



Meeting Agenda

MAEA meeting, October 19th, 8:00 AM Skyview High School, Billings, MT

7:45-8:00 Breakfast and Visit

8:00-8:45 Business Meeting

Executive Committee: Autumn Elliot, president; Cortni Harant, past president; Katherine Ruland, treasurer; Monica Thompson, secretary

In attendance: Kate Ruland, Elizabeth Fisher, Anna Killenbra, Cathy Ahlin-Moore, Michael Cassens, Aries Berry, Michelle Mallon, Vanessa Warner, Vicki Curtiss, Mara Pierce, Erika Easton.

1. Call Meeting to order @ 8:02
2. [Approve 2022 Minutes](#), approved by Mara, seconded by Kathy
3. Treasurer's Report - Katherine Ruland

TREASURER'S REPORT as of 9/23/2023

- Current balance \$10,154.38
- Dolly Carrol \$11,216.67
- \$21,371.05 between the two accounts
- Membership is lower, Aug 2023 report of 48 current members, In May 2022 we were at 61 members. The Pacific region is also the lowest participating region.

Possibly changing up Dolly Carrol to use for college scholarships

4. Jeffrey Conger - Professor Montana State University
Book giveaway

5. Dr. Mara Pierce - ED&I

MT was awarded a cultural competency training scholarship, and one of 5 states awarded one. Mara underwent training, has met 3 times since October, and discussed teacher cognizance. There's a committee in place, with 5 participants, and they would love to have more.

6. [YAM Update](#) - Vicki Curtiss

Label the artwork very well, packaging sometimes get separated. Sending Vicki postage via Venmo is now an option. Can't stick anything to the wall, be thoughtful of that when selecting work to send. Not a lot of easels,

7. MAI Update - Cortni Harant & Tess Jacobs

Super successful 2023 in Great Falls, U of M is willing to host in 2024.



8. MAEA 2024 - What date works for everyone? Not May. Autumn will work with Jennifer Combe ASAP to confirm dates.
9. Jennifer Combe - University of Montana (via Google Meet)
10. NAEA Convention, Minneapolis, MN, April 4-6, 2024
Autumn is going and presenting, suggesting trying to stay at hotels on the website for transportation convenience. Great deals on hotels this year. Class lists go out at the end of October/beginning of November. Autumn does a section on making sculpture more approachable for teachers, and modifications for students with special needs to be successful in class. A couple of ticketed events are good, and your first convention can be overwhelming. Save an afternoon for the exhibit hall, and plan for freebies to take home. Greg is doing another session on ED&I, and Mara doing a short presentation with him on essential understanding.
11. Spring Retreat- Autumn Elliot
 - a. 2023 Missoula and Billings Did everybody like the 2 retreats, or is 1 central location better? Autumn is willing to put on 2 again, Lubrecht was already booked for last year. Watch emails for a Google form to share input. Last year printmaking was the highest interest level, then jewelry and mixed media. Autumn can teach jewelry.
 - b. Next Location/Locations:
12. Officers:
 - a. 2021-2023 Officers: Nominations for all positions
 - i. Autumn Elliott, President
 - ii. TBD, Vice President - **need a vice president (no takers yet, Autumn will send out Google form for nominations)**
 - iii. Kate Ruland, Treasurer
 - iv. Monica Thompson, Secretary
13. Scholastic Art Judging
 - a. judging in December 2023 – Jan 2024, and exhibition of Scholastic Awards work in February or spring of 2024. Last year two additional moderators from New York
 - b. honorarium (\$2500) went to MAEA
 - c. Volunteers - the goal of 10 people to commit so the whole process would go faster. The moderator looks at the artwork digitally and then votes on it. Last



year I looked at 4000 artworks, which can go really fast. Picking out copyrighted work could be tricky, no anime, the longest session was 3 hours looking through 500 artworks. It happens outside of school hours, depending on how many categories you sign up to judge, with 10 people you would only judge 2000 works with the opportunity to rotate. Autumn made a schedule on Google spreadsheet, and did a lot over Christmas break. A couple of volunteers, Anna, Cortni, and Tess is a maybe, (I missed a couple of names)

14. Adoption of updated [Bylaws](#)

- a. Will send out digital votes to all members

Looking for a mission statement and vision statement, Autumn will work on a procedures handbook, bylaws were written in 1979 by a lawyer. Abby and Robin (VP and VP elect for the Pacific region) helped Autumn create an updated version. The updated version is a hybrid of MT, WY, and CO.

15. Creation of committees

- a. ED&I - Dr. Mara Pierce
- b. Scholarship Dolly Carroll - Need a chair - Kate on the committee too. Autumn thinks it should go to a committee to avoid conflict of interest, maybe 2 awards for the state conference, 2 awards for NAEA, and 1 for a new teacher. A scholarship set up by Dolly Carroll's husband donates \$1000 for scholarships for teachers to apply for and help with conference travel, registration, etc. Put all the money in an endowment? Mara suggested contacting AJ with NAEA (the account point person).

T shirts available for purchase \$15.00 first one is free for members

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 AM, moved to adjourn by Mara, seconded by Elizabeth.