

## Board Meeting Agenda 11/18/2020

- Welcome!
- **Attending:** Elizabeth, Lauren, Ali, Beth, Chris, Lindsay, Kerri
- **Absent:** Emily, Nicole, Ashley
  
- Webinar Update - KM
  - Nov Teaching Outdoors in Winter
  - Participant Numbers -305
  - [Registration Link- please register](#)
  - Dec- NEEEA webinar Dec 9th (see below) co-sponsored with NAAEE
  - Jan- PBE on a Budget ([Register Here](#))
  - Feb- Beth & Nicole ([School gardens, February 25th Register Here](#))
    - Do you know teachers who are using gardens? Please share those folks with Beth & Nicole so we can get those teachers on the panel!
  - Social Media Update- LW
  - Like Follow Share
    - [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)
    - [YouTube](#)
    - Please share posts when possible
    - Elizabeth helping out with VTInvasives and can connect with Lindsay and create a schedule for social media
  
- Survey Results Infographic - KM
  - Informing our current work (webinars, gear drive, website resources, social media communications)
  - How to Share about results
    - Blog
    - Newsletter
    - Email Forward
    - Social Media
  
- Gear Drive Update- KM
  - Last day for donations next Wed Nov 25
  - Where we stand with donations- lots of drops at established locations
  - Next steps is to inventory & match teachers and gear
  - It is possible we will do another one outside of COVID
  - Ali will reach out to Darn Tough
  
- Board Retreat -KM
  - RSVP to calendar invites
  - 2 days: Dec 3 afternoon & Dec 4 morning
  - Lunch time chat session starting at 12:30 on 12/3
  - Prep Work will come in an email Mon 11/30 (agenda, what to bring, when to meet poll, etc)
  - Action Item Follow up at Jan Board Meeting

- Jan-March Board Meeting Dates & Times (When to Meet)-LW
- Member Connect Event- LW
  - Dec 16 4-5 PM
  - In lieu of Dec Board Mtg
  - Let's share about VEEN mission, service & membership
  - Let's hear from interested members about their priorities
  - [Register Here](#)
  - Board members can lead breakout sessions with questions for members
- Next Meeting: Board Retreat Dec 3, 4
  
- Upcoming NEEEA Events
  - **Practitioner's Guide to Assessing Nature Connection Workshop**  
**Dec 9, 2020 at 2:00 - \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Do you want to know if your program has influenced your participants' connection to nature?**  
 After over two years of work, The North American Association for Environmental Education is excited to share the *Practitioner Guide to Assessing Connection to Nature* with you! We have developed this guide for (and with) practitioners, organizations, and researchers interested in exploring and measuring connection to nature among their respective audiences. The 63-page guide provides 11 tools and approaches that you can use to assess connection to nature, and it includes copies of those tools for easy access. The guide is also designed to help you choose the right tool for your needs, whether you work with young children, teenagers, or adults.
  
  - **Decolonizing: Placing Indigenous Peoples in the Conversation**  
**Feb 9, 2021 at 4-5:30**  
 Professional educator, **Claudia Fox Tree**, M.Ed. (Arawak/Yurumein) teaches courses and workshops on transforming curriculum and culturally responsive teaching practices. She also leads conversations "un-erasing" Native American First Nations People (FNP) ingenuity. She gives voice to First Nation experiences (past and present) and asks allies and co-conspirators to come on the journey with her. Her presentations feature discussions which can focus on identity, culture, contributions, stereotypes, and historical inaccuracies. She is an honoree for a lifetime of work to benefit the Native American community of Massachusetts.
  
  - DEBBY IRVING** is a racial justice educator and the author of the acclaimed book, *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race* (2014)  
 For twenty-five years, Debby Irving sensed inexplicable racial tensions in her personal and professional relationships—as a colleague and neighbor, an arts administrator and a teacher. Then, in 2009, one "aha!" moment launched an adventure of discovery and insight that drastically shifted her worldview and upended her life plan. In *Waking Up White*, Irving tells her often cringe-worthy story with such openness that readers will turn every page rooting for her-and ultimately for all of us. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-OZdosqCeQ>)