



Month/Date: February 25, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Online, Zoom

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, Mary, Carolyn, Jean, Alison, Kate, Mary Kate, Kerri, Stacy, Jill, and Liz

ZOOM MEET LINK:

Topic: RIAEA's Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 25, 2026 06:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

RIAEA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Agenda

- **Welcome**
 - Motion to approve [January 2026 Minutes](#)
 - Motion
 - All Approved

TREASURER REPORT -

- **Business Checking:**
- **Monthing +/-'s 250/\$180 (CC, zoom, insurance monthly)**

- **JAC ECE-K Show**, Update, Tara & Mary 15 teachers participated from RI & MA
- **ECE Symposium, quick event update.** Tara. [Click here to read a full description of event and the bios of key speakers, still in process though, this is a working document.](#) Cost \$60, Discounted rate of \$45 for RIAEA & MAEA members
- **ECE show 2027** Angell St Galleries Feb 6- March 20, 2027
<https://angellstreetgalleries.com/>
- **Anti-Bias Film Screening (JAC)**, Mary & Caitlin, tonight! 59 participants
Link for Zoom:
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Meeting ID: 994 1698 4983
Link for Registration and PLC: <https://forms.gle/RAgr2AesMm7BsFyA6>
Anti-Bias Books: <https://www.antibiasleadersece.com/books/>
- **Concert at Jamestown Art Center** March 8 at 3pm
<https://www.jamestownartcenter.org/events/newport-string-project-2026>
- **Cultural Appropriation workshop?** Carolyn & Tara. What does diversity mean to you in 2026 and how are you approaching diversity with your students?
- **[NAEA Position Statements](#)**
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- [YAM banner and postcard winners!](#) YAM Update on planned shows. Mia & Alison
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- and marketing images
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EXAMPLE CONTRACT

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 - *A check will need to be made out to WAA for the \$500 scholarship.*
- **Anchor Awards update**, Jill & Stacy
 - Stacy created a volunteer [form](#)
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 - 3/17-18 Take down, 3pm-5pm
 - **2026 ANCHOR WORKING BUDGET**

- **Open Board Positions**

Meeting Information

[Link to Mia's list of places to have activities/events](#)

[JAC String Quartet event](#)

→ **Calendar**

- February, 2/25, 6pm Zoom
 - Anchor-
 - **Friday, February 27-** Set up, 3:00 - 5:00pm

- **Saturday, February 28** - Set up, 9 - 11:00 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
- April
 - 4/8 - Zoom Board Meeting
 - ECE Symposium at The Lincoln School, Picturing Play: A *Symposium on Early Childhood Creativity*, Saturday April 25, 9am-3pm
 - Members Event:
 - Cultural Appropriation Review and Round Table workshop, NK HS Library?
 - Cyanotype Workshop at RISD
 - YAM reflection on events, Finalize Bylaw Review, Finalize Regional planning
 - Meet at Good Night Lights together?
- May
 - 5/13 - Board Meeting in person, the Lincoln School. Mary can you update here what bldg. and what room at The Lincoln School?
 - 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, May 3rd exhibit
 - PS220 **TBA**
- June
 - 6/25 Board Mtg. & End of Year Members Event, Beth Adouette, Nature Collection Radial Design.
 - 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, April?
- 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, can our members get a discount
- Bardens, Pezza, Dame Farm apple picking together or discount

- when RIAEA is mentioned.
- Warren Art Mural Walk
- Trolls in Parks Walk
- Now or Never PVD- Free/low cost Hobby Club

Meeting Minutes:

- **January Meeting Minutes**
 - Mary made a motion to approve the minutes
 - Kerri seconded the motion
 - All approved
- **JAC ECE-K Show 2026**, Update, Tara & Mary
 - 15 teachers participated from RI & MA
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 - The above link is not currently working!
 - **Mary or Tara will upload a link to a PDF version**
 - Cost \$60, Discounted rate of \$45 for RIAEA & MAEA members
 - Lunch is included in the admission fee
 - The Lincoln school is providing a discount for their teachers
 - At the Lincoln School
 - *Picturing Play: A Symposium on Early Childhood Creativity*
 - Saturday April 25, 9am- 3pm
- **ECE show 2027**
 - Angell St Galleries in Providence
 - Feb 6- March 20, 2027
 - Will be an annual event moving forwards
 - Interested in doing more interactive workshops for children
 - Mary has connections with Angell St Galleries and they have expressed interest in working with RIAEA in the future
- **Anti-Bias Film Screening (JAC)**, Mary & Caitlin
 - Tonight!
 - 59 participants
 - Debbie Lee Keenan is facilitating this film screening tonight
 - Kaitlin Black arranged for funding for this screening
- **Cultural Appropriation workshop?** Carolyn & Tara.
 - What does diversity mean to you in 2026 and how are you approaching diversity with your students?
 - Carolyn mentioned potential concerns given the current political climate
 - Need to approach the topic carefully
 - Will be a looser format than our past approach
 - [NAEA Position Statements](#) regarding DE&I and Cultural Appropriation
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- Kerri mentioned in the above position statement from NAEA, there is an updated list of reading material and choosing one of the books to read
 - Jean mentioned spreading this out over multiple months for professional development
 - Carolyn also mentioned this as well
 - Mary mentioned that there could be different teachers in charge of presenting the different chapters, as well as possibly adding in homework for the teachers to complete in between the sessions
 - Carolyn expressed concerns wondering whether teachers or the organization could potentially receive negative feedback due to offering or participating in this book club
 - Liz mentioned that if the book is from the suggested list in the NAEA Position Statement above, then RIAEA should be fine hosting a book club around that book
 - Mary Kate mentioned that PAEA does a monthly book club that is successful
 - Participants would fill out a reflection form at the end of the session
- YAM banner and postcard winners! Mia & Alison
 - YAM Update on planned shows
 - Flag is ordered
 - Postcards printed
 - One of the winning designs on the front, the back is blank so we can print information for different shows as needed
 - Fidelity
 - Requiring families sign up for security reasons
 - 3/19, set up artwork
 - 3/26, opening
 - All schools that participated last year are able to participate this year
 - State House Show
 - Alison is going to have schools drop off artwork for next week
 - Tuesday, 3/10
 - 14 schools have signed up so far and Alison has a couple more schools that have contacted her about bringing artwork
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 - There is a running club who will be there that will be supporting us as well
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 - Tara and Susan will contact everyone who has artwork to arrange a pick up
- **Senator Jack Reed Art Contest**

- Exhibit will be May 3rd.
- Artwork dropped off at Cranston office from April 14th-16th.
- Cassandra getting us Senator Reed logo and marketing images
- Kate has been sending out the information on social media
- The information is listed on the calendar
 - Stacy mentioned that we need to update the process for what art shows we sanction or list on the calendar and on social media
 - She also suggested having separate calendars for high school verses elementary school
 - Jean said we should continue to post the date and link for information to shows that RIAEA does not run, especially for the shows that RIAEA has a current working relationship with
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 - Jill will send Jean the updated contract by the end of next week
 - ***A check will need to be made out to WAA for the \$500 scholarship.***
 - The check will be sent directly to them
 - We need signed documentation that this is a donation so that it can be claimed as tax deductible
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 - Secured monetary donations for all of the prizes
 - Switched to ribbons for the honorable mentions
- 2026 blizzard has significantly impacted the gallery installation
 - Many teachers do not have access to their student's artwork
 - Will have an installation time slot for this Saturday morning
 - The Adjudication will still occur in person this Saturday
 - Jill will have more information from RIC about access to the building tomorrow morning
 - Jill will hang the main gallery on Monday
- Mary McIntry organized 16 judges
- Over 300 students have artwork in the show
- Still looking for additional volunteers for the second day of take down (3/18) and for the reception (3/15)
 - Anchor show volunteer sign up sheet
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScshODoPaKolmWRnKlgra_1CniAq1LcrwlOjelCcPbok0L5iQ/viewform
- RIAEA Biannual Conference 2026
 - 10/17/2026
 - Carolyn suggested having an Anchor Awards workshop
 - Jill, Stacy, Shana and Becky
 - RISD is hosting
 - Will be in ProvWash building
 - Providing the space for free
 - Writing a grant to hopefully have William Estrada as a guest speaker
 - RISD hosting an event at the RISD Museum the Thursday night
 - 10/15
 - 5pm-7pm
 - Jill is looking into hosting a meet up for Friday 10/16 night as well
 - Inviting RIC art ed students
 - Reaching out to Paula Liz to see if we can implement a mini conference for NAHS and seniors at the same time
- Open Board Positions