

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on EE And Inter-agency Work Group**  
**AGENDA**  
**Wednesday, March 21, 2001**  
NJDEP Headquarters, Trenton  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Public Hearing Room

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**8:30 a.m. COFFEE/TEA**

9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions * Review/approval of previous meeting notes * Review agenda/Changes? New business? * Membership update	Frank Frank Frank Tanya/Frank
9:20 a.m.	Inter-agency Work Group/EE Network Committee Report * Update on RFP for ANJEE/EPA grant * Update on ANJEE web site activity * Other:	Frank/George Janice
9:30 a.m.	Finance and Legislative Committee Report * Recent Legislative activity * Other:	Dave/Jim
9:45 a.m.	Program Committee Report * Update on \$5,000 for training for non-formal educators * Update on \$10,000 for professional development for teachers * 2001 Joint meeting with ANJEE membership * Other:	Tanya
<b>10:00 a.m. BREAK</b>		
10:15 a.m.	Publications Committee Report * Update on annual report * Plan of Action revisions – group discussion * Other:	Anne/Karen Tanya Barry
10:35 a.m.	Overview of the NJCEE and POA Indicators Discussions * Group discussion * Next steps	Fred/Frank
11:00 a.m.	Update and discussion on the EIC Approach/Dodge Grant * Questions and discussion * Next steps	Jerry Scheirloh
11:20 a.m.	DEP 'EE Showcase' Item – 20 minutes * Climate Change in NJ and Links to School Reconstruction * Questions and discussion	Mike Winka
11:50 a.m.	Meeting summary and wrap up * New business, if any * Logistics for next meeting	Frank

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**PRESENT:** Rich Belcher, Robert DeCiccoErin Dougherty, Marie Downes, Mimi Dunne, Joni Elliot, Frank Gallagher, Rodney Groff, Pat Kane, Lynn Keepers, John Kirk, Kathy McLaughlin, Tanya Oznowich, Barry Schlegel, James Shissias, Karen Wintress

**GUESTS/STAFF:** Asti Larasati, Michele Pierdinock, Janice Reese-Berardo, Marc Rogoff, Jerry Schierloh, Mike Winka

- No agenda changes or change to meeting notes from the previous meeting.
- New members and guests were introduced.
- **Network Committee Report (Marc, Janice)**
  - Frank was able to discuss the RFP with some of the web site consultants who had originally volunteered to assist with site design. According to them, the amount was too small for the work required. The funds from this EPA grant are still not committed.
  - A Network Committee meeting was held. It was attended by Karen Wintress, Marc Rogoff and Janice Reese-Berardo. Marc reviewed the intended structure of the site and agreed to assist with site design.
  - EE resource lists should still be forwarded to George Schlosser.
  - ANJEE has increased its work on its own organizational site, part of the larger EE directory site maintained at Cook College.
- **Legislative and Finance Committee Report (Frank, Jim)**
  - The draft EE bill is slowly moving through the Senate and Assembly.
  - In the Senate, John Lisko, James Shissias and Frank were prepared to testify but they didn't have to. The bill was approved quickly, largely through the support of Senator Latell. Frank received supportive comments from Latell on the bill and will pursue a meeting with him.
  - There was a sidebar discussion about attaching an addition to the bill regarding privacy rights and the taking of land, but this was fortunately squelched.
  - A positive feeling was shared that this request would become part of the full budget.
- **Program Committee Report (Tanya)**
  - No updates on the \$1,000 environmental education stipends or the \$5,000 allotted for education training for non-formal EE professionals. Postponement of these activities is largely due to Earth Day and other spring demands.
  - Regarding the annual joint summer meeting with members of ANJEE, the group agreed to hold it again this year (costs for lunch are split with ANJEE). Issues to be focused on and to have strategies possibly put into place include:
    - \* A detailed spending plan (if the bill is enacted);
    - \* Theme: place-based local EE and local capacity building for EE;
    - \* The pursuit and establishment of key partnerships; and,
    - \* EE training opportunities for pre-service university programs.

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- **Publications Committee Report (Karen, Tanya)**
  - Karen re-introduced the Plan of Action to the group and to new members of the group.
  - Barry went through the revised draft of the new Plan of Action and provided comments on the changes being made.
  - Frank requested that the 'longer running' members of the NJCEE review the new draft version and supply Barry with comments by May 30<sup>th</sup>. Comments should focus on format, content and overall packaging.
  - Tanya suggested thoughts about the cover design and the continued use of the NJCEE logo design (some members had wanted to change it).
  - Tanya again explained that she was not able to do any work on the 1999-2000 annual report.
  - Regarding EE poster distribution, Tanya thanked everyone for their assistance with poster distribution. Actions that took place included:
    - \* Lynn took a box to community service programs at a conference in Washington, DC
    - \* Erin sent copies with a letter to over 135 museums in the state
    - \* Toni sent it to all police academies in the state and asked that it be posted in a public area
    - \* Marc is promoting it in **SEEDS** and it is quite popular
    - \* Anne distributed it to many nature and EE centers in New Jersey.
  
- **Special recognition to John Kirk**
  - John recently retired from NJSOC. Frank attended his retirement party and provided remarks there, as well as at the meeting. (A card was circulated for signatures.)
  - John provided brief remarks about his post-retirement activities and his continued work with the United Nations. He offered to take EE posters to his next meeting at the United Nations and shared their new book entitled ***Earth and Faith – Reflection and Action***. He offered to try to get copies for the group.
  
- **Group Discussion on EE Progress Indicators**
  - Meeting notes were distributed from the previous two more informal discussions about EE progress indicators for the NJCEE and IWG activities.
  - A summary of the notes included a phase I and phase II effort. Phase I would focus on indicators that would be tied to the EE Act and Plan of Action and would serve to measure the actual charges and work of the NJCEE and IWG. Phase II would focus on EE overall in New Jersey – possibly focusing on types of programs and models, quality and quantity of programs, location of resource sites, etc.
  - It was suggested that time be set aside at the May meeting to discuss this.
  
- **Special Presentation: The EIC Process (Jerry Schierloh)**
  
- **Special Presentation: GHG Concerns and Strategies in New Jersey (Mike Winka)**
  
- The meeting closed at noon and logistics for the May meeting were announced.