



## MAEE Announces New Executive Director



*MAEE is pleased to announce that John Million has been selected as its next Executive Director. Million was chosen from a strong slate of candidates and his impressive nonprofit management experience and commitment to environmental education stood out. Previously, Million spent fourteen years as the Deputy Executive Director for the Adirondack Mountain Club, an environmental education nonprofit based in New York.*

*“I could not be more thrilled to join the MAEE team! I am honored and humbled to be chosen to help the organization meet its strategic vision by building on the tremendous momentum of the past 29 years. There is no doubt in my mind that MAEE has a bright future as the premier environmental education hub throughout Minnesota and beyond, and I am excited to help the organization realize its vision,” Million stated.*

*The Board of Directors is excited to have Million on board as its new director as MAEE enters its next chapter. Please join us in welcoming John to MAEE!*

# MAEE Awards

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION  
AWARDS

*Accepting  
Nominations*

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DEADLINE OCTOBER 1ST  
DETAILS AT [MINNESOTAEE.ORG](http://MINNESOTAEE.ORG)



The Minnesota Association for Environmental Education Awards Program exists to recognize and encourage excellence in the field of environmental education.

Five awards are available for 2021:

- Formal Educator of the Year
- Non-Formal Educator of the Year
- Early Childhood Educator of the Year - Sponsored by MN Eco
- Student Environmental Stewardship Award
- Lifetime Achievement in Environmental Education Award

**[Nominate an Educator Today!](#)**

# Upcoming Events

**Meet and network with others in the field at upcoming ECO Events with the Minnesota Association for Environmental Education!**

## SEPTEMBER

Sept. ECO Event: Time to Restore - Literally and Figuratively!

Start the year off right with some fresh ideas! Join other EE professionals to swap stories and resources while working on a restoration project at Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary in St. Paul, also the future home of the Wakáŋ Tipi Center, set to open in spring 2023. After our work, we'll take a 10-minute walk down the trail to Black Dog Cafe to grab a drink and/or a bite to eat and continue networking. As the new school year kicks off, don't miss this opportunity to problem-solve challenges and meet with others in the field! Register now for this event on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9:30-12:30, by emailing

[sally.mattison@minnesotae.org](mailto:sally.mattison@minnesotae.org).

## NOVEMBER

Nov. ECO Event: Learn at the Home of Ecosystem Ecology

Did you know that the site credited with the beginnings of the field of ecosystem ecology is right here in Minnesota? Join other EE professionals at Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve in East Bethel to explore the meeting point of the three largest ecosystems in North America as well as the current site of international research, and sample activities educators can take back to their settings, such as a scavenger hunt, One Small Square investigation, Big Biodiversity experiment application, and/or Ecosystem Comparison investigation. Register now for this event on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 9:30-12:30, by emailing [sally.mattison@minnesotae.org](mailto:sally.mattison@minnesotae.org).

# Join Us!

Interested in becoming a board member and making a difference in environmental education in Minnesota? Want to put together this newsletter and help the EE community in MN stay in the know? We're still looking for people to join the volunteer board. [Learn more and apply.](#)

## Find Your Next Opportunity



### Bell Museum Youth & Family Programs Coordinator

The Youth and Family Programs Coordinator will coordinate, facilitate, and assist with developing STEAM-based (astronomy, chemistry, biology, geology, and more) programming for youth and family audiences in the form of summer and seasonal camps, Girl Scout and Boy Scout programs, family days, early childhood classes, story times, birthday parties, and more. Click here to learn

more: <https://eeportal.minnesotae.org/job/bell-museum-youth-and-family-programs-coordinator/>.

Looking for a different opportunity? Find many other environmental education job opportunities at <https://eeportal.minnesotae.org/job-opportunities/>

# Partner Highlights

## Teach Outdoors! Minnesota

Want to take your classroom outdoors, but aren't quite sure how to do it? Teach Outdoors! Minnesota has gathered great information on their website for you! Check out their website to learn more: <https://www.teachoutdoorsminnesota.com/getting-started-how-to>.