



Month/Date: OCTOBER 8th, 2025

Time: 6:00

Location: Zoom Call

RIAEA Mailing Address:

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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.

Board Members

2025 RIAEA BOARD

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

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

Members Present:

ZOOM MEET LINK: <https://us0>

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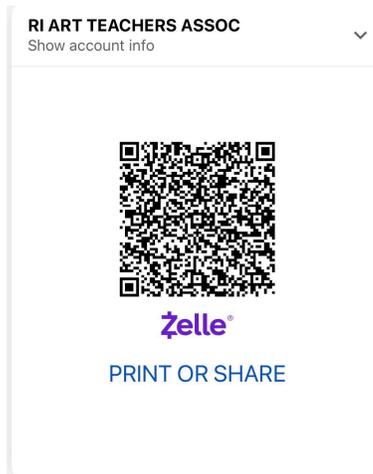
Agenda

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- **Community Vibrancy** - RI Clay Space recap
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TREASURER REPORT -

Business Checking: 3,794.42
Venmo has been cancelled
Zelle



Meeting Information

- **Welcome** September Meeting Minutes
 - ◆ Motion to approve September meeting minutes -
 - ◆ Motion seconded -

→ Calendar

- October
 - 10/8 - Zoom Board Meeting, 6-7pm
 - 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.
 - I asked for a teacher discount for anyone who mentions RIAEA when checking out at Barden's Orchard in Scituate.
- 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.
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- 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 18th 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 Fram apple picking together

Meeting Minutes

- **Welcome- [September 2025 Minutes](#)**
- **Bi-annual Conference update, Saturday October 17, 2026**
- **Community Vibrancy - RI Clay Space recap**
 - a. Depends on the saturday
 - b. Possibly because it was a new organization or it was a clay based event
- **Art Educator Awards** Tara, Mary Kate Bergh
 - a. Votes are in for the educator awards
 - b. All of the information from the awardees have been collected except for the photos for the slideshow
 - c. Liz will make the slideshow and Tara will email the awardees to have them send the photos within the next two weeks
 - d. Tara spoke with Lourriann about the tasks that still need to be completed for the educator awards and will be reaching out via email to those who volunteered to help divide and conquer the tasks
- **ECE show at JAC**, Mary Geisser
 - a. RIAEA will start sending out information regarding the early childhood show and then Jamestown Art Center will send out the official media release
 - i. Mary has created a draft of the graphics for this event due to creative differences with JAC
 - ii. Kate asked that all information to be posted to social media and the website be sent to her so she can make sure all information that is posted follows the guidelines
 - 1. Kate has a social media email that she prefers all requests be sent to.
 - b. While figuring out the logistics for this show have been challenging, we do not have many events in South County
 - c. Opens 1/21 and comes down 3/31
 - d. Shana offered hosting this event at RISD in the future
 - i. Also suggested alternative locations for hosting PD, events, etc., at RISD

- **Calendar**
 - a. What's happening with registrants for Saturdays Round Table? Should we push it farther out, and have more time to get the word out.
 - i. Not enough registrants to run the event
 - ii. Stacy will contact the library to cancel the booking of the room
 - iii. Will be looking into a date in the future for this event
 - b. RISD is hosting two professional development opportunities in November
 - i. Shana will send the information to Kate
 - c. 10/18 - Alumni event for Art Educators at RIC
 - i. Will be giving away some of the supplies that have been accumulating in the art ed rooms
- **Schedule a Town Hall?**
 - a. For input on leaving NAEA or staying with them. Where do we stand on this discussion?
 - i. The survey was half for staying with nationals and half disassociated with nationals
 - ii. Jill added an additional question to the survey, but not everyone retook the survey, so the data from the second round was a wash
 - iii. Stacy mentioned the data still needs to be cleaned up before it can be shared. We can discuss the results more next meeting after the data has been sorted
 - iv. Jean mentioned revisiting this after the 2027 NAEA annual conference
 - v. Money was the biggest issue
 - vi. Kate advocated for having a town hall to discuss the intricacies of the benefits of staying with nationals and the resources available
 - 1. Can be twofold, a time to present more information to the membership about what NAEA offers for members and a time to find out which of these resources our members actively use or would want to use
 - vii. Need to look at what NAEA does for RIAEA as an organization verses the individual members
 - viii. Mary mentioned the background of RIAEA as an organization and when it was not affiliated with NAEA
 - ix. Dawn Shabat, Christie Oliver, and another person from a state that does not affiliate with NAEA would be beneficial to have at the town hall
 - 1. Have the town hall over zoom to maximize attendance
 - 2. Tara will email a list of dates to see when they would be available
 - 3. Mia mentioned sending out a survey to see what days of the week work best for different kinds of dates
- **Brainstorm for new Member ideas/Member Event ideas.**
 - a. What do you think of planning the next two years?
 - i. Will help show members that we are being proactive with scheduling events

- ii. Helps us to stay on track with planning
 - b. Tara trying to come up with event ideas to help bring in new members
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 - i. Town Hall will be this month
 - ii. Cultural appropriate review will be moved to a later date
 - iii. Collage club can be moved to a later date
- **Anchor Awards**
 - a. Cathy Bacon has been absent recently, so Becky has been trying to work with who has been in charge during her absence to confirm the space for Anchor