


VEEN Board Meeting Agenda & Notes  
March 14th 530-630

**Attendees:** Sarah, Nicole, Harmony, Kerri, Kestrel  
**Absent:** Emily, Morgan, Lauren T, Ali, Ashley, Lauren C

### Board Meeting Agenda

- Check-in (All)

### Updates

- Affiliate Support Fund: Advisory Team- Kerri
  - Kerri is on advisory team, meeting with NAAEE and reps from across country
  - To reimagine and create application process for affiliate support funding
  - Funding from NAAEE & Pisces Foundation
  - Application will be shared later this spring
  - VEEN would likely apply
- Northeast States Interested in Collaborating- Kerri
  - Kerri met with other affiliate reps from ME, NH, CT, MA, RI
  - Planning a meet up in spring to discuss goals/ purpose/ plan for cross state collaborating or support for developing affiliates like us
  - They are less interested in offering another conference or membership event and more interested in how our states can work together as 'more than just individual states' to advance EE in our region
- Board Retreat Follow Up- Temperature Check, How are we doing?
  -  VEEN Priority Quadrants
  - Sarah shares what they can support committees with
- Break into Committees (review Priority Quadrants: high/low time & effort grid; select tasks by committee)
  - Short Term Goals to serve membership
    - PR & Communications
      - Harmony will check in with committee & set dates, share w/Sarah
    - Membership & Finance
      - Nicole will check in with committee & set dates, share w/Sarah
    - Nominating
      - Nicole & Kerri will set dates & collect info

- Kerri will check bylaws to see if members can serve on committee
  - Select ~3mos of meeting dates
  - Post committee meeting dates on website & social
  - Invite Sarah & our membership
  - Plan for possible members to join in to meetings
  - Committees plan to share updates at each board meeting to connect & collaborate
- Spring Gathering- Emily & Ali
  - Location- chance to visit another part of the state?/ new member location?
    - Dead Creek- bird walk and a potluck with business
    - Other options: North Branch, VINS, Ethan Allen, Middlebury MALT
  - How do we incentivize people to come?
    - Make people sign up and register?
    - Connect to a training? Make it a networking event
  - Dates to run by everyone / host location
    - Early May, first 2 weeks? 430-730pm
      - Tuesday May 2, May 4, May 9
      - Sarah will send poll to board to select date
      - Nicole, Ali & Emily will continue planning

## Announcements

- Nominating Committee
  - Create a 'slate' of open positions, positions to be renewed & new board member nominees
    - Aim to welcome any new board members by spring gathering
  - [Board 101](#) on website & application there
    - Sarah will create post
  - Board member changes?- let exec team know
  - Seeking board members with specific skills for treasurer
- [NAAEE Virtual Conference](#)
  - October 18-20
  - Workshop Proposals open
  - Scholarships available from VEEN
- Next meeting April 11th 530-630