

**Joint Meeting of the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education
And Inter-agency Work Group
AGENDA**

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

NJDEP Headquarters, Trenton

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

- 8:45 a.m. Coffee and Tea**
- 9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks**
- Welcome and introductions
 - Review of agenda – changes, new business
 - Review of meeting notes from March meeting – changes, motion to accept
 - 2002 autumn meeting schedule
 - Membership update
- 9:30 a.m. General Remarks and Updates**
- EIC/Dodge Foundation grant update, Phase II and SEER meeting
 - Update regarding federal funds for environmental education
 - Other new business items or updates
- 9:45 a.m. Committee Updates**
- **Finance and Legislative Committee**
 - Expansion of the environmental projects list
 - **Publications Report**
 - The annual reports – update
 - Publications needs for the summer? Let Marc know
 - **Network Committee**
 - Network presentation
- 10:30 a.m. BREAK**
- 10:45 a.m. Committee Updates (Con't)**
- **Program Committee**
 - Update on the stipends
 - June 4 event update
- 11:00 a.m. Summer – Autumn Task List/Discussion:**
- Plan of Action revisions
 - Social Studies revised standards – focus group/written support
 - Environmental projects – enhanced/expanded listing
 - Other:
- 11:45 a.m. Meeting Wrap Up**
- Wrap up
 - Departure

Memorandum

To: Commission on Environmental Education / Interagency Work Group
From: Frank Gallagher, Chair
Date: 05/24/02
Subject: Meeting Notes

The following represent my perception of the discussion from and the agreements made at the captioned meeting

Opening Remarks:

- A review of the accomplishments of the commission according to the work plan developed in September was reviewed. Success included the grants, progress on the network and the annual report. Disappointments included the legislation and the inability to develop a sustainable source of funding. Please keep these things in mind over the summer as we begin to develop a workplan for next year.
- The agenda and minutes were accepted as written
- The two recent nominations to the Commission and the reappointments are awaiting approval from the Governors Office.

Updates:

- The EIC project has received a funding from the Dodge Foundation for phase two of the project. This should enable the ten schools that are involved to move from planning towards implementation.
- The EPA Office of Environmental Education remains without funding.

Committee Updates:

- There remains the potential to seek funding through what is known as supplemental environmental projects. In addition to pursuing this type of funding internally it would be helpful if industry also knew about the work of the commission. Jim S. will supply the commission with information concerning the appropriate venues to for such an initiative.
- The network committee was concerned with the process for including information at the web site. While the site is new and the content is not well developed we will try to focus on posting current commission events and the directory. The directory was part of a previous EPA grant and should be established as soon as possible.
- The legislative / EIC forum will take place June 4th. Please make every effort to attend. The invitation list should be expanded to include NJEA and School Superintendents.
- Everyone had received notification of this years grant recipients. Grants from the previous years will be tracked so that the commission can develop a profile of the work that has been sponsored through the grant program. The geographical distribution of the awardees is important.

Upcoming Issues

- The CCC standards are being finalized for science, while social studies are not far behind. Please make every effort to comment on the standards in support of the inclusion of environmental education.
- The special environmental projects list is attached for your review. Please send any additional suggestion as soon as possible.