ICEC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

31 July 2024
4:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Attending:			
Louis Beck, Chair	X	*Ex Officio:*	
Kyla Burns		Chris Like	X
Dave Conrads	X	Jerry Neppel	X
Heather Gamm, Treasurer	X	Carlee Sabus	x
Jared McGovern	X	Gus Elliott	
Tiffany Morgan, Vice/Sec'y	X		
Ted Neal	X		
Jim Pifer		*Contractor:* Linette Bernard	x
Clark Porter	X		
Kean Roberts	X	*Guests:*	
Peg Steffen	X		
Samuel Taylor	X		
Tony Vorwald	x		

Once quorum was established, Tiffany Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. as Louis Beck was calling in from a remote location.

Dave Conrads made the motion to approve the agenda, with second by Ted Neal. Motion passed.

Tony Vorwald made the motion to approve the 12 June 2024 meeting minutes as written, second by Clark Porter. Motion passed.

Reports

1. Review Treasurer's Report – Heather Gamm provided the financial status summary. Holthues funds and spending were discussed separately.

Discussion Items

1. N AAEE Conference, Registration and Scholarship – Linette Bernard reminded all that the affiliate scholarship is due 2 August and individual scholarship application due 9 August.
2. Holthues Funding Request – The Ad Hoc committee met and reviewed the budget status and provided recommendations for spending the remaining funds and took feedback from the full committee. Bernard will send out an email to the committee budgeting out the recommended spending.
3. ExCom Planning – Linette Bernard asked for feedback from all on the planning process. Feedback included: * Research how best ICEC can connect with daycare providers and preschool programs to ensure their littles are learning in the outdoors. * Are there opportunities to provide bilingual resources that ICEC creates? * Are there opportunities to connect with Home School Assistance Programs and Virtual School options?
   Bernard will send out a poll to find the best date to continue this planning discussion.
4. Winter Workshop 2025 planning – Linette Bernard reminded that a Winter Workshop planning committee needs formed, plus a location, date, and theme are needed. Kean Roberts will check on costs for using Ames High School. Ideally Winter Workshop should be early to mid-February and most felt central Iowa to be the location.

Updates

1. Directors & Officers Liability renewal – Linette Bernard reminded that the annual premium will be mailed to us on 2 August. This expense was approved in the annual budget.
2. The National Conservation Foundation – Linette Bernard noted that the grant final report was submitted in addition to a request to spend the remainder of the grant funds.

Informational

1. Tiffany Morgan said that the Buena Vista Blitz attendance was small due to a weather advisory shortly before the event, but there is good partnership development in the region.
2. ICEC member, Barb Ehlers received and EPA grant for teacher professional development course.
3. Peg Steffen and Chris Like attended a REAP CEP meeting talking about next steps. Due to the Governor's Executive Order 10, the CEP board was cut, but will now be a committee. Michelle Wilson, Iowa DNR REAP

Coordinator said possible changes include one grant cycle instead of two. There will be a formal public comment period.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Next meeting is via Zoom on 9 October 2024

Other 2024 ExCom dates: 11 December.

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.