

Annual Board Meeting summary

The VAEYC annual board meeting was held at the Killington Grand Resort on Friday October 18th. After breakfast buffet in the Ovations restaurant, members participated in an open board meeting with record turnout! The agenda included opening remarks from current President Robin Ploof outlining the highlights of the conference and it's speakers. Robin also took time to honor and give thanks to Past President Laurel Bongiorno, who will be leaving the VAEYC board. Laurel is quick to point out that she will remain active with Vermont Association of Young Children through "Team VAEYC", a volunteer group that is called to action when needed. Laurel has been instrumental in organizing both the VAEYC Annual Conference and Spring Speaker, so her leadership on Team VAEYC will be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Laurel!

Other business items discussed at the meeting were the Annual Report and the Vision and Mission statements. Robin briefly outline the annual report and offered a chance for the members to ask questions. Then Andrea Racek presented the new vision and mission statements for VAEYC. Our organization is aligning itself with other Vermont agencies to have a common vision statement that includes language around realizing the "promise of every Vermont child." The members voted and approved the following statements:

New Vision statement:

The vision of the Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children (VAEYC) is to realize the promise of every Vermont child.

New Mission:

The Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children (VAEYC) will enhance the quality of early childhood programs and professional practices, and advocate for young children (birth through 8 years) and their families to realize the promise of every Vermont child.

The final item of business was to elect new governing members, which included Andrea Racek for president and Sharon Adams for vice president. Both were elected to these new positions and we thank Robin for her two years (plus one more!) of presidency. She remains active as Past President and will establish a focus project to strengthen our organization.

Many thanks to all of you who attended and discussed the items on the agenda. The record number of participates this year reflects the strength of our professional group and we continue to welcome those of you who would like to be more involved through Team VAEYC or as board members.