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MAEOE Board of Directors Application

Thank you for your interest in serving on the MAEOE Board of Directors. Some of the information you provide will be used for the online MAEOE ballot.

Please submit completed form to admin@maeoe.com along with your resume and a jpg photo of yourself.

Name Victoria (Tori) Reibel

Address [Redacted] City [Redacted] Zip [Redacted]

Phone [Redacted] Email [Redacted]

Employer Appalachian Bear Rescue

Employer address [Redacted] City [Redacted]

Current Job Title Black Bear Curator (Remote)

Are you currently a member of MAEOE? Yes No Number of Years 2

Character of the community in which you reside: Rural Suburban Urban

Character of the community in which you work: Rural Suburban Urban

In which geographic area of the state do you live in (select one):

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| Western U.P. <input type="radio"/> | Eastern U. P. <input type="radio"/> |
| NE-Lower Peninsula <input type="radio"/> | SE- Lower Peninsula <input type="radio"/> |
| NW- Lower Peninsula <input type="radio"/> | SW- Lower Peninsula <input checked="" type="radio"/> |





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Please rate your skills, experience, expertise, training, and/or background in the following areas, with “1” as the lowest level and “5” as the highest.

Area	Rating	Area	Rating
Sincerity & Passion to the MAEOE mission	5	Non formal Education Field	5
Leadership	5	K-12 Formal Education Field	2
Advocacy	5	Government	2
Availability to commit time to the organization	5	Environmental and/or Outdoor Education Curriculum	5
Marketing/Public Relations	5	Environmental Science	5
Networking/Outreach	5	Grant Writing	3
Fundraising/Sponsorships	3	Legal	1
Organizational Development	3	Finance/Accounting	1
Higher Education	4	Teacher Professional Development	4
Business	2	Diversity, Equity & Inclusion	4

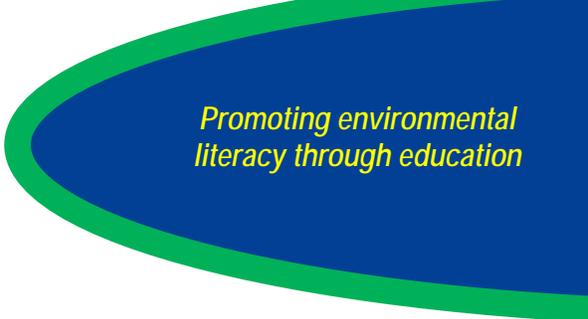
Relevant training/education/certifications not identified on your resume:

N/A, All are listed on my current resume.

Skills you would bring to the MAEOE board:

I ran for the MAEOE board last year and was not nominated. However, due to some shifts in board members, I was asked to step-in for the remainder of a current board member's term beginning in January of 2021. I gladly accepted this responsibility and have since learned a lot about what it takes to be an active member of MAEOE and the board. I bring with me a strong background in non-formal education and experience with being the current chair of MAEOE's programming subcommittee. I have a passion for writing, communication, and environmental education. All of which I use on a daily basis for my full-time position at Appalachian Bear Rescue, but also as a board member of MAEOE. I bring with me new ideas involving environmental education, optimism, and passion.





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Please describe any past experience you have as a MAEOE volunteer, or serving on another board, or in a leadership position.

I have been a member of MAEOE for two years now and have served on the board for the past 8 months. I also chair MAEOE's education programming subcommittee and serve on the marketing subcommittee. In 2019, I presented at MAEOE's annual conference, and I have been selected to present again this October. I also have experience serving on another board, as I was a part of the Ionia Conservation District's board when I worked for them in 2018-2019 as their Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Technician. I was also on Ionia and Barry county's Farm Bureau boards at the time.

Why do you want to serve on the MAEOE board?

Prior to running for the board in 2020 I attended my first MAEOE conference in 2019. Here I presented a workshop for teachers during a breakout session called "Bear Necessities". During this conference I was deciding to either leave the state and pursue my master's degree or stay and continue to find my way in environmental education within the state of Michigan. Being at that conference, surrounded by so many like-minded educators, made that decision very easy and very difficult at the same time. While my current full-time position is located within the state of Tennessee, I work remotely to bring outreach programs to schools throughout the state of Michigan. I am nothing short of excited and honored to be able to serve as a board member of that very organization that made me feel so at home two years ago. I want to serve on MAEOE's board because I believe in its mission and its people, and I want others to feel the same.

In your opinion, what should be MAEOE's top priority in the coming year?

Coming out of 2020, MAEOE, as well as many other environmental organizations, were faced with the challenges of virtual learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As we come to the end of 2021, I believe this challenge is still rather relevant in the field of environmental education. I believe that it is crucial for MAEOE to continue to act as a support system and resource for teachers in regard to online learning. Aside from online and virtual opportunities, I believe that MAEOE should prioritize community involvement and membership growth. During my time on the board, I have noticed a decrease in involvement from both members and volunteers. I think finding new members and communities to participate in MAEOE is a great way to prevent burnout. I believe that we should target a more diverse and inclusive membership base, as well as a younger one. Those who are just coming out of school with their college degrees are going to be eager to network and take advantage of all that MAEOE has to offer. MAEOE should make it a priority to reach out to universities and colleges throughout the state of Michigan and welcome the next generation of environmental educators.

Please list 2 professional references, their titles and their phone number. One MAEOE past or present board member is encouraged, in addition to a MAEOE member, coworker or volunteer that has worked with you as part of a group project or team.

Misty Klotz, Community Outreach Coordinator, [REDACTED]
Tracy Page, Aquatic Education Coordinator, [REDACTED]

