



# ASSOCIATION MONTESSORI INTERNATIONALE

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## 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, July 18, 2022—Online Meeting**

**Attending:** Amanda Cade (Membership Coordinator/Secretary), Emily Curry (Conference Coordinator), Rachel Kimboko (Treasurer/Vice Chair), Melinda Nielsen (Chair), Rebecca Peters (Publications Coordinator), Regina Sokolowski (Outreach Coordinator)

### **Minutes and Officer Reports**

#### **June 2022 Minutes**

June 2022 Minutes were received and approved.

#### **Officer Reports**

July 2022 officer reports were received from Melinda, Amanda, Emily, Becca, and Rachel. After questions and a brief update, the reports were approved.

#### **Agenda**

The July 18, 2022 agenda was amended and approved.

### **Organizational**

#### **Summer Conference 2022**

##### **Update**

Emily created a list for people who have registered and paid. It has Zoom links for each of the sessions, materials, schedule, resources section, and a description of each of the presentations. The schedule is finalized.

For giveaway gifts, Melinda and Emily have been checking with presenters to see what would go well as a giveaway for their workshops. We will order them from Amazon or Becca suggested using [bookshop.org](http://bookshop.org) instead of Amazon if we're able. Then send them to the person who wins the item. Attendees need to be present for a session to receive a gift. Becca will create a kit for giving away. Rachel will create a sketch note kit: dot-grid notebook, Sketchnote handbook by Mike Rohde, and other stuff. Becca will send a link for ideas. For choosing the giveaway winners, Emily will choose the giveaway winner for all except Kei's, Rachel will choose for that session.

Opening meeting—EAA notebook

Sketchnotes I and II—book giveaway, kit Rachel is creating from links Becca sends

Elise—This Little Light of Mine, One Color a Day Sketchbook

Gina—Once Upon a Word, Beowulf (published by H Marshall, Yesterday's Classics)



Kei—TBD, possible discount on workshop

Six sessions without something to giveaway, with only one that is themed (yoga); we will do notebooks for those. We could also use multiple orders for each of the items (two poetry options, etc.).

Regina has posted on social media and Emily will do a couple more EAA-Talk posts. We could use a hashtag for people to share their work with us.

We will close registration on Thursday, Rachel will send reminders for paying invoices as well. We can give them an AM time and close the Google Form. Amanda will look into it and will email Emily and Rachel. If that doesn't work, we can change the responding email to indicate that the option will be recording only.

Kei has asked to use images for her work on her personal pages. Emily will double-check with her and then add that detail into the introduction. The key is to inform them ahead of time.

### **Schedule/Board Support**

Emily or Rachel will open the meeting and push the record button. Emily is having a tech check in on Wednesday at 7:00 pm CDT and will test the recording to see where it's recording.

Emily will introduce all speakers, except Kei.

#### Opening 10:00-10:45 CDT, Friday, July 22:

All attending if possible

Emily—Land acknowledgement, welcome, introduce the board

Regina—Zoom norms (mute self when not speaking, sessions are being recorded, have camera on if possible for presenters to see, etc.), group game/icebreaker—stand up/sit down or where the wind blows—turn your camera on/use reactions if you live in the southeast, teach in a 9-12, etc.; a quick breakout room for people to introduce people to each other. For the first breakout room, we could have it be random.

Emily (except for Kei's) and Amanda will be supporting Friday. Rachel will introduce Kei on Friday and hit record.

#### Saturday, July 23:

Rachel and Emily for yoga; Emily and Amanda will support for the rest of the day. For the Saturday breakout session, there will be a breakout room available for Sketchnote support.

#### Sunday, July 24:

Emily and Rachel will support—Amanda as backup. Sketchnotes will possibly divide by age level for breakouts.

For the recording-only option, we will charge people the same amount, and Emily, Rachel, and Amanda will connect before that is open for registration.

Amanda will connect with Emily on the certificate and will check that it's up to date and will verify with Emily the number of clock hours.

For future work, Rachel will meet with a Loyola representative to see what the possibility is to have continuing education units.

### **Refresher Course 2023**

#### **Speaker Update**

There is a trainer who may ask someone to join them interested in presenting at the 2023 RC. The topic is spiritual preparation. One of the stipulations—that we control the content/video that is presented. There are folks interested in 2024 and 2025.

There was a brief discussion on that we haven't shared the RC 2021 and SC 2021 content to be shared with EAA members. Melinda will check that the RC 2021 videos aren't being shared by AMI/USA. Amanda will verify that they (SC 2021 and RC 2021 videos) are on our YouTube channel.

#### **Relationship with AMI/USA**

There was discussion on EAA's relationship with AMI/USA and how to move forward in our role with the Montessori Experience/Refresher Course.

### **Virtual Events**

#### **Update on Baiba's presentations (Abba's Orchard)**

Tabled

### **Committees**

#### **ABAR, Communications, SEEDS**

Tabled

### **Policies and Procedures**

#### **Needs to be updated**

Tabled

### **ABM**

#### **Date and board positions**

November 12

### **Schedule 2022**

#### **Board Position Replacement—Membership Coordinator**

The ABM will be November 12, 2022, which makes the time to send out the slate of candidates by at least August 13, 2022. Amanda will create the slate of candidates and send it to Melinda for her to post with the requirements. Becca also offered to post the details if necessary.

July 20—SC Tech run through, 7:00 Central

July 31—Russia/EAA Presentation to Trainees prep 7:00 Central

August 13—Fun board get together! 7:00 Central

Board Meetings all 7:00 Central

September 12

October 17 (ORs for Jan, Apr, July, Oct)

November 7

November 12 ABM

December 5

## **Financial**

### **2022 Refresher Course Finances**

We are still waiting to hear from AMI/USA on the final financial document.

### **MES Funds**

Rachel will send out the check.

### **Budget**

This is tabled for the next meeting. It looks like there might be a push for an in-person AGM and an international congress, which is what Rachel is considering for the budget as well as reconnecting to the work that is happening globally.

Rachel will pay the PAs who attended our meeting after Melinda gets their mailing addresses.

## **Publicity/Communications**

### **Website Update**

Tabled

### **How To Post Job Openings**

Tabled

## **Outreach**

### **Rebecca Dallam (Australia)/Russia Presentation (August 6, at 1:00 CST)**

We are at the beginning of the her training group to entice the trainees while they are in training. Becca, Emily, and Rachel are able to attend. We can start with the ABM

presentation and go from there. Rachel will get it started and we can each add to it. The group will meet July 31, at 7:00 CDT.

## **Membership**

### **Gratis Memberships to AMI/USA Advisors**

There was discussion on continuing to include the AMI/USA Executive Director.

## **General**

### **CRT Response**

Melinda wrote this and sent it to Regina to look over and make edits.