



**Month/Date:** MAY 14, 2025

**Time:** 4:30-5:30 pm

**Location:** CRANSTON EAST

**RIAEA Mailing Address:**

**PO Box 20420**

**Cranston, RI 02920**

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**Zoom Meeting Link:**

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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](#)

### **2024-25 CALENDAR**

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

**Agenda- Meeting Link:** [meet.google.com/myn-dskr-gsa](https://meet.google.com/myn-dskr-gsa)

- **WELCOME**
- **TREASURE REPORT**
- **ED&I**
- **LEARNING**
- **RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE**
- **ADVOCACY & POLICY**
- **COMMUNITY VIBRANCY**
- **WORKING SESSION**

### **KELLY | TREASURER REPORT**

**Business Checking: \$9,991.00**

**Venmo: \$\$245.15**

**Details:** <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1h0WlgtJzks66XeudmxOfXF9KLwTDRf-0zV2KKC-Krq4/edit?gid=967947877#gid=967947877>

## Meeting Information

- **Welcome**
  - Approve [APRIL MEETING MINUTES](#)
  - **Welcome!** Caitlin Black, Mary Kate Bergh, Carolyn Dooley, Mia Metcalf & Alison LaPlume
- **ED&I**
  - Jodi Stanley Scholarship Fund- Preservice/New Educator Vita rubric
- **LEARNING**
  - [TEAM EAST](#)
  - [2025 NAEA Eastern Regional Leadership Conference Registration](#)
  - CALL FOR SPONSORS/SWAG-JILL 5/14
  - 2025-26 Workshop Offerings
- **RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE:**
- **ADVOCACY & POLICY**
  - **Membership Increase Discussion:**
    - [Membership Benefits](#)
    - As for the existing dues rate for Active Professional membership: out of the \$100, NAEA dues are \$70 and RIAEA's are \$30.
    - Although NAEA gives RIAEA \$3 out of our \$70 for every member that pays each month. So, in other words, as another benefit of being contracted, NAEA gives RIAEA "free money" (\$67 NAEA + \$33 RIAEA). In 2024 alone, NAEA gave RIAEA \$483.
    - [APRIL DUES REIMBURSEMENT](#) -Kerri
    - [MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS](#)

- **COMMUNITY VIBRANCY**
  - Social Media/Website Update- Kate
  - June members event June 23 from 10-12 [RSVP](#) now!
  - Jamestown Center of the Arts- Tara
  - [2025-26 school year open positions](#) and WELCOME to our new and returning faces!!
  - Educator Awards (Louriann has shared all files with Jill and Tara)
- **WAA -RIAEA scholarships** - 2 honorable mentions - \$250 each, rather than one \$500. The judges had difficulty deciding, so they will split the \$500. Jean will speak and present the awards on behalf of RIAEA on Sunday, May 18th, at WAA, 3 pm. None of the winners were notified, but Jean has names for Kelly.

## Meeting Minutes

- **WELCOME**
  - a. Members Present
    - i. Jill, Susan, Tara, Kate, Jean, Mary Kate, Mia, Alison, Stacy, Mary, Caitlin, Becky, and Liz
  - b. Members interested in Board Positions
    - i. Katelyn Black - Community Art Caucus and Preservice
    - ii. Carolyn Dooley - Middle Level Division Chair Positions
    - iii. Mary Kate Bergh - Elementary Division
    - iv. Alison LePlume and Mia Metcalf - YAM Co-Chairs
  - c. April Minutes
    - i. Stacy motioned to approve April minutes
    - ii. Tara seconded the motion
    - iii. All approved
- **TREASURE REPORT**
  - a.
- **ED&I**
  - a. Jodi Stanley Scholarship Fund- Preservice/New Educator Vita rubric

- i. Memorial Fund
- ii. Scholarship for a year long membership for new art educators
- iii. Will serve on the board during that year
- iv. Will modify the preservice art educator awards vita form that applicants will fill out
  1. Will remove some of the criteria regarding conference attendance, etc, that are not as applicable
  2. Jill will send this out prior to the June members event

- **LEARNING**

- a. **TEAM EAST**

- i. **2025 NAEA Eastern Regional Leadership Conference Registration**
- ii. CALL FOR SPONSORS/SWAG-JILL 5/14
- iii. 2025-26 Workshop Offerings
- iv. NAEA has been promoting the Team East Event
- v. Registrations are coming in
  1. 15 members are registered so far
- vi. Hosted by Salve
- vii. Schedule mostly determined by NAEA regarding topics to be discussed
  1. Details will be finalized next week
- viii. Susan will reach out regarding a time and date to meet up to help put together swag, etc.
- ix. Susan put together a brochure of places to visit, eat and see in Newport
- x. Salve is getting back to us about what time the tour will be
  1. We are looking forward to collaborating with Salve more in the future
- xi. Tara mentioned we may still need to arrange rides to Newport for some attendees and we will be looking for volunteers to help with transportation
- xii. The eastern region budget is paying for the Breakers visit and brunch for one morning
- xiii. Money from the raffle will go straight to RIAEA

- xiv. If anyone is interested in seeing what happens during the regional conferences, volunteering to help out and sell the raffle tickets is a great way to see how policies are changed
- xv. Jill and Susan mentioned how wonderful the members they have worked with in the eastern region are, and how supportive of a community it is
- xvi. Deposits
  - 1. Salve's has been paid
  - 2. Susan is reaching out to the restaurant to send the deposit
  - 3. Tara is all set for deposits
- xvii. Swag
  - 1. Jill will order the bags with the rooster logo so they will arrive in time to fill them
- xviii. Jean made a motion that RIAEA will pay any additional amount of money that is required to be paid for the Team East registration for Susan, Jill, and Tara, including the cost of the hotel
  - 1. Stacy seconded
  - 2. All approved

- **RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE**

- **ADVOCACY & POLICY**

- a. **Membership Increase Discussion:**

- i. NAEA increasing the cost of membership to cost \$130 for next year
  - 1. A \$30 increase
- ii. [Membership Benefits](#)
  - 1. All professional development available for NAEA members
- iii. As for the existing dues rate for Active Professional membership: out of the \$100, NAEA dues are \$70 and RIAEA's are \$30.
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- v. [APRIL DUES REIMBURSEMENT](#) -Kerri
- vi. [MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS](#)
- vii. If we separate from NAEA, what would the cost of just the NAEA membership cost?
  - 1. If we separate from NAEA, any members interested in

joining both NAEA and RIAEA would need to pay two separate membership fees

viii. Member Survey

1. We will be drafting a survey to send out to our membership to see what NAEA member benefits our current members use

ix. Membership discussion

1. NAHS

- a. Current school chapters would need to have a NAEA membership in order to run the NAHS chapter
  - i. Would need to have one NAEA member who can be the sponsor for the NAHS chapter

2. New Hampshire membership costs

- a. State Membership is \$60
- b. NAEA Membership is \$70
- c. Need to see if this is the updated membership cost for the 25/26 year

3. Retiree members may be more likely to join the RIAEA board is the cost of membership was less

4. Some states are not associated with NAEA membership costs and benefits, but are still involved with regional leadership meetings

5. Would not receive monthly membership reports from NAEA

- a. The membership board member would run this report and reach out to members whose membership is up for renewal

6. Would not receive the list of members attending the NAEA annual conference

- a. Would need to promote the conference get together over social media instead which is manageable due to the small size of our state

7. What other additional things do we receive from nationals?

- a. Susan mentioned when multiple board members stepped down all at the same time, she was able to reach out to Kristi, who had the current NAEA President reach out to Susan to give guidance about what to do
- b. Jill and Susan both feel that we could still reach out to the NAEA board members for guidance in these situations even if we separated from NAEA
- c. NAEA annual conference discount for members
  - i. Jill mentioned it is around \$20

8. Susan mentioned the decline of our membership now when the cost is \$100, and she is concerned that if the cost increases to \$130, we may see an increase in declines in

## membership

- a. We have been struggling with recruiting more active members who want to be involved in maintaining RIAEA
- 9. Mentioned that given the cost increase and decline in membership, we would be receiving too little money to justify the increase for our members
- 10. If we separate, we could potentially use some of the additional funds to pay the members that run our workshops and events for our members
- 11. Multiple board members mentioned that they were surprised by how small the percentage that we receive of the membership fee is
- 12. Caitlyn Black is researching different access points for additional funding for RIAEA ranging from grants to fundraising
- 13. Jill suggested if we separated from NAEA the new membership cost should stay under \$100
- 14. We can always reaffiliate with NAEA if we decide it is in our best interest
- x. Plan to discuss this at our June membership meeting
- xi. Jill is going to send out an email with the survey draft for us to look out
- xii. Becky asked if there is an option for people who are interested in purchasing memberships for both RIAEA and NAEA to receive a discount or if part of one of the membership fees can be attributed to the other membership

## ● **COMMUNITY VIBRANCY**

- a. Social Media/Website Update- Kate
  - i. Kate sent out the open board positions on social media and on the website
    - 1. Included links to all of the information for the open positions
- b. June members event June 23 from 10-12 [RSVP](#) now! We will have a meeting and make summer vision boards
  - i. Warwick Public Library
  - ii. Has not been posted on social media yet
- c. Jamestown Center of the Arts- Tara
  - i. They would like to work with RIAEA
    - 1. Rosemary Burns is affiliated with the Jamestown Center of the Arts and is a past RIAEA president

- ii. PK-5 or PK-8 show
  - 1. Free
  - 2. They are willing to hang the artwork
  - 3. Tara will be going to look at the space
  - 4. Open for south county school departments
  - 5. There will be more information about this in June
- d. [2025-26 school year open positions](#) and WELCOME to our new and returning faces!!
- e. Educator Awards
  - i. Tara and Jill have been going through the educator awards information
    - 1. Looking to work with the division chairs to have the division chairs take charge of the educator awards
      - a. Elementary, middle, secondary
  - ii. Jill wants to send out the nomination form as soon as possible
    - 1. Want to put the nomination form on social media, the website, and constant contact
  - iii. Discussed the nomination and information that needs to be submitted
    - 1. Can we reduce the number of items that nominees need to submit?
      - a. Look into this for the 2027 awards year
  - iv. List of art educator award recipients is up to date on the website and lists award recipients as far back as the 1990s
- f. Wickford art association
  - i. Two \$250 scholarships will be awarded this year
  - ii. Reception is on Sunday and will be deinstalled afterwards
- g. Art Educator Show for Warwick Center for Fine Arts
  - i. Call for submissions
    - 1. June 6 through July 18
  - ii. Kate will send out the call for submissions on social media
  - iii. RIAEA members can submit artwork for free



- **CONSTANT CONTACT**
- **WORKING SESSION**