Joint Meeting of the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group - AGENDA
Friday, June 16, 2006
NJDEP Headquarters, Trenton
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Public Hearing Room

9:00 a.m.  COFFEE AND TEA

9:30  Opening Remarks
• Welcome and opening remarks

9:35  Business Meeting Items
• Review of agenda
• Meeting notes
• Request for new business
• Membership update
• 2006 meeting logistics
• NJCEE/IWG Web site report

9:45  Committee Updates
• Plan of Action Revision Process
  Dale Rosselet
  Summary of activity to date
  Small group activity, group sharing, next steps
  (Informal breaks during this time)

11:00  BREAK

11:15  Committee Updates (Con’t)
• NJ Environmental Primer Update
  Tanya Oznowich
  Brief history/donations/distribution methods
  Status of Spanish version/future interests

• NJ EE Week/Earth Day 2006
  Laura Scatena
  Brief history
  Summary of spring activity

• Nominations Committee
  Tanya Oznowich
  Fletcher Harper
  Summary of activity

11:40  New Business and Closing Remarks
• New business items and announcements
• Meeting highlights & logistics for next meeting
• Departure

Joni Elliott, Chair
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– MEETING NOTES – (DRAFT)
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IWG Attendees: Marc Rogoff, Elizabeth Faircloth, Laura Scatena, Nicole Jackson, Kyra Hoffmann
Guests: Avery Hart, Pat Skelly, Mike Skelly

OPENING REMARKS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION
- Introductions were made for those new to the commission.
- Motion to accept March notes: Accepted by Dr. Watts, seconded by Corky – all in favor.
- Motion to accept May notes: Accepted by Iris, seconded by Barbara – all in favor.
- Agenda Review – no comments – all in favor.

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS
- Logistics – Review of schedule for remainder of year – online and hard copies available.
- Membership – no new news.
- Web site report – Hit rates are available upon request. Marc asked for ideas or suggestions to be sent to him concerning ways to spread the word about EEdNews. Suggestions made at the table included the NJEA publications and website, and the Principals and Supervisors group.

COMMITTEE UPDATES
- Plan of Action – (small group work to follow) Dale reported that the draft should be ready by the September meeting.
  - Front Matter (GP/Knowledge/Attitudes/Skills & Behaviors) all sections reviewed except bullets for S/B
  - Institutional approaches for teachers
  - Thematic Areas – (from focus group sessions) from 3-5 years – 1. Knowledge and Understanding, 2. Healthy Systems, 3. Quality of Life, 4. Care for Systems
  - To be added: introduction to guide/resources and links (looking to NAAEE for guidance and ideas)
  - Anne suggested sidebar of historical timeline of accomplishments of EE in NJ including projects and initiatives over the last 100 years. She asked that all members contribute 1 or 2 points for her to compile (Submit by August 1st)
  - Diverse case studies of innovative current projects - paragraph for inclusion

Break Out Sessions
- Review the Skills and Behaviors from the Commissions’ point of view.

UPDATES (Con’t)
- Barb suggested that NJCEE members should attend planning/zoning board meeting – she spoke to Joe Doyle and Sandy Batty – we could have a handout at the League of Municipalities conference.
- Jim Shissias indicated there was about $2000.00 left in the Commonwealth fund that could be donated to the NJCEE or ANJEE for printing of the POA
• **Environmental Primer** – Tanya indicated the ’06 version is being distributed. A marketing push is to follow over the summer. Spanish version is on its way! NJSELA is willing to pay again for the next printing (asked for web site recognition) The fall edition will have new terms added – members were asked for suggestions; they included Pinelands, Enviroliteracy, Environmental Equity and Sustainability.

• **Earth Day/Week** – Laura had some questions concerning the survey- follow up w/data-term of project?, how will the end product be utilized?, cost for mailings?, is there a committee? Tanya –justification for survey – Promotion of Earthdaynj.org. Pat – questions: letter and survey don’t match – name and description of programs needed. Iris – how are we going to use the product/data – Inventory? Must use the data to be effective. Elizabeth – April to August is too long Mike – should promote everyone, not just centers. Committee will include: Iris, Anne, Dr. Watts, Janice and Avery. – next draft at Sept. meeting. Avery – this will establish a baseline – promoting EE Week is another item.

NEW BUSINESS

• Anne mentioned the “No Child Left Inside” campaign – group wishes to discuss this at a latter meeting.
• Copies distributed of GreenFaith program – Environmental Friendly Schools
• Elizabeth distributed PLT Urban Environmental Issues Handout
• Passport (NJ Tourism and DEP Forestry) introduced to members
• “Camping Out” handout distributed

Depart

Submitted by: M.R., 09/01