

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on EE And Inter-agency Work Group  
AGENDA**

Wednesday, May 30, 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?	Frank Frank Frank
9:15 a.m.	Inter-agency Work Group/EE Network Committee Report * Update on ANJEE web site activity * Other:	Janice
9:30 a.m.	Finance and Legislative Committee Report * Recent Legislative activity * Other:	Dave/Frank
9:50 a.m.	Program Committee Report * 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
10:30 a.m.	NJCEE and EE Progress Indicators – Next Steps * Discussion regarding next steps that would lead towards the formation of NJCEE and EE progress indicators	Frank/Fred
11:15 a.m.	Guest Presentation: The ANJEE Newsletter Resource * Overview of this publication's format, content and circulation * Request for NJCEE partnership and support	Dale Rosselet
11:35 a.m.	Guest Presentation: Update on PEQ * Update on Partners for Environmental Quality activities	Pam Franks
11:50a.m.	Meeting summary and wrap up * New business, if any * Autumn/winter meeting schedule * Departure	Frank

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**Attendees:** List not returned/located (Attendance unknown at this time; will discuss at September meeting).

- Frank provided opening remarks and a brief welcome; the agenda was reviewed and a request was made for new business (ANJEE Conference update was added to the agenda, no changes were made). Frank and Tanya also reviewed results from a recent NEE TF poll that reflected positively on EE.
- Frank requested that NJCEE and IWG members focus on the current direction and work of the groups over summer break. He also put out a request for nominations for Chair, as he has been in the position for two years now. Joni Elliot offered to receive nominations for both Chair and Co-chair positions. The formal vote would be taken at the first joint meeting of the new school year in September.

- ***John Kirk introduced a motion to accept the March meeting notes; The second provided by Ann Galli; all were in favor; no one abstained.***
- John Kirk provided formal remarks about the recent passage of environmental education leader Dr. William Stapp.
- An update was provided on the 'Earth Day Education' account. The state deficit was explained by Michelle, Frank and Tanya to attendees. One result was the targeting of numerous state accounts by the Treasurer in order to make up for the loss. About \$23,000 was left in the account. Tanya had submitted formal justification as soon as she learned about the loss, which received support from DEP Assistant Commissioner Jane Kelly and DEP Commissioner Robert C. Shinn, Jr.
- **IWG/EE Network Committee Update**
  - Janice Reese-Berardo provided an update on further development related to the ANJEE organizational web site. Monies were approved by the ANJEE executive board for ANJEE's web site committee. A consultant has already been approached and a site design is soon to be developed. It is hoped that the site is functional and ready for roll-out by the end of 2001.
- **Legislative and Finance Committee Update**
  - The bill was suddenly removed from the docket this spring. NJEA had submitted written testimony in support of the bill and it was believed that their testimony was thought by the sponsoring legislators to be against the proposed bill. Frank and Dave were there to provide testimony when this happened.
  - Another concern that was considered was that Garrett wanted to add an amendment to the bill that addressed curriculum mandates through the State Board of Education/NJDOE focusing on private land ownership and rights. Attendees thought that this addition was 'bizarre' and against the principles and goals of the NJCEE and the Plan of Action. It was unknown whether this proposed amendment had something to do with why the bill wasn't heard. It was also agreed that the Chair would send a letter to Garrett focusing on the amendment and explaining our stance about this issue and that the draft would be shared with NJCEE/IWG members first, for comment.
  - Frank also agreed to contact Senator Littell's aide to try to learn about why the bill was removed.
  - For the record, Michelle stated that she could not vote on the issue due to the new FY not yet approved.
  - ***Helen Payne (Skerratt) made a motion to recognize that the letter to Garrett was supported and should be drafted, finalized and sent, on behalf of the NJCEE. The motion also stated that the letter should include the following four parts:***
    - a. DEP and 'in but not of' with NJCEE/jurisdiction issue;***
    - b. The interdisciplinary nature of environmental education;***
    - c. The related content already in the environmental standards in Science and Social Studies; and***
    - d. That environmental education does not dictate content/bias but practices process.***
  - ***John Kirk provided the second; one abstention, the rest were in favor.***
  - Marie Downes agreed to speak with her local representatives about this issue.

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- **Program Committee Update**

- Tanya announced that the mini-stipends that would have been available for pre-service, in-service and enrichment programming for non-formal educators are now postponed until it is known whether the 'Earth Day Education' account would be returned.
- Tanya provided an update regarding EIC implementation in New Jersey. She reviewed the schedule for the summer institutes and welcomed NJCEE and IWG members to attend any of the institutes as a guest.
- The group agreed to continue with the annual joint meeting with interested ANJEE members. The event would be held sometime in mid-August at Island Beach State Park or another central (preferable coastal) location. Tanya would communicate information about the joint meeting via e-mail over the summer.
- Some discussion was had about purposely focusing NJCEE activities on adult education – what works, what isn't working, what is needed, etc. Tanya shared results from a recent NEETF poll that stated that 80% of those polled support EE for adults.

- **Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair**

- Marie Downes offered to accept nominations for Chair and Vice Chair, to be made over the summer.
- Frank has been in the position for two years along with John Kirk as Vice Chair.

- **Publications Committee Update**

- Plan of Action revisions have been made. The recent date of May 4<sup>th</sup> had been established for comments. The committee has received comments from only two individuals. Attendees agreed to have a new cover for the Plan with the logo continued inside on the stationary. The cover would use design elements from the EE. The release date is set for Spring, 2002. It will include letters of support from the new Governor and DEP Commissioner). Frank asked everyone to review the revisions and to begin to ear-mark considerations for progress indicators. The second deadline set for comments is mid-June.
- Kudos to Barry Schlegel for doing a great job on the revisions document.
- Tanya has worked on portions of the 99/00 EE annual report but was not able to complete the text. She hopes to have this completed by the September meeting.

- **Guest Presentation: The "Daily Planet" – ANJEE's Quarterly Membership Newsletter**

- Dale Rosset, editor of the newsletter and NJAS representative/employee, distributed copies to attendees. She encouraged attendees to assist with newsletter submissions after explaining deadlines, themes, intent, content and design. She also provided a request that that NJCEE provide funds for one issue of the newsletter (about \$650) if monies are available. She also requested in-kind assistance with printing or mailing, if available. Some discussion focused on how NJCEE and IWG members could become more active with the publication.

- **Guest Presentation: Partners for Environmental Quality (PEQ) Activities**

- Don Haberstroh provided an overview of the organization and its role with the NJCEE. He introduced Pam Frank, Executive Director of PEQ with offices recently relocated to Trenton to be closer to the state capital. She continued the presentation by talking about the PEQ mission, membership, staffing, activities, and PEQ's recent focus on 'green energy' and its related partnership with Green Mountain, Inc. She provided details about DEP's covenant agreements with organizations, companies, schools and businesses regarding climate change and a special PEQ/DEP covenant signing event to occur in Trenton on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this would be to encourage responsible energy use and consumption among their 6000 congregations and the signing up of more organizations and home for green energy purchase. She also mentioned that for every new member that signs up \$20.00 goes back to the congregation or to PEQ.
- John Kirk discussed the development and release of the new United Nations publication "*Earth and Faith – A Book of Reflection for Action.*" He also provided a limited # of copies for distribution to those present at the meeting (\$14.00 value). His role with the publication, along with other members of PEQ, was discussed.

- **Meeting Highlights, Autumn Meeting Schedule and Departure**