibly purchase an external hard drive to initially store the files
- Becky Shipe is hosting a "Meet and Greet" at RIC for all Rhode Island Art Educators during RIC's Homecoming weekend on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 - 2. "If nothing else, I hope that the RIAEA Executive Committee is aware of the event in case they are free to attend. I'm planning to give away a lot of the art education materials/supplies that have been building up in our two art education classrooms over the years. Both Cheryl and I would love to see these items/resources go to art teachers who would appreciate them!"

## → **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

## Meeting Minutes

- **Board Members Present**
  - a. Tara, Stacy, Liz, Mia, Mary G., Caitlin, Mary Kate, Kerri, Jill, Carolyn
- **Welcome-**
  - a. Motion to approve June meeting minutes - Mary
  - b. Motion seconded - Stacy
  - c. All approved
- **Bi-annual Conference update**
  - a. Collaborate with RISD for the conference
    - i. Prov wash
      - 1. The whole conference will stay in this building
      - 2. Free parking in some of the RISD lots
        - a. Also a RISD shuttle that will be arranged as an option as well
    - ii. Preconference event at the RISD Museum - Night at the Museum
      - 1. Thursday, October 15th, 2026
      - 2. Museum free from 5pm - 8pm on Thursday nights
      - 3. Shana looking into food options for this event
    - iii. Conference on Saturday, October 17th, 2026
    - iv.
  - b. Costs
    - i. Keynote speaker
      - 1. Courtney, Caitlin, and Shana looking into finding a keynote speaker
      - 2. Possible Keynote options
        - a. William Estrada
        - b. Jen White Jonson
          - i. Graphic designer
          - ii. Antibleist practices in art education
        - c. Alisha Murnic
          - i. President of CAEA
          - ii. Culturally responsive pedagogy
          - iii. Classroom management strategies
    - ii. Looking into vendors for food for the member lunch
      - 1. Cost for this would be included in the registration fee
- **Community Vibrancy**
  - a. Share-out on 2025 Team East, Newport, RI
    - i. Event went well
      - 1. Attendees enjoyed seeing Newport, Salve Regina, and the Mr. Potato head activity

- ii. Great opportunity to share and discuss current issues within the art ed community with current presidents, past presidents, and president elects from the other states that attended
  - 1. Predelegate workshop
    - a. Helped provide context for the advocacy needs of the different states
  - 2. Annual slideshow reviews
    - a. Good opportunity to see what other states are doing
- iii. NAEA highly supportive
- iv. Costs
  - 1. RIAEA paid for Tara, Susan, and Jill's registration and the hotel
  - 2. The rest of the costs were covered by NAEA and the registration fees

- **Art Educator Awards**

- a. Tara, Mary Kate Bergh
- b. Carol Pinkins
  - i. Our judge for the art educator awards
- c. Nominees
  - i. 2 high school educators
  - ii. 1 elementary educator
  - iii. Lifetime achievement award to Lourianne
  - iv. Friend of the arts award
    - 1. Community Outreach person from Jerry's Artarama
- d. Cumberland Library
- e. Thursday, November 6th at 6pm
- f. Lourianne is helping to order the plaques

- **ECE show at JAC**

- a. Mary Geisser
- b. Early Childhood Education Show at Jamestown Art Center
- c. Artwork from children ages 0-5
- d. Exhibition open from January 31st to March 21st
- e. Opening January 31st during the day
  - i. Time is either 11-3 or 10-2
- f. "Picture with play"
  - i. Focus of the exhibition is to focus on the play based nature of artmaking within early childhood
- g. Jamestown Art Center will be in charge of the media for this event
- h. Will be some interactive spaces for kids to explore
- i. Free to enter artwork
- j. Will be some PD events as well
  - i. Cathy Topal
  - ii. Group of teachers from some preschools to create a panel to discuss working

1. Learning brook early childhood center
  2. Brown play school
  - k. Every teacher can submit 3 pieces of artwork AND documentation
    - i. Must include documentation of the process of making and what the children are exploring and learning, for example, photographs or videos of the students working
    - ii. Even if a teacher submits 3 different works of art, we are only guaranteeing that 1 work of art submitted per teacher will be
  - l. Presentation of the artwork
    - i. Jamestown will be preparing the artwork on the mat board to hang
      1. Wants just black
        - a. Blick has 12 packs of black mat board that is precut for both 9 x 12 and 12 x 18 works of art that we are discussing the possibility of being donated
- **Warwick Center for the Arts recap and proposal**
    - a. Stacy Wilbur won first place!
    - b. Well attended
    - c. Most entries they have had so far
    - d. Different drop off times was helpful this year
    - e. Learning process for how to collect entries
    - f. Vote on bringing an agreement to the Warwick Center for the Arts for the Art Educator Exhibition moving forward
      - i. The agreement includes the following:
        1. RIAEA covers the cost of one submission per person
        2. Warwick center for the arts to cover the discount for the additional submissions for members
        3. \$400 price total
          - a. \$200 would be contributed by RIAEA
        4. RIAEA provides one juror, WCFA provides one juror, both parties agree on the third juror
        5. WCFA does the prize submission
        6. RIAEA is in charge of the entries
      - ii. Add the following sections to the agreement:
        1. define the rolls of RIAEA and WCFA for promoting the show
        2. Show dates need to be communicated to RIAEA 90 days prior to the show dates
      - iii. Motion to draft and present this agreement to the Warwick Center of the Arts
        1. Mary made the motion to approve
        2. Jill seconded the motion
        3. All approved
  - **Treasurer Report**
    - a. Most of the expenses are monthly bills such as insurance, post office box, zoom account, etc.

- b. A couple hundred in coming in each month from membership fees
  - c. Anchor awards will help bring in additional income
  - d. Hope to gain additional members from the Early Childhood Show
  - e. Cancelled our venmo account
  - f. Options to receive payments:
    - i. Opened a new zelle account that is link to the checking account
      - 1. Very similar to venmo
      - 2. Will keep similar wording for the anchor awards to what we had with venmo
      - 3. Bank based, so we have more protection using zelle
    - ii. Checks mailed to our post office box
    - iii. Cash in person
- **Calendar**
    - a. Have a board meeting separate from member events
      - i. Trying to have at least one member event per month
    - b. Planning member events where there are not as many logistics that we need to take care of
    - c. See above for details
    - d. October Members Event on Saturday, October 11th
      - i. Will create an RSVP for this event
    - e. Virtual meetings
      - i. 6 pm - 7/7:30 pm
      - ii. Zoom link will be sent out prior to the first zoom meeting on 10/8
    - f. In person meetings
      - i. 5 pm - 6/6:30 pm
  - **Brainstorm for new Member ideas/Member Event ideas**
    - a. Tabled discussing which member events would have a fee and which ones would be free
    - b. Possible ideas
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      - ii. Cultural Appropriation Follow Up
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        - 1. Adam will talk to Danielle about this to find out more information
      - iv. Meet at the weavers in Bristol, dinner afterward
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      - vii. Board meetings at coffee shops and libraries
      - viii. Stained glass workshop
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      - x. "Yoga Retreat" like we've done before
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- a.
- **Updates**
  - a. Carolyn Dooley is our Middle Level Division Representative
  - b. Anchor
    - i. Becky said we are all set for anchor at RIC
    - ii. Just need to make a decision for the opening for anchor awards due to date conflicts with the NAEA conference
      - 1. Closing award ceremony on the 14th or 15th of March
    - iii. Take down 17th and 18th of March