

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group AGENDA
Thursday, September 24, 2009
NJDEP Headquarters, Trenton
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Public Hearing Room, 1st Floor**

- 9:00 a.m. COFFEE AND TEA**
- 9:30 Opening Remarks/Business Items** *Anne Galli,*
Vice Chair
- Welcome, opening remarks and introductions
 - June meeting notes (draft)
 - Review agenda/new business items
 - Autumn meeting dates
 - Membership and nominations package
 - Update on NJDOE and NJSACC activities
- Tanya Oznowich,*
NJDEP
- 10:15 Federal Legislation Update** *Pat Skelly,*
ANJEE EE Advocate
- Update on *No Child Left Inside* Act activities
 - Report on National Environmental Education Act Appropriation and NEEA reauthorization
 - Other:
- 10:30 Draft *Call to Action* Update** *Anne Galli*
Tanya Oznowich
- Update on posted draft pieces, PP slides and feedback tool
 - References to NJ Environmental Literacy Plan
 - Timeframe for plan for public access
 - Group discussion regarding title
 - Inclusion of plan's strategic initiatives at EE Conference
 - Next steps
- 10:50 BREAK**
- 11:00 New Jersey Environmental Justice Program** *Maria Franco-Spera,*
Coordinator, NJDEP
Environmental Justice
Program
- Overview of the program and work of the council
 - Special projects and role of environmental education
 - Possible representation on the commission
 - Q/A and group discussion
- 11:20 Jersey Roots, Global Reach – Climate Change Project** *Maggie McCann,*
County 4-H Assistant
Cooperative Extension of
Camden County
- Multiple-year grant from U.S. Department of Agriculture
 - Targets middle school students in Camden and Newark
 - Supports science, engineering and technology
 - Possible representation on the commission
 - Q/A and group discussion
- 11:40 a.m. Summer EE activities, announcements and closing remarks** *Anne Galli*
- Announcements from commission and work group members
 - Logistics for next meeting and autumn meetings
 - Meeting wrap-up and closing remarks

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Attendance:

NJCEE: Tanya Oznowich, Anne Galli, Stacey Kennelly, Iris Duffield,, Marie Downes, Rich Belcher, Sule Oyger , Jim Shissias, Barbara Rich, John Lysko, John Shafranski,

IWG: Marc Rogoff, Elizabeth Faircloth, Nicole Worland, Diane Kann, Laura Scatena, Kyra Hoffmann, Ray Nichols,

Public/guests: Pat Skelly, Michael Chodroff, Maggie McCann, Marybeth Brenner, Maria Franco-Spera,

Opening Remarks/Business Items

Welcome, opening remarks and introductions

June meeting notes (draft) - Moved by Jim, second by Iris, approved. March, April, and May minutes to be approved electronically.

Review agenda/new business items - no changes or additions

Autumn meeting dates - emailed out and online

Membership and nominations package - List emailed out to members. Most of the names were recommended by NJCEE members. The list has been submitted to the governor's office. Updated resumes were included. The governor's office will contact people if they have any questions. We will have a welcome meeting to new members in October (hopefully).

Mike (nominated member) described the Willow School to the Commission – including academic and environmental issues at the school. “How do we make children fall in love with the place we want to protect.” The headmaster of the Willow School has offered to host NJCEE meetings at their facility.

- 3 nominees for the college position opened after Dr. Kirk resigned.
- 2 categories for Environmental Health,
- 2 public interest
- 1 ANJEE representative
- 1 industry
- 1 labor
- 1 school boards association
- 2 museum/nature center
- 2 non-academic science
- 2 public school administrators
- 3 elementary schools nominees
- 1 student nominee
- 1 West Deptford EC
- The other 6 positions are designated by NJ cabinet members
- Workgroup members have indicated desire to remain with the commission as well as others who would help diversify the IWG.
- Terry Ippolito will attend meetings as a liaison to the USEPA.

Pat – someone from SustainableJersey would be a good choice for a IWG member.

Anne – gave thanks to Tanya for assembling such a comprehensive list.

Update on NJDOE and NJSACC activities – Social studies standards have been approved. EE is included in these standards. A draft was passed around to the commission members. (Link to standards on DOE website:) Teachers will still need PD credits, but the requirements are changing – more in-school programs as opposed to external workshops. A pdf from DOE can be distributed to members who are interested in the information.

John L – the mentioned initiative is know as “Professional Learning Communities within the Schools”, and the End-of-Year testing this year will include biology, with algebra to follow next year.

NJSACC – Diane Genko will continue campaign and DEP will present at their conference in October.

The NJ Projects did receive moneys to update the correlations to the NJ standards.

Federal Legislation Update

Update on *No Child Left Inside* Act activities – coalition is at 1,435 members and increasing daily. <www.nclcoalition.org> Legislation is still seeking cosponsors - 78 now with 5 from NJ. <www.thomas.gov> lists sponsors. Both NJ Senators have signed on. More from other states are needed. A number of Governors are sending a letter to US DOE Secretary Duncan indicating support – Governor Corzine has not signed on yet. Every call to your representatives is valuable! “Education for a Green Economy”: proposal that 1% of Cap & Trade monies would be used for educational initiatives. Other bills supporting EE were mentioned – Contact Pat Skelly for more information or involvement.

Draft Call to Action Update

Update on posted draft pieces, PP slides and feedback tool

References to NJ Environmental Literacy Plan

Timeframe for plan for public access – listed at the website which will be posted on Monday, Sept. 28th.

- Group discussion regarding title: Title change proposal – from EE to EL. This change ties in with NCLI and current federal monies for EL. An email will go out to the group with more information and a formal vote. (Addendum: E-motion vote resulted in 12 in favor – constituting a quorum – allowing for the proposal to pass.)
- Inclusion of plan’s strategic initiatives at EE Conference: Professional development in the four key areas can be offered at the ANJEE conference in January. The call for presenters can be found at www.anjee.net and a copy was distributed to the commission members. The deadline is October 3rd, and we should match presenters with the 4 areas! Look to your organizations and yourselves!
- Mike mentioned that student work should be on display at the ANJEE conference and photos on the website to attract more visitation to the site.

New Jersey Environmental Justice Program

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- Commissioner Mauriello issued memorandum - < <http://www.nj.gov/dep/ej/> >
- The consequences of Global Warming and Climate Change will greatly affect the less fortunate members of our economy and the third world countries. These communities do not have the capabilities to take actions that those that are better off can achieve.
- EJ areas are determined by the local municipalities according to the executive order signed by Governor McGreevey.
- The future of their children (health related) is the major claim/issue with the EJ communities.

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Next meeting October 20th.