

**Joint Meeting of the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education
And Inter-agency Work Group - AGENDA
Thursday, October 31, 2002
NJDEP Headquarters, Trenton
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Public Hearing Room**

8:45 a.m.	COFFEE AND TEA (no tricks or treats, sorry!)	
9:00	Opening Remarks	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and opening remarks • Review of agenda • Review/acceptance of September meeting notes • Membership update/attendance roster 	<p>John Kirk</p> <p>Tanya/Marc</p>
9:15	New Business and Handouts	Tanya
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EETAP Capacity Building Evaluation – Summary • NJDOE Release: “<i>Overview of the Core Curriculum Content Standards</i>” • NJDOE Release: “... <i>Planning and Building Community Schools in New Jersey</i>” • ASCD Education Leadership Article: “<i>Into the Woods, Wetlands and Prairies</i>” and National Forum • Environment Article: “<i>Env. Ed. Resources for Grades K-12</i>” • “Standards Alive!” Program – Overview and Summary • Update/information regarding the curriculum standards • ANJEE 2003 Conference Highlights & Logistics • Other: 	<p>Leslie</p> <p>NJDOE Rep</p> <p>ANJEE Rep</p>
9:40	Network Committee Update	Committee Rep
	- Update regarding site content, address, etc.	
	Program Committee Update	Committee Rep
	- Earth Day/Earth Week/Env. Ed. Week – Decision, tasks	
	- Promotion of stipend activities	
9:50	Commission Leadership – Nominations for Chair/Vice Chair (Possible distribution of a ballot)	John/Tanya
10:00	BREAK (Possible collection/counting of completed ballots)	
10:15	Announcement or Decisions regarding Chair/Vice Chair	John/Tanya
10:30	Finance and Legislative Committee Update	Committee Rep
	- NJ EE Legislation – steps to take in 02-03 to re-establish support	
	Publications Committee Update	Committee Rep
	- Reports (Plan of Action revisions, 01 report, and distribution of 99/00 report)	
11:00	DEP Updates – Guest Presentations and Exchanges	Tanya
	- The 30 th Anniversary Campaign of the NJ Endangered Species Act Keara Giannotti, DEP Endangered Species Program	
	- Introducing Pesticide Practices and Education in New Jersey Schools Ann Waters, DEP Pesticides Control Program	
11:40 a.m.	Wrap Up and Departure	John

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NJCEE Attendance: Rich Belcher, Erin Dougherty, Marie Downes, Fred Ellerbusch, John Kirk, Kathy McLaughlin, Jim Shissias, Tanya Oznowich, Barbara Rich, Leslie Parness, Dale Rosselet, Barry Schlegel, Karen Wintress

IWG Attendance: John Dougherty, Elizabeth Faircloth, George Paffendorf (rep. Lynn Keepers), Marc Rogoff
Guest(s): Mike Skelly, Sr., Pat Skelly

Opening Remarks: Vice Chair John Kirk opened and presided over the meeting. Frank Gallagher, who resigned as Chair at the September commission meeting, was not in attendance. One goal of the meeting was to bring forward new leadership to fill Frank's shoes, as he felt he could no longer lead the group without potential conflict with his position in the Division of Parks & Forestry. John reviewed the agenda and provided brief opening remarks about the history and status of the commission and work group.

'Motion to accept the September meeting notes' – Barbara Rich/Dale Rosselet (13 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining)

New Business and Updates: Tanya provided updates on various initiatives (EETAP Capacity Building Initiative, Status of EPA Funds, the EIC Approach) and distributed articles from such sources as ASCD's Journal and NJDOE press releases. (These were handed out at the meeting and later mailed to all absent NJCEE and IWG members.) Many members agreed that commission members, as well as NJCEE/IWG, DEP and ANJEE leadership, should express support to EPA for the environmental education funds. Leslie Parness and Mike Skelly provided an overview of the 'Standards Alive!' family program that was sponsored by her museum. It was suggested that other organizations consider this type of program. John and Tanya talked about the draft social studies classroom standards and Pat Skelly reviewed the program for the January ANJEE conference. As ANJEE's President-elect, Pat reminded NJCEE and IWG members that they are invited to attend the ANJEE conference for 1 day for free. This tradition was established to encourage commission and work group participation and visibility at the conference.

Nominations for/Decisions Regarding Chair: Tanya reviewed feedback received by phone or e-mail since the October meeting when Frank asked for nominations – Joan Elliot agreed to the nomination for Chair with John Kirk as Vice Chair – no one else had come forward. Those present were polled for nominations from the floor and no others were made. A show of hands was used instead of a written ballot. **'Motion to move the slate without a written ballot and accept the nomination of Joan Elliot as Chair of the NJCEE/IWG and John Kirk as Vice Chair'** (Jim Shissias/Leslie Parness - 13 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining)

Committees: It was agreed that committee membership must be reviewed and discussed at a future meeting

Network Committee: Mike Skelly renewed the Website address through a company that charges a less expensive annual fee for its use; Tanya and Marc sent Mike a variety of commission information to be listed at the site, including annual reports, meeting notes, updated membership list, and the list of upcoming meetings; and, Tanya will have her staff begin to send out the EE network survey (with additional information) that will begin to accumulate organizational listings for the directory; Mike suggested that commission members begin to establish links from their own organizational Websites to the commission Website.

Program Committee: The idea of soliciting a theme for Earth Day and then lining up programs around the state to support the theme during Earth Week was discussed but nothing was decided on; at minimum, it was agreed that DEP would continue to solicit and publicize all Earth Week events through the Earth Day Website and that the commission's name should be promoted as much as possible; Tanya also provided an update on the work of the stipend recipients – of the 8 awardees, there was still outstanding paperwork for 3 of them; once Tanya receives summary reports for all of the initiatives she will write and circulate an article about them – the goal of the article is to promote the results of the stipends, promote the commission's name, and use the article to 'quietly' suggest that more funding should be attained for such good work. (it will be sent to members of the New Jersey State Legislature with the next mailing to them).

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Legislative and Finance Committee: Need to meet with Dave Nash regarding steps to take for regaining awareness, support and sponsorship regarding a new draft bill; also need to examine its contents to make sure it is still current – must be discussed with other members not present.

Publications Committee: Tanya will have the draft 01 annual report by or at the next meeting for review by members; Dale Rosselet offered to assist with finalizing the updated Plan of Action; Tanya and Dale will arrange to meet at a future date when Dale is in Trenton to go through written and electronic additions to the text that were made or solicited by members of the Publications Committee.

Updates Provided by DEP Staff and Q/A with NJCEE/IWG Members:

- **Ann Waters, DEP Pesticides Control Program**
- Highlights: A pesticides bill is waiting for Governor's signature; passed through both Houses in late October (federal version was shut down); 12 months after the mandate is signed, all New Jersey schools must implement procedures for IPM – Integrated Pest Management – Partners with DEP include the NJ Department of Education, the NJ School Board Association, and Rutgers Cooperative Extension

- **Keara Giannotti, DEP Endangered Species and Nongame Program**
- The year 2003 will be the 30th anniversary of the State's law for endangered species – the program is planning a year full of activities, including an essay/poster contest for 5th grade that just began (winners in each county will become part of a traveling exhibit statewide), seasonal public wildlife activities, and press events – NJCEE and IWG members are welcomed to become involved

Future Meeting Agenda Topics or Needs:

- Update on Status of High Performance/Green Schools – Mike Winka, DEP, and Jeff Brown, New Jersey Sustainable Schools Network (both will be at the February meeting)
- Future meeting agenda item (February?) – National EE Certification – Frank Gallagher
- Future meeting presentation – Status of the Willow School
- Time to reorganize and increase committee membership
- Time for committees to meet and plan their activities