

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education  
And Interagency Work Group AGENDA  
Thursday, June 12, 2008  
NJDEP Headquarters, Trenton  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Public Hearing Room**

**9:15 a.m. COFFEE AND TEA**

**9:30 Opening Remarks Dale Rosselet**

- Welcome and opening remarks
- Group introductions

**9:40 Business Items**

- March meeting notes
- Review agenda/new business items
- NJCEE/IWG Web site report
- Autumn meeting schedule

**Marc Rogoff  
Tanya Oznovich**

**COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

**9:45 *Plan of Action Revision Process* Dale Rosselet  
And Committee**

- Review of draft contents, to date
- Meeting with constituent representatives
  - Who are our key constituents?
  - What is needed for an overview PP?
  - What feedback do we want?
  - Timeframe – draft and final plans
  - Assignments
  - Electronic availability of draft & promotions

**Group Discussion**

**10:45 BREAK**

**11:00 *Special Presentation:*  
*Agricultural Education in New Jersey* Nancy Trivette,  
*Office of Agricultural Education* State Program Leader  
*NJ Department of Agriculture***

**11:30 Updates on Priority EE Initiatives Tanya Oznovich**

- NJ HS Redesign Committee Rec's
- NJ core curriculum content standards – revisions
- Environmental literacy plans
- 2009 ANJEE conference logistics

**11:45 a.m. New Business and Wrap Up Dale Rosselet**

- New business items
- Group sharing – summer EE activities
- Meeting wrap up and closing remarks

**12:00 noon DEPARTURE**

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**Attendance:**

**NJCEE:** Dale Rosselet, Tanya Oznowich, Iris Duffield, Rich Belcher, John Shafranski, Jim Shissias

**IWG:** Marc Rogoff, Elizabeth Faircloth, Ray Nichols, Heidi Perez

**Public:** Pat Skelly

**Business Items**

- March meeting notes
  - No Quorum – table motions of agenda and notes...to be done electronically
- Review agenda/new business items – Tanya’s comments concerning speaker
- NJCEE/IWG Web site report
  - Record numbers of hits in the last three months.
  - New web host for ANJEE.net with many opportunities that NJCEE can share.
- Autumn meeting schedule
  - sent out, see website for more info
  - low turnout today – Many new members IWG especially, may be in attendance
  - Several slots open, Gov’s office has several names
  - This summer group will work on assembling names for positions
  - Pat suggested seeking a Rutgers student for the student slot
  - John and Rich offered to serve on membership committee
- Finances: Primer planned for release (see Tanya for full details)

**COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

***Plan of Action Revision Process***

- Ready to go to the public for comments – strategic initiatives and action items for 3 audiences (adults, educators and youth) are assembled. Final draft points are in place and we are ready to post the draft on the website for comments. Need the NJCEE members to approach their constituency to seek approval, concerns, thoughts...etc. A powerpoint may be created to share with the members who can seek feedback from their groups.
- Meeting with constituent representatives
  - Who are our key constituents?
    - Scouts, ANJEC, aftercare groups, schools of education, county superintendents, EEdNews, NJSTA, NJEA, conservation education reps, NJHEPS, USGBC(NJ chapter), original focus groups, 4H, business coalitions, Rutgers extensions, SPAN, NJP&S, NJSELA, SSI, SSN, Parks & Recreation Assoc, museums,
  - What is needed for an overview PPT/Fact Sheet?
    - What it is, why we are doing it, history of document, importance to target groups, who we are, overview of NJCEE, timeframe, feedback slide, how document was developed, who contributed to it, what comes next, impact, how does it fit into peoples lives, what will it be used for, so what!?!
  - What feedback do we want?
    - how does it pertain to me, am I in here, what’s missing, what will/do I have to do, what are we trying to measure, (document should be coded by paragraph for ease of feedback) how will it be implemented, will I find it/could it be useful?

- Timeframe – draft and final plans
  - Public comments back by end of Sept.
  - Committee finalizes by end of year.
  - Fact sheet/PPT to be out to members by July 14.
- Assignments
- Electronic availability of draft & promotions

***Special Presentation: Agricultural Education in New Jersey***

Nancy Trivette, Office of Agricultural Education, State Program Leader, NJ Dept. of Agriculture

**Overview of AgEd in NJ:**

- Preparing students for over 300 careers in the food industry in NJ. (See handout)
- Not just preparing them to be farmers! Many “Green Collar” jobs!
- 20,000 vacancies each year in Ag, food and Nat. resources.
- Workplace learning, internships, FFA
- Reaches over 2700 students (~60 certified teachers in NJ)
- Professional development for teachers (Fall conf.)
- Curriculum in Ag Science Education Project (CASE)
- **Summary of Career Cluster Pathways** (see handout)
- Classroom delivery includes over 1000 online lessons correlated to CCCS, with assessment tools.

**Updates on Priority EE Initiatives**

- NJ HS Redesign Committee recommendations (Press release circulated)
- NJ core curriculum content standards – revisions
  - To be approved by March 2009. (NJ STEPS)
  - Environmental Education/Science, Earth Science & engineering to be combined
  - Driven by jobs and work-force training
  - Mike Heinz created a survey of HS sciences (handout)
  - Schools have created integrated science classes which are not truly included in the survey – EE may be included in those classes.
- Environmental literacy plans (see handout)
  - Pat and Tanya were involved in conference call
  - Carried out through state DOE.
  - DOE is redoing Professional Development requirements – to be done through higher education institutions.
- 2009 ANJEE conference logistics (see handout)

**New Business and Wrap Up**

- Group sharing – summer EE activities
  - Dale – NJAS secured funding from Honeywell for program in Hackensack watershed. Had to turn away applicants due to high interest.
  - Elizabeth – Places We Live program in LSP (handout distributed)
  - Heidi – After-school conf in Nov. with keeping kids outdoors focus (NJSCC)
- Next meeting: Sept. 4, 2008