

VEEN Spring Membership gathering  
April 28th 5-630  
@ Audubon Vermont

- Welcome!
  - Gratitude & acknowledgements
  - Introduce Audubon space & mission, work
  - Who we are, mission, equity statement
  - Introductions (members, board)
- Walk 20-30 min
- Get food
- VEEN business
  - Membership Update- **Membership Committee (Ali)**
  - Board Member Nominations- **Nominating Committee** (Nicole & Kerri)
    - Share slate
      - Lauren Traister, Simon Schreier, Harmony Roll, Kestrel Plump, and Morgan LaPointe
    - Vote
      - Unanimous vote in!
    - Vote on board member term renewals
      - Chris Runice and Ashley Eaton
    - Vote on board officers
  - **Offering Grants- Finance Committee (Lauren)**
    - Who can organize mini grant details to share?
      - If we offer grants for \$500-\$1000 what could you apply it towards?
    - NAAEE proposals due in April
      - Offer scholarships for presenters to attend?
    - LCBP Boots and Bugs Grants
      - K-12 teachers, for gear (ex. guides, buckets, kick-nets)
      - \$500 per grant
      - 1 award per school per year
  - **Youth & Young Professional Engagement Update**
    - Received a \$10,000 grant for NH, ME, VT to create a community of practice
    - Kerri, Rae, Lauren & Emily participating in CoP
    - Creating implementation plan May 2nd
  - **Webinars & Events - PR Committee (Emily)**
    - Just had one last night!
    - Next webinar/workshop is June 7th 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
      - Facilitated by Rhiannon Kim, founder of [Love at the Roots, LLC](#)
      - This webinar will focus on trauma-informed education, which examines the ways trauma impacts how a student is able show up to learn or be present.
- Member Input

- As an exit card
  - Plan brainstorming prompt to feed into short/med/longer range planning
- How to stay involved in VEEN
  - Committees
    - Join committees/sign up
    - Committees circle up and set next meeting