ICEC Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
13 April 2022
4:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Call to order – Co-Chair Louis Beck called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Approve Agenda - Approved by consent of the group
Approve Meeting minutes 11 February 2022 - Approved by consent of the group

Reports
1. Review Treasurer’s Report
   a. Barb Gigar reported there is $57,956.76 in the organization’s account. Organization made money from winter workshop
   b. Budget report approved.

Action Items
1. Create Ad Hoc Committees
   a. Environmental Education in K-12 schools: Louis Beck reminds the group about the discussion that came up at last board meeting-how to recruit more teachers the organization. Peg Steffen suggests a survey of what is being done in the state re: environmental education would be useful. Reminder to the group of the 2018 conservation education survey, with final report completed in early 2020. Tiffany Morgan will see what is available on the Iowa Dept of Education site for environmental science demographics. Kyla Burns, Kean Roberts, and Peg Steffen interested in being on an ad hoc committee. Louis Beck motions to create an ad hoc committee to address these issues. Tiffany Morgan seconded. Motion passes.
   b. Updating communication policy, drafting communication strategy – Tiffany Morgan reports the need to review and update the current communication policy to incorporate web and social media needs of the group as well as drafting a communication strategy for the organization. Tiffany Morgan and Lilly Jensen interested in being on this ad hoc committee. Ted Neal motions to create this ad hoc committee. Kelly Schott seconds. Motion passes.

Discussion Items
1. Envirothon partnership with Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI) – Jerry Neppel and Louis Beck report a diversity grant to increase conservation education efforts to underserved communities/populations. CDI has to apply, opportunity to partner with them to support teacher training in EE. Award will be made next February. Discussion about members of this group attending the next state Envirothon at Jester Park to learn more (May 2022).
2. PEEPS Update: Lilly Jensen provided an update on previous PEEP meetings. Barb Gigar, Jerry Neppel, and Tiffany Morgan reported updates from the most recent PEEP Meeting held in March in Nebraska City. Goals included identifying possible efficiencies as a regional consortium. ICEC identified the leadership goal of improving ICEC board functioning. More info and updates will be shared as the work continues.
3. National Project WILD meeting – Barb Gigar reports the upcoming National Project Wild Meeting in Ashville North Carolina and work on ebooks for DEI. Gigar reports she wants to attend this national meeting and is already received approval from DNR for use of state car and a few meals. She is asking for support from the ICEC
WILD account funds to support attendance. Ted Neal motions for $1100 from WILD account to support Barb’s request. Peg Steffen seconds. Motion passes.

4. Update on REAP-CEP grant, Climate Cohort #22-16 – Lilly Jensen reports teams are progressing. Report participants learning about the challenges of behavior change outcomes. Confident the outcomes will be valuable. Mid-term report needs to be submitted by 15 August 2022.

5. No Child Left Inside Act – Lilly Jensen reports a bill introduced in U.S. house and senate, NAAEE supported, hopeful it will pass.

Updates
1. NAAEE Fundraising Planning Group – Jerry Neppel reports this group is in the process of deciding how the group will move forward.
2. NAAEE Affiliate Network DEI Working Group – Tiffany Morgan reports this group plans to share the what and the why statement from this group at the upcoming conference and will also send to affiliates for feedback. Next steps are the how and deciding what the work of this group looks like moving forward.
3. One Gift Campaign – Linette Bernard reports submitting the one gift campaign paperwork for ICEC.
4. Game Jam Update – Peg Steffen reports the updates will be posted on the website.

Kelly Schott left the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Informational
1. Barb Gigar shared information on Recovering Americas Wildlife Act, 10% can go to education.

With no further business, Lilly Jensen adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Next meetings at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom: 8 June 2022 (4:30 p.m.), 10 August 2022 (4:00 p.m.), 12 October 2022 (time TBD), and 14 December 2022 (time TBD)

Please add the above dates to your calendar. LB will share a calendar invite for the next meeting after the conclusion of one. The Zoom links are all different.