

Winter news from ICEC!

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Updates from ICEC

Vote for our Executive Committee nominees!

It's election season! Vote for our next ExCom members for the 2018-2020 term. See below for candidate statements. ExCom members serve ICEC by setting the vision for the organization. As a member-driven organization, your voice is heard through ICEC's ExCom election. Please vote! Voting is open until December 31, 2017.

Vote Now!

Nominations are Open for the IAN/ICEC Awards!

Help us recognize the best of EE in Iowa! Have you or someone you know done something great for conservation or environmental education in Iowa? Nominate them for an IAN/ICEC Award! Nomination forms are due December 1st. [Learn more and download the form](#)

Save the Date for Winter

*Environmental
Educator*

Adam Puderbaugh
Des Moines Schools

Mike Todd
Ames High School

Kate Bussanmas
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Agriculture and Land
Stewardship*

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

Nov. 9-11, 2017

Place-Based Education
Conference
*Eastern Michigan
University, Ypsilanti, MI*

Nov. 10-11, 2017

Minnesota Conference
on Science Education
*Rivers Edge
Convention Center, St.
Cloud, MN*

Nov. 14, 2017

eeWorks -
Demonstrating the
Power of Environmental

Workshop 2018!



It's back on! ICEC's Winter Workshop will be held February 2, 2018 at Jester Park Lodge (11121 NW Jester Park Dr, Granger, IA 50109). Join us as we learn how to inspire others to protect natural resources, share the conservation message with your audience, and advance environmental education as a vital part of a K-12 education.

Confirmed speakers include SOAR, IPTV, and NRCS. More details will soon be available on the [event webpage](#). Look out for an email with registration details in the coming days!

Time to Renew Your Membership!

Renew your ICEC membership for 2018! ICEC is the professional membership organization for environmental educators in Iowa. Be a part of our community, stay updated on all the latest EE news, and don't miss these great projects ICEC has planned for 2018:

- Winter Workshop , February 2, 2018 at Jester Park Lodge
- Outdoor Learning Environments Conference with Prairie Rivers of Iowa, June 2018 (TBD) at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden
- Authentic Iowa data for the classroom project
- Professional development scholarships for members
- And more!

Education
Webinar

Feb. 2, 2018

ICEC Winter Workshop
Jester Park Lodge,
Granger, IA

Mar. 24, 2018

10th Annual Day of
Insects
Reiman Gardens,
Ames, IA

**For more events,
check out our
website!**

**Global
Environmental
Education
Partnership Call
for Action**



Your Input Needed! The Global Environmental Education Partnership seeks your feedback on a draft Call for Action to help set priorities for the field of EE over the next decade and beyond. Please visit ActNowforEE.org

Your membership supports our work to enhance and promote conservation and environmental education in Iowa. Please renew your membership by clicking the button below. Contact Alicia at exec@iowaee.org with questions or if you would like an invoice from ICEC.

Thank you for your continued support of ICEC!

Renew Your Membership!

Executive Committee Candidate Statements

Below are the candidate statements for ICEC's Executive Committee nominees for the 2018-2020 term. Please review the statements and [vote](#) for up to two candidates in our election by December 31, 2017.

Mary Bulger, Naturalist, Iowa County

Conservation:

Why you want to be part of ExCom?

In my time being a member of ICEC I have engaged in many informative workshops, networked with teachers and other non-formal educators from around the state, and helped developed new curriculum that aligns with the new NGSS science standards. I feel very fortunate to have met so many individuals who have shared, taught, and inspired me as much as the members of ICEC have. I would like to be a part of the ICEC Executive Committee so I can give back to this organization, and help it grow into the future through new membership and the organization as a whole.

What you can contribute to ICEC by being on the ExCom?

I feel my many years of hands-on experience as non-formal educator can advise and contribute towards the mission and purpose of ICEC, helping ICEC be a voice for conservation and environmental education, sharing information between and among

to read the draft document and to share your thoughts. Together, we can help shape a more sustainable, just, and compassionate future for all.

Teaching

Resource

Highlight:

KinderNature



Have you checked out KinderNature yet? KinderNature is ICEC's resource for early childhood educators. Search for activities and lessons, find WILD resources, and check back weekly for new tips from Max! ICEC is proud to present this resource with support from REAP CEP and Iowa DNR.

KinderNature.org

The Iowa Conservation Education Coalition (ICEC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organized in 1958! ICEC's purpose is to promote and support conservation and environmental education in Iowa. Your membership supports excellence in conservation education in our state!

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conservation professionals, conservation agencies, school districts, educators, and science consultants.

Please tell us your occupation, background, skills, and accomplishments:

I currently work as the Naturalist for Iowa County Conservation. I have an Associates degree in Parks and Natural Resources and a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science. I have been a Naturalist for over 14 years, and have been a member of ICEC for 6 years.

While perusing my college degrees I have had the opportunity to work with several different conservation and environmental education organizations including MacBride Raptor Project, UI Wildlife Camps, Muscatine County Conservation, and Lee County Conservation. Working with these different organizations has given me lots of great experience in the environmental education field. I am especially passionate about caring for working with and teaching the public about wildlife.

Lilly Jensen, Education and Outreach

Coordinator, Winneshiek County Conservation:

I am interested in being part of the ICEC ExCom because I have found the work on the new NGSS science standards that ICEC has done over the past four to five years to be among the most challenging (in a good way) professional development I've experienced. I would like to give back to an organization that has helped me rethink my approach to environmental education and pushed me to make my all of my programming more effective and relevant. I hope to help ensure that ICEC maintains its role as a connecting agent between classroom and non-formal educators and remains a powerful voice of progress and innovation when it comes to teaching about and advocating for our natural resources.

I am Education and Outreach Coordinator for Winneshiek County Conservation, where I provide environmental education programming and take care of outreach and marketing. I have a bachelor's degree from Luther College and a master's degree in Environmental Humanities from the University of Utah. I believe



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that my skills and experience in writing and communication, securing and implementing grant-funded projects, and working collaboratively with multiple and diverse partners will be valuable to ExCom.

I have been involved with ICEC's NGSS work for several years, serving as a Network Coach for the 2015 Winter Workshop and as part of the ICEC Workshop Core Team in 2016. I was Registration Chair for the 2015 NAI Regional Workshop held in Ames, have been the NAI Heartland Region Newsletter Editor since 2011, and coordinated a series of professional development workshops for teachers under a REAP-CEP grant. Outside of work, I served for 6 years as board member and financial secretary for the United Way of Winneshiek County. I am a member of the Iowa Association of Naturalists and the National Association for Interpretation.

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