

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group AGENDA
Tuesday, January 13, 2009
NJDEP Headquarters, Trenton
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., 6th Floor Large Conference 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**
- December meeting notes (draft)
 - Review agenda/new business items
 - ANJEE conference and retreat reminder
 - Report on NJCEE/IWG web site activity
 - Work and task items for 2009
 - Budget and membership status
 - NJ EE Week/Earth Day activities
 - Meeting schedule for spring, 2009
- Tanya Oznowich
Marc Rogoff
Tanya Oznowich**
- 10:25 Plan of Action Update Dale Rosselet**
- Status of draft POA pieces and content
 - Timeframe for completion of plan for public access
 - Next steps
- Tanya Oznowich**
- 10:45 BREAK**
- 11:00 Special Presentation #1: Amy Hillman**
*DEP Stop the Soot – Diesel Risk Reduction Program
Compliance and Enforcement*
- Questions and group discussion
- 11:15 Special Presentation #2: Marie Downes**
Overview of the “NJ Green Library” Grant
Environmental Info Center, West Deptford Public Library
- Questions and group discussion
- Diane Cann**
- 11:30 Special Presentation #3: Dr. Helene Robbins**
Overview of Education Programs w/Environmental Focus
NJ Department of Children and Families
- Questions and group discussion
- Charlotte Berger**
- 11:50 Meeting wrap up and closing remarks Dale Rosselet**
- Logistics for next meeting
 - Wrap up and departure

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education
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Tuesday, January 13, 2009
NJDEP Headquarters, Trenton
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 noon, Public Hearing Room**

Attendance:

NJCEE: Tanya Oznovich, Stacey Kennealy, Iris Duffield, Marie Downes, Dale Rosselet, Rich Belcher, John Lysko, Barbara Rich,

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

Public/guests: Dr. Helene Robbins, Mike Skelly,

Business Items and Updates

- December meeting notes (draft) – 1 shy of quorum, review of notes – no comments or changes
- Review agenda – Barbara Rich informed group of upcoming meeting in Milford Pa. She will send email with agenda.
- E-motions passed: see below
- ANJEE conference and retreat reminder – NJCEE will provide \$1000.00 to sponsor ANJEE – 500 to retreat and 500 to conf. (State approval will be needed for this) Members are encouraged to attend conference – contact Marc directly to make arrangements. (1 day free admission)
- Motion passed to join NCLI coalition. Marc will complete the arrangements.
- Report on NJCEE/IWG web site activity – Annual report being prepared – should be ready by end of month for submission to commissioner.
- Work and task items for 2009
- Budget status – Since 1996, Earth Day account and EE “trust fund” account (in an enforcement account - water education) \$5000.00 was removed from EE account by treasury, leaving \$3034.00 (advised to use it) An '09 Spring Primer will be printed with \$2000.00 The Earth Day account contains \$8278.00 - The POA will be funded by this account. Other funding sources will be sought. Dale – could ANJEE create a partnership account to accommodate moneys from NJCEE? Elizabeth – it could be done, but there are questions must be asked of the ANJEE accountant.
- Membership Status – Handout distributed – 29 voting members (as law dictates) IWG – non voting members from state departments, 7 government reps appointed by departments as voting members. Batch of names submitted to Governors office last year, new names are being added as members have resigned. It is hoped that by Earth Day, most spots will be filled. Dale – do we have information/resumes for each of the nominees? (This can be done by Tanya or Marc for electronic distribution.) Recommendations sought from commission for unfilled positions. Ray – what indicates where recommendations are needed? (Tanya - All 11/22/08 labeled members are current.) Nominations committee: Tanya, Nichole & Marc. Others are invited to volunteer – Dale volunteered to be on committee. Mike and Stacey recommended that nominees be geographically close to public transportation.
- Meeting schedule for spring, 2009 – posted on the website, paper copies are available.

Plan of Action Update and other Business Updates

- Status of draft POA pieces and content – review of text by DEP being conducted. Since NAAEE conference, group has been looking at how Kentucky has prepared their own 5 year plan. NJ has been using and will continue to use the Wisconsin Capacity Model. A meeting has been scheduled for Dale, NJDEP support staff and NJDEP Office of Constituent Services to meet to review plan. The original bill was created during fiscally difficult times and reflects the current situation. Visibility and support is being sought for commission and the document is as strong as it can be. The document

has been updated as new “hot topics” and trends have occurred. A “Global Forum” was a part of the original document. The new plan includes an “EE Forum” which will help to raise our visibility.

- Timeframe for completion of plan for public access – Hopefully soon!
- Next steps – NJDEP meeting to follow today.

Special Presentation #1:

Amy Hillman

***DEP Stop the Soot – Diesel Risk Reduction Program
Compliance and Enforcement***

- Stop the Soot toolkit and stickers distributed
- Go to www.stopthesoot.org for full information
- Questions, contact Amy at Amy.Hillman@dep.state.nj.us

Special Presentation #2:

Marie Downes

***Overview of the “NJ Green Library” Grant
Environmental Info Center, West Deptford Public Library***

- Information will be sent to Marc for *EEEdNews*

Special Presentation #3:

**Dr. Helene Robbins
Charlotte Berger**

***Overview of Education Programs w/Environmental Focus
NJ Department of Children and Families***

- Handouts distributed
- www.nj.gov/dcf
- Helene.Robbins@dcf.state.nj.us

Other Business Updates

- NJ EE Week/Earth Day activities – deferred till February meeting
- Advocacy Report – Mike Skelly – NCLI Act: New bill put in for NCLI, will become a portion of Primary & Secondary Education Act. It is promoted as a stand-alone now. Members of commission are encouraged to sign as citizens to support the act. www.ncli.org
National Environmental Education Act – (funds EPA and other state EE)
Environmental Literacy Plans – a part of the NCLB – Maryland Plan will be the model for the NCLI bill. Please take a look at the site. New Jersey will need to develop its own plan. If these are enacted, millions of dollars will be made available to states for EE.

Meeting wrap up and closing remarks

- Logistics for next meeting – Thursday, February 26, 2009 – 7th floor large conference room
- Wrap up and departure