

Welcoming and Introductions

Stephanie welcomed everyone and handed out information on NAEYC membership.

State Restructure: Chapters of IL AEOYC

The format of funding has changed from the past. When you pay your membership a large percentage of the money goes to NAEYC and a smaller portion is then distributed to the affiliate, IL AEOYC. We are a Chapters under the affiliate of IL AEOYC.

Chapter Map

Stephanie handed out maps and explained that members can attend any Chapter meetings/events/etc. She pointed out that we have now split into two, Chapters 13 and 14. We are now Chapter 13, Metro East Chapter.

If we do any trainings, we could charge a fee to cover cost and raise money. If we charge a fee, members would get a discounted rate.

We can choose how often we want to hold meetings, etc. Requirement from NAEYC is that we have 3 organized events per year. This meeting counts as our first event. Any meeting we have, will be counted as an event. Once our Board is in place, we can decide what we want to do. It sounds like this group values the opportunity for networking to build ideas and share with one another what's happening in the state.

Website:

We do have a Facebook page @metroeastILAEOYC, please join if you have not already. Feel free to share articles, etc. with other professionals.

Website @ <http://illinoisaeYC.org/metro-east> Email @ metroeast@chapter.illinoisaeYC.org

Conference:

IL AEOYC will be hosting their conference in Peoria **Oct 18-21, 2018.**

If you are interested in attending, we recommend you get your hotel reservation made quickly when it's made available. If you are interested in helping, please let us know and we will pass the word on. From Tonya Frehner (Director of Programs): No keynote locked in yet, decision will be made soon! RFP is not out, goes out by invitation sometime early 2018.

Attendees at Tonight's Meeting

- 9 Teachers
- 4 Administrators
- 1 ISBE
- 3 Other (STARNET)

Membership Benefits

- Membership breakdown options (see attachment)
- Members can get discounts, publications, and emails from all the Chapters so everyone is well informed with what is happening around the state.

Discussions

- We need to plan for the year

Participants wanted to know what other Chapters are currently doing. Ideas: Week of the Young Child, book studies, professional development opportunities, community fair, conference, playgroup, advocacy.

- If we wanted to host trainings, we would need to look into who could give the PD credit and take the registration money. It might be something that ILAEYC could do, but a fee for service may be applicable as stated in our Affiliate-Chapter Agreement.

-ILAEYC has a Legislative Consultant, Betsy D. Mitchell. Betsy has many years of diverse legislative lobbying, working with units of local government, social media communications, marketing, fundraising, grant securing, event planning and organizational management.

What Brought You Here Tonight

- The Professional Development
- Being in contact with the various larger agencies, but this group seems to be the most beneficial group that is local and that will allow us to network with one another.
- It's nice having it "here" vs Springfield.
- Networking
- Gathering ideas and information from others in the field.

**Next meeting is December 18th, 6 p.m. at
Zapata's in Fairview Heights
4660 N Illinois St.
(Networking from 5:30-6 p.m.)**

***Bring a wrapped Children's Book for a Christmas Exchange (Optional)
Supper on your own.**

RSVP on Facebook @ Metro East Chapter of ILAEYC

Nomination of Board

We are looking for Metro East Chapter Board Members. We will vote early in January and would like to have all nominations by December 18th so we can share information at our December meeting. The hope is to welcome our new Board in Our January meeting. Currently the only position filled is the Regional Delegate. Stephanie Herling is the current Regional Delegate for Region 13. Stephanie is currently also maintaining the website, Facebook and e-mail. Elizabeth Frisbie and Stephanie Herling were both very active getting this group started.

Let Stephanie know if you are interested in running for a Metro East Chapter Board position by e-mailing our Metro East Chapter e-mail at metroeast@chapter.illinoisaeyc.org. In the e-mail include the position you are interested in and why you would make a good candidate. Available positions will include President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

General Qualifications: Active member of NAEYC, leadership skills, positive interactions with groups of people, actively engaged in early childhood education, early childhood development, elementary education or related areas, express a philosophy of early childhood development that is compatible with the purposes of IL AECY, and demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively in a group situation.

General Responsibilities: Attend meetings, events and conferences. Complete tasks in a timely manner, report progress, bring issues to the Board's attention, serve as a liaison/public relation resource between IL AECY and the community (promoting membership, committee involvement, and clarifying IL AECY's mission, purposes and activities), maintain historical records and documentation of the office, orient incoming officers before the completion of term, share recommendations for changes to president, and avoid all situations where a conflict of interest may occur.

President:

Attend and preside at all meetings, develop an agenda for the meeting with input from the board, set dates and select sites for events and meetings with input from members and Board, appoint officers to fill vacancies for remainder of a term with board approval, act as spokesperson for Metro East Chapter, remain connected with NAEYC, approve minutes for meeting, and carry out any other responsibilities as designated.

Vice-President:

Assist the President in administration, attend all meetings, events and conferences, perform the duties of President when the President is unavailable, maintain the Chapter e-mail account, maintain communication with IL AECY about financial position of Metro East Chapter and carry out any other responsibilities as designated.

Secretary:

Assist the board by collecting minutes at all meetings, revise meeting minutes, upload minutes to Metro East Chapter website, see that official materials are circulated at the meetings, see that copies of reports are maintained, see that all paperwork is maintained and submitted to IL AECY, and carry out any other responsibilities as designated.