

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group AGENDA
Wednesday, February 17, 2010
7th Floor Large, Trenton
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

9:15 a.m. COFFEE and TEA

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

*Dale Rosselet,
Chair*

9:45 Call to Action and NJCEE/IWG Status

- Status of appointments
- Status of *Call to Action* finalization

Dale Rosselet

9:55 National and State EE/Education Updates

- Dodge Foundation EE grant proposal – ELP development
- Updates from NJDOE (tent.)
- ANJEE EE Conference summary
- Federal EE related legislation update
- ANJEE EE leadership retreat
- NJ EE Directory

*Tanya Oznowich
Mike Heinz
Elizabeth/Group
Pat Skelly or Tanya
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10:15 Earth Day/NJ Environmental Education Week

- EE Week program solicitations, types and promotions of site
- Earth Day and EE Week proclamations (drafts) for discussion
- The *NJ Environmental Primer* – history, revisions and distribution
- Next steps for committee activities

*Dale Rosselet
Marybeth Brenner
Tanya Oznowich
Mike Chodroff/group*

10:55 BREAK

11:10 NJ EE Forum

- Purpose, functions and design of forum
- Details and logistics needed
- Attendees and participants

Dale and Tanya

11:30 a.m. Meeting Wrap Up

- EE announcements from group – round-robin sharing
- Logistics for March meeting
- Meeting highlights and closing remarks
- Departure at noon

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Attendance:

NJCEE: Tanya Oznowich, Iris Duffield, Barbara Rich, Dale Rosselet, John Shafransky, Derek Shendell

IWG: Marc Rogoff, Elizabeth Faircloth, Ray Nichols

Public/guests/Nominees: Mike Chodroff, Sondra Flite, Mike Skelly, Pat Skelly, Tony Tancini, MaryBeth Brenner, Sharon Sherman, John Kussack, Joe Kociolek,

Opening Remarks/Business Items

- MOTION to accept January meeting notes (draft) – No quorum, defer to next month.
- Review agenda/new business items, if any: No comments

Call to Action and NJCEE/IWG Membership Status

- Status of appointments: resubmit of appointments to new administration are being done. Acting Commissioner needs to be officially appointed - some time in March. Updates will be emailed out when available.
- Status of *Call to Action* finalization : After a 3 year process, it is being copy edited, then it will be shared with the Commissioner. A basic hard-copy document will be created and the entire document will be posted online. MaryBeth asked about follow-up and monitoring of the processes mentioned in the *Call to Action*. Response of commission members: The implementation of the CTA is not the responsibility of the Commission, but tracking its effectiveness should be our role. Plus:
 - Communicating the highlights of what is happening in NJ.
 - Identify and promote outstanding programs and encourage their replication.
 - Getting higher education involved. (Sustainability)
 - EE is lifelong learning. (*Cradle to Grave*)
 - How we reach out to our constituents, the providers of EE in the state.

National and State EE/Education Updates

- **Federal EE related legislation update** - NEEA – NCLI Coalition is working with representatives to create a new bill dealing with today's issues and greater funding. Hoping to introduce in the Senate by March 4, 2010. Pat will send out more info.
- **NCLI** – EL included in USDOE budget. (First time!) Coalition is interested in getting a national movement to getting all school kids outdoors to learn EE on Earth Day. (Please contact your congressman and senators for support. www.Thomas.gov lists all participating legislators.) We need to build membership in the coalition in NJ. More orgs need to sign on! <http://nclicoalition.org>
- **Dodge Foundation EE grant proposal** – ELP development - if NCLI is passed, states are required to have Environmental Literacy Plan in effect by 2011 to qualify for federal funding. Moneys to be administered through DOE. EPA will not fund ELP, but Dodge showed interest. DOE will partner with DEP in creating this document. (ANJEE will also partner.) See example created by NAAEE.
- **Teacher Certification** - Following up on her presentation from 2 years ago, Sharon Sherman, now with Rider University, explained that most colleges in NJ require only 2 math classes and 1 science class for pre-service elementary teachers. Env. Sci. is hardly offered anywhere. Much more needs to happen to prepare elementary math and science for teachers. Concept: Colleges need a graduate level course for teachers who did not major in that subject, i.e. math teacher who wants to teach science. (Tanya - NJCEE should have a committee to address this issue.)
- **ANJEE EE Conference summary** – over 300 participants and 20 exhibitors. Feedback from all has been great.
- **ANJEE EE leadership retreat** – Coming up in March. See ANJEE website. Register prior to Feb 19th.
- **NJ EE Directory** - Deferred till next meeting.

Earth Day/NJ Environmental Education Week

- **EE Week** program solicitations, types and promotions of site -
- **Earth Day and EE Week proclamations** (drafts) for discussion – last years ED proclamation was distributed for review – so we can have the Gov’s office sign them earlier this year. The National EEW proclamation comes from EEW organization. Please send any comments to Dale within the next two weeks.
- The *NJ Environmental Primer* – history, revisions and distribution – Tanya – hope to have them available in bulk quantity this spring. Only minimal changes will be made. ANJEC and municipalities request the greatest numbers of copies.
- Next steps for committee activities – Mike and Joe created a fan page on Facebook (New Jersey Environmental Education Week). We want people to go to EARTHDAYNJ website. Get families involved, kids, parents, grandparents...etc. Tanya can provide a paragraph to be distributed to commission members for inclusion on their websites.

Shaping Future Values:

Guest: Tony Tancini - (former Watershed Ambassador) See paper distributed. Link [HERE](#).

NJ EE Forum – **Deferred to March meeting – think about the following prior to the meeting!**

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Meeting Wrap Up

- EE announcements from group – round-robin sharing
- Logistics for March meeting – March 23rd, DEP Large Conf Room, May 12 at Willow School, No meeting in April. See website for full information.
- Meeting highlights and closing remarks
- Departure at noon

Submitted by Marc Rogoff on 2/17/10