



ASSOCIATION MONTESSORI INTERNATIONALE

ELEMENTARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

AMI-EAA, a member run professional association of AMI elementary teachers and trainers, provides a supportive community for the exchange of ideas and promotes the principles of Montessori education.

AMI-EAA Board Meeting Minutes **Monday, December 6, 2021—Online Meeting**

Attending: Amanda Cade (Membership Coordinator/Secretary), Nicole Fedorow (Conference Coordinator), Rachel Kimboko (Treasurer/Vice Chair), Melinda Nielsen (Chair), Regina Sokolowski (Outreach Coordinator)

Minutes and Officer Reports

November 2021 Minutes

November 2021 Minutes were received and approved.

Agenda

The December 6, 2021 agenda was approved.

Organizational

Refresher Course 2022

Updates

People have already started to sign up for the in-person event. We can be pushing the online option too. The online portions are intentionally hybrid. Nicole and Regina will talk more to make a plan. They can reach out to Ana Camila and Elizabeth Slade to get some promotional items out.

Nicole will email Samantha to see if there is on-site registration. This can help to know what items to bring either way.

As of this meeting, there isn't a Memorandum of Understanding for the 2022 ME.

Alternate Online Option Speaker Contract

Melinda sent Elizabeth Slade and Allison Jones the updated contract to add the information on the hybrid piece and where the information will be located. Melinda will continue to work to connect with her.

Promotional SWAG for 40th RC

Rachel would like to work with a company where you give them a logo and people are allowed to choose clothing items that they want. There might be a setup fee and materials are available for period of time. Rachel would like to get this out to us by the end of the year. There are also notebooks with the perforated notepads, spiral notebooks, and journal-type items. The turnaround is about 4-5 weeks and we can order around the first week in



January. Rachel will send the prices of the paper items. She will go for the minimum of a hundred.

Rachel has the rollup sign. It's not clear who has the stickers. We don't have any books to order. Elizabeth might bring her books on her own.

Plan Travel Details

Book travel soon.

Summer Conference 2022

Nicole will put out another ask for presenters for the SC 2022.

Committees

Discuss Results of Membership Volunteer Survey

There was general discussion on the responses to the survey.

Events Committee

There has been a book discussion group hosted by EAA. Nicole will reach out to the lead to see if they are interested in continuing to do them. Nicole hasn't had a meeting yet with the Events Committee and will put something on the calendar for January.

AMI Global

AMICUS: Update, Professional Development cross-level/role committee

Rachel will share the notes when she gets them. She reached out to Alan Preece to include the EAA ABM information. They did not discuss the professional development work yet. The next meeting is in January 2022.

Schedule 2021-2022

Schedule Spring Meeting Dates

January 10 (submit OR reports) at 7:00 CST

February Refresher Course

March 21 (no OR reports) at 7:00 CST

April 18 (OR reports) at 7:00 CST

May 16 (no OR reports) at 7:00 CST

Look at June in March.

Board Position Replacements

There was a general discussion on board members to fill the roles of Publications and Events Coordinator. Melinda will reach out to the PAs to see if they have any ideas.

Publicity/Communications

Discuss possible options for this position

There was discussion on how it might be important to have the role more flushed out to make sure that the role has clearer details to help people know what the role entails. The blog work could be supported by a committee with the Publications board member helping to guide it. The publications role can also be helping to support EAA-Talk adding interesting points, talking points, etc. It might be helpful to have someone to provide support work before jumping on as a board member.

Discuss possible members to fill this role

This role will require someone who is willing to learn how to use WordPress.

Website walkthrough

There were five people who attended the website walkthrough and one person is particularly interested in going through the archives, which could be a project to do to support our members. Amanda will contact Morgan to see what the next steps are.