

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

Monday, September 17, 2001

NJDEP Headquarters, Trenton

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Public Hearing Room

8:30 a.m. COFFEE/TEA

9:00 a.m. **Group Introductions and Formal Welcome**

* Jane Kelly, Assistant Commissioner
Legislative and External Affairs, NJDEP

9:15 a.m. *** Nominations for Chair & Vice Chair/Voting process to take place**

* Review/approval of May meeting notes/Attendance issue
* Review agenda/Add changes and/or new business
* Autumn meeting logistics/Parking passes distributed
* Membership update

9:30 a.m. **Finance and Legislative Committee Report**

* Upcoming Legislative activity
* Status/details regarding the 'Earth Day Education' Account
* EETAP grant application/Trust Fund update

10:00 a.m. **Inter-agency Work Group/EE Network Committee Report**

* Update on ANJEE web site activity

10:10 a.m. **Program Committee Report**

* 2001 Joint meeting circumstances
* Programs related to the 'Earth Day Education' Account
* 2002 Environmental Education Forum concept
* ANJEE newsletter funding request/revisit discussion

10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:45 a.m. **Publications Committee Report**

* Update on annual report and next steps
* Update on Plan of Action revisions process and next steps
* Status of existing publication #'s (POA, posters, Env. Values Conf.)

11:00 a.m. **Priorities for 01-02 and Progress Indicators - Discussion**

* Establish list of priority tasks and who is responsible, for upcoming year
* Establish next steps needed for the identification of progress indicators

11:15 a.m. **NJDEP Presentation: Electronic EE/Env. Resources**

* DEP's ENDEX program
* Rutgers Digital Library
* Discussion about possible links with EE Network needs/partnerships

11:45 a.m. **Meeting summary and wrap up**

* New business, if any/Distribute publications
* Meeting highlights and summary/Future agenda items
* Departure

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NJCEE: Richard Belcher, Marie Downes, Joseph Eldridge, Frank Gallagher, Anne Galli, Kathleen McLaughlin, David Nash, Tanya Oznowich, Helen Skerratt Payne, Barbara Rich, Barry Schlegel

IWG: Mimi Dunne, Elizabeth Faircloth, Rodney Groff, Marc Rogoff, George Schlosser

Guests: Janice Reese-Berardo

Opening Remarks

- Due to a small turnout in the morning, Jane Kelly offered to come back later to greet and meet with the group.
- Frank provided an overview of priorities, questions and challenges for the new school year. They include:
 - Status of the pending EE bill
 - How will political and economic issues effect EE interests in the state and at the national level?
 - What is the status of the updating process of the core classroom standards?
 - Who will be the next Governor and what will happen regarding this change?
 - How does the commission/work group make their work a priority for the next administration? Frank recommended that a transition document is developed and/or a package of information for the next administration.
- **Housekeeping**
 - Attendance sheet was circulated; Attendees were asked to update their personal information that is on the list. An attendance sheet was also circulated for the May meeting (the list is missing).
 - No news yet about formal appointments for new NJCEE members but they are slowly moving through the appointments process.
- **Legislative and Finance Committee Update**
 - Need to generate individual letters to Senate and Assembly representatives this autumn and through December. The EE bill must be posted in each of the houses.
 - The text, bill #'s and contacts should be provided to residents (educators, non-formal educators, environmentalists, etc.).
 - According to Dave, if the bill is passed the NJCEE (vs. outside interests) would have the authority to determine exactly how the funds are to be spent.
 - The letter to Garrett (regarding his bill amendment) was not sent out, too late. The committee must find out if this is still a concern or not.
 - Various members offered to try to reach out to Legislators that they had some type of connection with.
 - **Financial Update:**
 - **EE Trust Fund:** About \$18,000
 - **Earth Day Education Account:** About \$22,000
 - **Dodge grant implementation:** Moving forward as planned
 - **EETAP grant application was submitted:** ANJEE to house it with DEP, NJCEE and IWG as partners

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- **Inter-agency Work Group/EE Network Committee**
 - George will schedule a meeting of the committee, to be held before the next NJCEE meeting in October.
 - Janice provided an update on the ANJEE web site in that it is progressing and should be formally unveiled at the January ANJEE conference. Some of the EPA grant to ANJEE/NJCEE