

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group AGENDA
Tuesday, December 18, 2007
NJDEP Headquarters, Trenton
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Public Hearing Room**

9:15 a.m.	COFFEE AND TEA	
9:30	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and introductions• Nominations results	Tanya Oznowich Dale Rosselet, Acting Chair
9:40	Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• October meeting notes• Review agenda/new business items• NJCEE/IWG Web site report	Dale Rosselet Marc Rogoff
	COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES	
9:50	<i>Plan of Action Revision Process</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summary of activity to date/next steps	Dale Rosselet Anne Galli
10:25	<i>NJ Environmental Primer Update</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on activities	Tanya Oznowich
10:30	NJ EE Week/Earth Day 2008 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on activities	Tanya Oznowich
10:35	New Business and Wrap Up <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New business items/Wrap up	Dale Rosselet
10:45	BREAK	
11:00	Presentations and group discussion: “Green Collar Jobs & Environmental Careers” Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dan Watts, Executive Director Otto. H. York Center for Environmental Engineering and Science New Jersey Institute of Technology- Edd Hogan, Attorney Environmental Business Council of New Jersey (Affiliate of the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey)- Kenny Esser, Policy Advisor Office of the Commissioner, NJDEP <i>Trenton Greening Initiative</i>- Winnie Fatton, Project Manager Municipal Land Use Center at the College of New Jersey <i>Green Jobs for New Jersey – A Sustainable Career Track Initiative</i>	Tanya Oznowich, Moderator
	Group discussion and Q/A: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Inclusion in revised POA? If so, how? Next steps?	
12:00 noon	Wrap up remarks and departure	Dale Rosselet

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Attendance:

NJCEE: John Lysko, Anne Galli, Corky Johnson, Dan Watts, Dale Rosselet, Iris Duffield, Tanya Oznowich, John Shafranski, Barbara Rich, Sule Oygur, Jim Shissias

IWG: Marc Rogoff, Laura Scatena, Nicholle Worland, Helene Robbins (for Maryanne Evanko)

PUBLIC: Mike Skelly, Pat Skelly, Jay Watson, Marvin Ross, Olivia Glenn

GUEST SPEAKERS: Edward Hoagland, Winnie Fatton, Kenny Esser

Opening Remarks:

- Welcome and group introductions - Dale Rosselet
- Quorum of online votes (all approved) were received in response to nomination for Dale Rosselet to become Chair and Anne Galli to become Vice Chair. Both would serve in these positions through November, 2008.

Business Items:

- October meeting notes - Motion to accept: Dan 1st, Corky 2nd, all in favor
- Acceptance of today's agenda: Iris 1st, Dan 2nd, all in favor

NJCEE/IWG Web site report:

- Statistical data for use is available on request
- Request for photos. (Question and discussion of former *New Jersey Outdoors* magazine photo status: Such photos are not available for use w/o permission of original photographers.

Membership and budget update:

- Brian Vernachio – current high school teacher and former NJAS staffer, submitted resume for consideration for high school slot – Tanya will submit into appointments process with a couple other new resume's still being obtained (recommendation for Brian came through Dale)

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Plan of Action Update

- Next committee meeting: Jan 14 – location TBA (full day mtg)
- “Success stories” – still coming in – “so far so good”
- Photo request for hard copy/online POA

NJ Environmental Primer Update

- Copies still being requested
- NJSELA/NJSTA considering funding next publication
- Distributed at NJSTA/NJEA/NJPTA conferences (lower numbers than normal at conferences – group discussion focused on why - all public schools require 60-90 days notice for PD (Dept of Treasury); this policy does not apply to field trips for students); general agreement – EE PD providers should announce PD opportunities as early as possible

NJ EE Week/Earth Day 2008 Update

- Requests and events coming in already
- National EE week is April 14-20
- DEP will continue to promote events at the Earth Day NJ web site

- NJCEE members are encouraged to participate in public events and speak on behalf of the commission.
- NJCEE inquiry for events and programs will go out to EE providers electronically; possible use of online survey tool for this was discussed; regarding SurveyMonkey – comments made by Marc, Dale, and Pat. Limitations for complex info but good for starters. Request for more advice – how to promote?
- See EEdNews for updates from earthday network/EE Week

Group Sharing/Updates (Current EE activities of NJCEE/IWG members):

- Jim Shissias – NJ Corp-Wetlands Restoration Partnership /Coastal America - multi-agency funding for water related projects. See Coastal America website. (<http://www.coastalamerica.gov/text/cwrp.html>)
- John Lysko – Brookdale PD for K-12 science and math - PLT popular with their teachers
- Pat Skelly – NCLInside Coalition. Supports funding for EE teachers, programs, states...etc. Coalition started in Jan. '07. Currently has over 500 organizations represented. Senator Lautenberg signed on last week. (www.eenclb.org) Photo ops and articles would be beneficial.
- John Shafranski – EE present in “Physics for Old People” & “Science in the News” at Rutgers
- Sule Oygur – Goal to create an exhibit on global warming at the Newark Museum. Also planning a Bird Migration exhibit.
- Barb Rich – grant monies from ANJEC available for Smart Growth Initiatives and open space/natural resource inventories. \$7500-10,000.
- Mike Skelly – ANJEE (state affiliate of NAAEE) National conference held in November. Trends reflected within programs included technology use in EE, EE moved into the mainstream and art and culture connections. ANJEE invites NJCEE members to attend the conf for free for one day from Jan. 31 – Feb 2, 2008 (www.anjee.net). Brian Day (Exec. Director of NAAEE) will be keynote speaker on Friday and Bora Simmons will providing workshop on Thursday on the NAAEE standards for environmental education.
- Ed Hogan – representing Environmental Business Council (guest speaker)
- Dan Watts – NJIT “Greening the Curriculum” for all students by giving students the opportunity to include in their classes – students were very enthusiastic
- Dale Rosselet – “Corporate Community Stewardship Initiative” Success with Verizon, reaching out to other corporate campuses in NJ. “Foodshed Alliance” - working with farmers – rec’d DEP award - agrotourism/ecotourism benefits. <http://www.njaudubon.org/conservation/foodshed.html>

Special Presentations and Group Discussion:

“Green Collar Jobs & Environmental Careers” Initiatives

Moderator and Speaker Dan Watts, Executive Director

Otto H. York Center for Environmental Engineering and Science
New Jersey Institute of Technology

Edd Hogan, Attorney, Environmental Business Council of New Jersey
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Kenny Esser, Policy Advisor, Trenton Greening Initiative
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Winnie Fatton, Project Manager, Green Jobs for NJ – Sustainable Career Track Initiative
Municipal Land Use Center at the College of New Jersey

Wrap up remarks:

- Next meeting: January 3, 2008
- Spring, 2008 meeting list online (<http://www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/njcee/mtgsched.htm>)
- Motion to adjourn: Jim S. 1st, Anne G. 2nd, all in favor.

Submitted by: M.R., 12/26/07