



**Month/Date:** May 10, 2023  
**Time:** 4:30  
**Location:** RIC Alex & Ani Center  
**RIAEA Mailing Address:**  
PO Box 41546  
Providence, RI 02946  
**Events Overview Form:**  
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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 service in order to advance the quality of visual art and design education locally and globally.

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## Board Members

Highlight Name to Indicate Present

Susan Kolenda - President

Jill Cyr - President-Elect / Awards / Exhibit Chair

Michelle Morissette - Past-President / Professional Development

Liz Fontaine - Secretary / Educator Awards

Kelly McCarthy - Treasurer

Adam Ferbert - Membership

Kristin Murphy - ED & I Director/Events  
Gianna Palazzo - Webmaster and Social Media

Louriann Mardo-Zayat - Educator Awards

Tara Villanova-Cultural Appropriation & YAM

Kerri Marshall- YAM Co-Chair

Rebecca Shipe - Higher Ed

Cheryl Williams - Higher Ed

Shana Cinquemani - Higher Ed

Brianna DeLuca - Anchor Awards

Kate Camara

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## Agenda

### COMMITTEE REPORT:

#### 1. Treasurer

##### - Updates

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**Fixed term CD- \$1,334.37**

**Venmo- \$886.28 (transferred \$786.00 to checking today)**

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  - 2nd by

- 3. Anchor Awards**

- Budget

- 4. Professional Development**

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- [IACCCA.com](http://IACCCA.com)

- 5. ED&I Kristin and Tara**

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  - Kristin:

- 6. Membership**

- June Member Meeting/Event
  - Gallery Night

- 7. Social Media**

- 8. YAM**

- [CFAE 2023 Recap](#)
  - Annual report is due August 1
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- 9. National Conference**

- [Conference Budget](#)
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  - **Team East**

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## Notes

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- W-9 information, etc. caught up and fixed
- Budget for the NAEA conference
  - i. Member's dinner split between RIC, RISD, and RIAEA
  - ii. Shipping for the gifts to interest groups
  - iii. See linked budget in conference section below

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  - i. Kelly finishing the budget in the next week

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- Kristin:

## 6. Membership

- June Member Meeting/Event
  - i. Budget?
    1. Mainly for food
  - ii. Friday, 6/9, 4:30-7:00
    1. 5pm arrival time and people can come in and get food
  - iii. At Wheeler
    1. In the art studio
  - iv. RSVP form will be sent out with an end date for when people need to RSVP by and then Adam will send out the information for getting to the building, etc. to those who RSVP
  - v. Adam will announce what positions will be up for a vote at the member event
  - vi. Two art activities
    1. Canvas bags to stamp/print on
    2. Collage
  - vii. Parking lot that people can park in at night
- Gallery Night
  - i. Informal gallery night
  - ii. 5/18, URI gallery open from 5-9
  - iii. Possibly change the date to opening on 6/15?

## 7. Social Media

- Transitioning who is in charge of this role

## 8. YAM

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## 9. National Conference

- [Conference Budget](#)
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- **Team East**
- No artwork from RI was at the conference and our flag did not make it there
  - i. Everyone else attending the conference can tell when a state is not represented
- Delegates voted on theme for next year
  - i. Dream in art

- Information from delegates meeting
  - i. All states are struggling for members
  - ii. Ohio grew their membership in 3 months by 60% by changing who they targeted
    - 1. Did not send any mailings
    - 2. Posted on facebook and social media and used many different hashtags like workingartist, etc
      - a. This allowed them to see who joined the organization based on which hashtag they viewed
  - iii. Leadership training that involves board position descriptions and signing off on fulfilling that role
  - iv. We have not hosted Team East since 2010
    - 1. Team East will help up out with some of the planning
    - 2. If members want RI to host Team East, they can submit a proposal for the board to look at
  - v. Discussed how to reduce our membership fees
    - 1. Would lose some of the benefits like awards and ED & I
    - 2. The cost/person ratio is not as bad as we thought
  - vi. Discussed possibly changing the term length of board positions
  - vii. ED&I and socioemotional learning are the main priorities
  - viii. Field-wide retention and recruitment
    - 1. Many states showing decline in number of certified teachers
  - ix. Matt Young helped grow Ohio's board and a foundation
    - 1. He would be a great person to reach out to
  - x. Grants listed on the NAEA website that art educators can apply for
    - 1. On the NAEA website under community vibrancy
- Team East representative?
  - i. A 3 day conference
  - ii. In princeton NJ this year
  - iii. 7/6-7/8
  - iv. Meet with other leaders in Team East to share ideas, etc.
    - 1. Also includes some fun activities such as art making and visiting museums
  - v. Team East meets once a month as well
  - vi. Motion to approve for Susan and Jill to go to the Team East conference (estimating a budget of \$1000) by Kristen
    - 1. 2nd by Gianna
    - 2. 3rd by Adam

## 10. Educator Awards

- Finalizing postcard and mailing form
- Out of state judges

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- i. Susan will reach out to some of the connections
  - Will send out postcard for nominations in the next week
  - Need to wait until after regional meeting regarding educator awards in the beginning of July before we send out the information that nominees need to fill out and submit

## **11. Board Positions**

- If you are not planning on staying on the board, please let Jill know
- If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the board, let Susan and Jill know
- Kate will be the new webmaster and incharge of constant contact and social media
  - i. Consider having a team who reports to Kate
- Kristin will be going on sabbatical next spring and would like to step down from the ED&I position
  - i. Brianna would be interested in the ED&I position
- Consider adding committees or positions to include retirees, new educators, preschool art educators, independent schools
- Membership and Treasurer are on the same cycle
- President Elect and Secretary are on the same cycle
  - i. Current secretary position has been extended to realign with the schedule in the bylaws

## **12. Leadership Day**

- Will be after Team East conference
- Can review the board position descriptions and sign contracts