

AAEA Board Meeting Minutes  
01/22/2022

**Present:**

- Mary Jane Coker
- Tricia Oliver
- Sharon Christman
- Jack Vest
- Betsy Logan
- Amanda Youngblood
- Tammie Clark
- Eveyln Shoults
- Shelbye Reese
- Tiffany Ala
- Linda Miller
- Rikki Rhodes
- Julie Harrison
- Kelly Berwager
- Christy Barlow
- Ashley Sams
- Andy Meadows
- Sally Chambliss
- Kayla McKinney
- Molly Threadgill
- Jennifer Brichen
- Julie Kogan
- Amy Plunkett
- Amanda Knight
- Brooklyn Scoggins
- Ashley Sams
- Melissa Thrasher
- Kaci Norman
- Rebecca Wall
- Sarah Caroline
- \*\*\* Guest Speaker Beth Whicker

10:07

1. Mary Jane calls meeting to order as the new president of AAEA.
2. Mary Jane gives appreciation for Tricia Oliver and Tammie Clark.

3. Amanda Youngblood motions to approve the minutes. Tricia Oliver motions to second.
4. Sharon Christman motions to approve the minutes from the previous minutes. Amanda Youngblood motions to second. Minutes are passed.
5. Tricia Oliver motions to approve two-year reports. Sharon Christman motions to second. Two-year reports are passed.
6. Linda Miller addresses membership. We are currently at 205 members from 172 members in 2020.
7. Amanda Youngblood highlights our previous conference. Survey results of previous conference are addressed.
8. New member introductions and giveaway prizes.  
\*\*\*15 minute break @ 10:58  
\*\*\* Meeting resumed @ 11:20
9. Mary Jane addresses the Consent to Serve form.
10. Sharon Christman discusses budget concerns of the board.
11. Mary Jane discusses goals for the upcoming year. Emphasis on self-care. Discussion focused on book *Learning to Love You More* by Harrell Fletcher and Miranda July. Expect monthly emails from Mary Jane. Consider the position that you have taken, and set goals for your position. We have to be better at advocating for ourselves. Andy Meadows suggested utilizing Regional In-service Centers that are funded by the state department in order to contact nonmembers regarding regional conferences and meetings. It is our hope that by using these centers, we will potentially attract new members to join AAEA.
12. AAEA is looking for a new Equity Diversity and Inclusion board member. We are looking for this position to be filled.
13. 2023 will be the centennial year of AAEA. We are looking for someone to fill the new centennial board position.  
\*\*\* Mary Jane motions to break for lunch @11:55. Amanda Youngblood seconds motion.  
\*\*\* Mary Jane calls to bring the meeting back to order.
14. Brooklyn Scoggins discusses upcoming conference at Camp McDowell. Theme is going back to the basics.  
#BackToOurRoots  
Dates are Friday and Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion focused on possible day changes from Friday-Saturday to

- Thursday-Friday. Nelson Grice is up for nomination as a potential guest speaker.
15. Mary Jane discusses board retreat up in Mentone, Alabama. June 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Conference will be in October. Virtual meetings as needed.
  16. Julie Harrison needs votes for (Youth Art Month) YAM flag winners.
  17. Guest speaker Beth Whicker speaks on upcoming outdoor sculptural art exhibitions in the Montgomery area.  
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  18. Tiffany Ala has questions for the board. Current website service needs to be potentially updated. The mentoring page is very outdated on the AAEA website. Discussion about possibly revamping the website entirely.
  19. Shelbye Reese needs items and information for the AAEA newsletter. The next one will be coming out in February. Shelbye wants to revamp the newsletter to reflect any and all new information. Look for emails coming from Shelbye in the next few weeks to gather information using various polls, Q&A's, etc.
  20. Group discussion focused on potential regional meetings, happenings, art shows, art walks, etc.
  21. The cost of conference and membership may need to be evaluated. Discussion lead on potential childcare options for teachers that may want to attend, but are unable to due to lack of childcare being covered. Kaci Norman brought up museums, and how they are looking for opportunities to work with children.
  22. Beverly Bobo wanted to discuss mentoring new teachers to combat the very real teacher shortage. Beverly wants to find ways to connect students in order to garner interest in potentially becoming an art educator in the future. Andy Meadows discusses a learning experience where secondary students would potentially receive credit as well as financial compensation.
  23. Continued group discussion focused on trying to get the art departments and education departments to work together in order to encourage their students to pursue arts education degrees.

24. Andy Meadows highlights state news. The State Superintendent Visual Arts exhibit data is still being conducted. March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 will be the awards ceremony. Elementary and secondary students will be recognized. March is Arts in Our Schools month. The state department is putting together standards for honors and advanced courses. Student interns will be paid during their internship to attempt to encourage new teachers to stay in education. Alabama Arts Initiative Grants were awarded 61%. Arts Council Arts Educator Fellowship awards grant monies for \$5,000.00.
25. Kaci Norman will be starting with the Alabama State Council of the Arts. Mary Jane leads discussion on awards. Tricia Oliver will be over awards for this year. We are looking for a nomination from our regional reps. Betsy Logan was nominated for President of RAEA and to serve on the planning team for NAEA! Amanda Youngblood started a YouTube channel for art lessons. Amanda Youngblood is receiving the arty. AYoungBloodArtStudio
26. Tricia Oliver motions to end the meeting. Sharon Christman seconds.  
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