

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group AGENDA
Thursday, December 11, 2008
NJDEP Headquarters, Trenton
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Public Hearing Room**

- 9:00 a.m. COFFEE AND TEA**
- 9:30 Opening Remarks Dale Rosselet, Chair**
- Welcome and opening remarks
 - Group introductions
- 9:45 Business Items and Updates Dale Rosselet**
- November meeting notes (draft)
 - Review agenda
 - ANJEE conference and retreat
 - Report on NJCEE/IWG web site activity
 - Work and task items for 2009
 - NJ EE Week/Earth Day activities
 - Meeting schedule for spring, 2009
- 10:10 Plan of Action Update Dale Rosselet**
- Results of group discussion at November meeting
 - Feedback on draft plan pieces and key issues
 - Revised timeframe for completion of plan for public access
 - Assignments for contact with select constituents
 - Next steps
- 10:30 BREAK**
- 10:45 Special Presentation #1: Dale Rosselet**
- The Alliance for New Jersey Environmental Education –
* Overview of ANJEE and how it is assisting NJ EE delivery
Jerry Schierloh
Director of EE Advancement (ANJEE)
Earth Circle of Learning Place-based Educational Services
- Questions and group discussion*
- 11:15 Special Presentation #2: Dale Rosselet**
- The Rutgers Environmental Steward Program
* Overview, status and future of course and its graduates
* Overview of other Rutgers Cooperative Extension EE activities
Bruce Barbour
Rutgers Cooperative Extension
- Questions and group discussion*
- 11:45 Meeting wrap up and closing remarks Dale Rosselet**
- Announcements from group
 - Logistics for next meeting
 - Wrap up and departure

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Attendance:

NJCEE: Anne Galli, Tanya Oznowich, Marie Downes-McDonald, Iris Duffield, Stacey Kennealy

IWG: Marianne Evanko, Marc Rogoff, Kyra Hoffmann, Elizabeth Faircloth, Charlotte Berger, Ray Nichols

Public/guests: Jim DeSantis, Mike Skelly, Pat Skelly, Jerry Schierloh, Bruce Barbour

Business Items and Updates

- November meeting notes (draft) – No Quorum/accepted without changes
- Review agenda – no additions or changes

- **ANJEE conference and retreat:** Dates and times given, ANJEE invites NJCEE members to attend one day free – Contact Marc directly if interested. NJCEE information will be available at the conference. ***An e-motion/vote to go out for NJCEE donation of \$1000 for sponsorship of conference and retreat.*** ANJEE leadership retreat March 13-15, NJCEE members are invited. Costs will be emailed to members. Camp Okanickon is hosting this year. Theme will be on ANJEE planning – how ANJEE can accommodate growing interests in green schools, energy education, sustainability, and getting kids outdoors; also, beginning plans for ANJEE's 25th anniversary (in 2010).

- Send conf announcement to NJCEE/IWG members...Marianne Evanko (electronically) will send to her networks to get it out to over 2000 teachers. Due to new policies all announcements should be given at least 3 months in advance. There are exhibitor spots available, presenters slots may already be filled to capacity.

- Report on NJCEE/IWG web site activities – Requests for pictures, numbers for the month. Post a sample photo form - example and request/contact info. Ray will help.
- Work and task items for 2009 – to be part of agenda at January meeting

- **NJ EE Week/Earth Day activities** – April 22 (Wed.) and April 12-18. The law establishing NJCEE includes a statement that the Commission should celebrate Earthday/EEweek. The website features a page that is there to promote events, both for the public and private/school. Examples showing what EE is! Distribution of DEP EE materials will be less this year due to budgetary restraints. Afterschool coalition wants to bring EE content to schools all year long – ANJEE/NJCEE and DEP EE Office is looking to find ways to help. EE Centers could reach out to afterschool programs in their communities to establish partnerships. (*No Child Left Inside Days*) NJCEE should join NCLI coalition. ***An e-motion/vote will go out to NJCEE members for approval to join.*** Individual NJCEE and IWG member orgs are also encouraged to join. Handouts have been distributed in the past about this program. Copies are available. NCLI has now become a standalone act (outside of NCLB) and still needs to be approved by the Senate. Bill will likely be reintegrated into the Elementary & Secondary Education Act. NJ needs to establish a plan and cross reference the CCC standards to reflect nation standards. Mike Heinz presented the revised standards/clarifications to the commission at a past meeting. NJ may receive several million from the federal gov't, assuming an Environmental Literacy Plan is in place for professional development and capacity building. (Read through Sharon Sherman's notes from the last meeting.) Teacher certification regulations have been posted at the DOE site. (Open for public comment for 60 days – 130 pages.) NJCEE should find out who at DOE is working on their literacy draft. Follow up conversations will take place outside of this meeting. Also, CTE (Career and Technical Education – used to be called voc. ed.) can include EE. Every HS student must have 5 credits in CTE.

- **EE Plan of Action** – the draft is still being worked on by committee. Review of plan was undertaken to make sure that key issues are covered and are up to date with both state and federal initiatives that will or are

effecting delivery/field of EE. A POA committee meeting or writing activities will be scheduled and portions or all of the draft will be ready for posting prior to next NJCEE meeting.

- **Meeting schedule for spring, 2009 and other updates** - Next meeting is Jan. 13, 2009. Meeting schedule through June will be distributed soon and posted at the website. Corky Johnson and Dan Watts are both resigning from the commission. Former DEP Commissioner has been appointed to USEPA. Mark Mauriello is new commissioner at DEP. MaryBeth Brenner (Director, DEP Constituent Services Office) will be meeting with Mark Mauriello soon to discuss EE and NJCEE goals and agenda.
- “Sustainable Jersey” will be going public in January and was announced at recent League of Municipalities convention. Handout was distributed. A future NJCEE/IWG meeting will include a speaker from that program. This community-based sustainability model includes strategies and initiatives for schools and youth.

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Earth Circle of Learning Place-based Educational Services

- Handout distributed listing basic information about ANJEE
- Questions and group discussion

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Overview, status and future of course and its graduates

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Bruce Barbour

Rutgers Cooperative Extension

- Powerpoint presentation
- Questions and group discussion

Meeting wrap up and closing remarks

Announcements from group –

- Stacey: Desk lamps and light bulbs are being distributed by GreenFaith to low income and minority families – contact Greenfaith if you have potential recipients! CBS will be airing a special show on GreenFaith activities! Contact Greenfaith for details.
- Marie: EE for families program starting in April at the West Deptford Library and they received a grant for doing green activities at their library
- Elizabeth: New national PLT initiative was announced, on “GreenSchools” (Flier distributed). The NJ PLT office also received a grant for strategic planning for NJ PLT delivery.
- Wrap up and departure

Happy Holidays and New Year!