

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group AGENDA
Tuesday, December 8, 2009
NJDEP Headquarters, Trenton
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Public Hearing Room, 1st Floor**

9:00 a.m. COFFEE, TEA and HOLIDAY SNACKS

9:30 Opening Remarks/Business Items

*Dale Rosselet,
Chair*

- Welcome and opening remarks
- Introduction of group members and guests
- MOTION to accept November meeting notes (draft)
- Review agenda/new business items, if any

9:45 Call to Action and NJCEE/IWG Membership Status

*Dale Rosselet and
Tanya Oznowich*

- Status of Governor's appointments to NJCEE
- Status of Cabinet level appointments to IWG
- Summary of draft *Call to Action* promotions (soliciting comments)
- Summary of public comments received (on draft plan)
- Update on responses to comments and finalization of plan
- Meeting schedule for 2010 and spring plans for related activities

10:15 NJCEE/IWG Web Site Changes

*Tanya Oznowich and
Marc Rogoff*

- Visibility of NJCEE/IWG involvement with NJ Earth Day/EE Week
- Link (to be added) for NJ EE capacity building efforts (Wisconsin model)
- EE history/timeline of milestones (national and NJ)
- MOTIONS to accept past meeting notes (without quorums present)
- General updates to all sections and links

10:25 EE/Education Updates (Related to NJCEE/IWG)

*Tanya Oznowich
Mike Heinz
Elizabeth Faircloth
Marc Rogoff
Pat Skelly/Anne Galli*

- EPA Region II EE grant proposal – ELP development (ANJEE)
- Update from NJDOE regarding EE/science ed. interests (tent.)
- ANJEE EE Conference Update
- NJ Governor's Env. Excellence Awards – EE recipients
- Federal EE related legislation update

10:50 BREAK

11:00 Earth Day/NJ Environmental Education Week

Tanya Oznowich

- Status of 40th anniversary of Earth Day and EE Week plans
- Review of web site contents/group discussion about changes to it
- Group discussion about using EE Week to promote CTA and EE
- Formation of a committee

11:20 Special EE Presentation

*Mike Chodroff,
Teacher
Willow School*

- *The Willow School – Basics about this LEED School
And How EE is used to Connect Curriculum
With School and Community – Q/A and group discussion*

11:55 a.m. Meeting Wrap Up

Dale Rosselet

- Reminder about ANJEE conference
- Reminder about meeting schedule for 2010
- Meeting highlights and closing remarks

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Attendance:

NJCEE: Tanya Oznowich, Stacey Kennelly, Iris Duffield,, Sule Oyger , Jim Shissias, Barbara Rich, Dale Rosselet, Jim Shissias, Joe Kociolek, Mike Heinz, Mike Chodroff, Anne Galli, Derek Shendell

IWG: Marc Rogoff, Elizabeth Faircloth, Laura Scatena, Ray Nichols, Kyra Hoffmann,

Public/guests/Nominees: Brian Vernachio, Pat Skelly, Ebony Cintron, Charise Smith, Anna Priess, Cynthia Collins, Gabe Nathanson, John Cusack, Rebecca Jordan, Bruce Barbour,

Opening Remarks/Business Items

Welcome, opening remarks and introductions

- Meeting Notes: Nov. 5 – Motion to accept: Anne G 2nd: Iris D All in favor
- Review agenda/new business items – no new business items and no comments.

Call to Action and NJCEE/IWG Membership Status

- Status of Governor's appointments to NJCEE – no movement on commission nominees who are at the Gov's Office (appointments staff); unlikely that they will be acted on by this administration
- Status of Cabinet level appointments to IWG - Batch of work group appointments and re-appointments will be held until after transition. Names will be sent to the new administration for signature early next year.
- Summary of draft **Call to Action** promotions (soliciting comments)
Anne Galli – we are actively reviewing the comments that were sent. We have added another meeting date for reviewing the comments prior to the Christmas holiday. We hope to have this completed by the end of the year.
Dale Rosselet – the comments were very detailed oriented.
Tanya Oznowich – We had over 20 submissions, including very detailed edits. Records on comments will be kept for future reference. Contact information was taken. NJCEE will seek support on editing
Concepts expressed: plan of action supported; state directory supported; specific sections focused
Group needs support assistance; trying to engage more IWG members in the plan
The link to review the plan has been removed from the website but the plan is still posted
Meeting on Dec. 22 to finalize plan with the comments; can still accept comments until then
Range of audiences that provided comment? Widespread; some known, some not; 1/4 from ed., env./science field in the private sector, heard from local EC, non-formal educators, state govt.; not biased
No significant rewrites based upon comments
Due to the changing administration, the final document will not be ready for presentation by the ANJEE conference at the end of January. We are seeking a writer/copy editor for final review. The **CTA** will be presented first to the new DEP commissioner, then the other cabinet members and legislators. The goal is to have all of this completed by Earth Day/EE Week. The **CTA** is still posted online although comments are not being taken online. Comments from interested parties can still be submitted to the review committee.
- Meeting schedule for 2010 and spring plans for related activities – posted online.

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- EE history/timeline of milestones (national and NJ) – to be updated and added
- MOTIONS to accept past meeting notes (without quorums present); to be added to site
Sept 08/Nov 08/Dec 08/Jan 09/March 09/May 09/Sept 09 – Motion: Barb 2nd Anne All in Favor.
- General updates to all sections and links –

Marc - seeking photos, credit will be given. Hit rates have been high – exact numbers will be available in the **SEEDS** annual report

Tanya – Success stories will be added electronically with descriptions and photos

ANJEE has funds for the state EE directory referenced in the *CTA*; compliment each other; not duplicate; would like input from ANJEE, NJCEE, and professional web designer

General - Meetings posted; minutes will be posted, Primer needs to be updated, NJCEE members can send comments, graphics, code, Online version of legislation, Will redo the 1993 Plan format for the new plan, Capacity building section - only gauge is the sequence of components,

Success stories - no gauge in place for modeling what is successful; will highlight online,

The web is the place to highlight activities; Note: env. ed. is not just for kids in school - images of all range of people; need to make sure one has the photo rights

EE/Education Updates (Related to NJCEE/IWG)

- **EPA Region II EE grant proposal – ELP development (ANJEE)**

Tanya Oznowich – Regional limit \$50,000 for capacity building efforts and NCLI. States need to have an Environmental Literacy Plan. The grant is being written for ANJEE to implement. DEP will partner with DOE on this. This document will be promoted as a guidance resource focusing on curriculum and assessment in environmental literacy. About \$3,000 from the grant will be used for the directory/digital library. ANJEE will be seeking the NJCEE input.

Env. literacy plan based on env. ed. core curriculum stds; ANJEE pursued grant and will use a share of money,

If the federal law is not passed, it will be used as a guidance document; motion for NJCEE to write a letter of support for the grant; specifically state that the proposal will be tossed if letters included, otherwise it needs to be worded as a collaboration.

Derek – no support letters are accepted by the EPA for this grant.

Dale – motion to write a letter of collaboration. 2nd: Tanya, All in favor. Due Date: December 15th, 2009

- **Update from NJDOE regarding EE/science ed. interests**

Mike Heinz – State BOE adopted Science and graduation requirements, Students in grades 9-12 need to take biology, chemistry, environmental science or physics. A lot of environmental issues have been included in the standards. DOE is working on certification language but is maintaining flexibility for all teachers to teach the env. science components. DOE is interested in working with formal and nonformal educators on this.

Social studies standards have also been adopted and include environmental issues.

Comment: No connection observed with respect to health ed. in stds.; there is a need to determine env. ed. opportunities in all areas. The Call to Action plan references env. health, outdoor health.

NJ Healthy Schools, community issues, community-based planning; need to tap into leveraging of sources

- **ANJEE EE Conference Update**

Elizabeth Faircloth – January 28-30, 2010, see www.anjee.net/conference for full details.

Registration is all online this year; no paper submittals

If you cannot attend, notify others who might be interested

- **NJ Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards – EE recipients**

Marc Rogoff - Mini powerpoint presentation: 3 Education related winners.

Full details should be posted soon at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards/>.

- **Federal EE related legislation update**

Pat Skelly/Anne Galli – Because of health care bills, little has happened with this bill. Bill has support from 82 in house and 17 in senate. 5 from NJ and both state senators. (List coming from Pat to be posted online.) Write to your legislators and thank them!

Earth Day/NJ Environmental Education Week

(Deferred to January 14th meeting, here at DEP)

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*Mike Chodroff,
5th Grade Teacher
Willow School*

Meeting Wrap Up

- Reminder about ANJEE conference -
- Reminder about meeting schedule for 2010 – Next meeting: January 14th, 2010
- Meeting highlights and closing remarks
Pat – urge you to look at the Sustainable NJ site. 34 certified communities already! Many opportunities for EE!
Stacy – GreenFaith released “Restoring Eden”, see www.greenfaith.org for more info.

Submitted by Marc Rogoff & Laura Scatena on 12/10/09