

**Joint Meeting of the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education
And Inter-agency Work Group - AGENDA
Tuesday, November 26, 2002
NJDEP Headquarters, Trenton
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Public Hearing Room**

8:30 a.m.	COFFEE AND TEA	
9:00	Opening Remarks	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and opening remarks from new Chair • Review of agenda and request for new business items or changes • Review/acceptance of October meeting notes • Membership update, if any; attendance roster 	<p>Joan Elliot</p> <p>Marc Rogoff</p>
9:20	New Business and Handouts – Round Robin	Group
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Core Standards and other NJDOE Priorities? • ASCD Article: “Learning in the Park” (Nov., 2002) • Updates on EE activities among members • NJCEE/IWG logo designs and discussion • NJCEE/IWG representation at the ANJEE conference 	<p>Marc Rogoff</p> <p>Joan/Marc Joan/ANJEE</p>
9:45	Network Committee Update	Mike Skelly
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update regarding site content, address, etc. 	
	Program Committee Update	Joan Elliot Marc Rogoff
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Day/Earth Week/Env. Ed. Week – Decision, tasks • Promotion of stipend activities – not ready; almost have all feedback 	
	Publications Committee	Joan/Marc
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft 2001 Annual report 	
	Legislative and Finance Committee	Jim Shissias Frank Gallagher
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steps to be taken for sponsorship and support • Review of the contents of the former bill 	
10:15	BREAK	
10:30	Small Group Discussion	Small Groups
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengths of the group • Challenges of the group • Identify 3 things that the group should do and why • Identify 3 things that should be done for the group and why 	
10:50	Group Sharing and Discussion	Group Rep’s
11:10	DEP Presentation: “Introduction to I-map NJ”	Paul Caris, GIS Specialist
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to GIS information, uses and software • Demonstration of I-mapNJ • Online information sources 	
11:55 a.m.	Wrap Up and Departure	Joan Elliot
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting highlights • 2003 meeting schedule and logistics for next meeting 	

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NJCEE Attendance: John Lysko, Rev. Harper Fletcher, Frank Gallagher, Barry Schlegel, Anne Galli, Rich Belcher, Joan Elliot, Fred Eldridge

IWG Attendance: John Dougherty, Elizabeth Faircloth, Marc Rogoff, Joan Olawski-Stiener (for G. Schlosser)

Guest(s): Mike Skelly, Sr., Janice Reece-Berardo

Opening Remarks: New Chair Joan Elliot opened and presided over the meeting. Joan introduced herself and gave a brief overview of what her job entails. She then had the commission members give a brief synopsis of themselves and what they (or their organizations) do that impacts the NJCEE in the future.

One question brought up during this was, Do we bring in a facilitator in a future meeting to work on what the NJCEE intended goals and objectives? All members present were in favor of this idea.

It was decided that the February meeting would be the time to introduce the facilitator to assist the group in plans, goals and finances.

John Dougherty expressed an interest in chairing a nominating committee to bring more members into the NJCEE.

'Motion to accept the October meeting notes' – Joan Elliot/Rev. Harper (all in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining)

New Business and Updates: John Dougherty gave a brief synopsis on the “No Child Left Behind” project, as well as informing the group that the current Social Studies standards will be adopted in January. EE is part of Geography. The standards listed on the website are not set in stone, but changes would be extremely difficult. The new standards are not based entirely on the National Standards – there is a discipline focus with little content. Anne Galli pointed out that “system” education is lacking. John stated that “sustainability is a political issue” and made a point of looking for “connections”. (A brief debate followed that focused on what sustainability really refers to.) Rev. Fletcher asked about the feasibility of future focus groups which John Dougherty thought was “not likely – only major lacking issues can make a difference in the current plan”. E-mail ideas to John.Dougherty@doe.state.nj.us.

The article “*Learning in the Park*” was distributed.

A question was posed concerning the grant:

- Can we get the grant recipients to come to Trenton to present their results to the NJCEE?

Elizabeth Faircloth talked about the NJNREC and the grant recipients and John Lysko added positive feedback about the success of the “Projects”.

A focus group consisting of Anne Galli, John Lysko, Tanya Oznowich, Joan Elliot and Marc Rogoff will focus on the idea of a “Vision Session”.

The commission presented a gift to Frank Gallagher for his service as former chair.

Network Committee: The website is currently being transferred to another server.

Publications Committee: Designs for the new logo idea were presented with one favored. The graphic and text are to be re-presented at a future meeting.

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Legislative and Finance Committee: No initiative on the bill. Economic situation has not changed. It was decided that the commission should contact the Legislators who originally sponsored the bill to show that we are still “alive and committed”. It was decided that an electronic vote would be used to determine how this is to be accomplished. Frank also gave a synopsis of funding sources for new attendees.

Program Committee: Earth Day funding was discussed. It was decided that Joan should draft a letter to Commissioner Campbell seeking funding. It was determined that the grants were the best thing the commission has done and so that should be highlighted. “The focus should be on what we have achieved”. Frank mentioned a meeting with “Action” Jackson (Asst. Commissioner) that focused on using fine money as was done in Newark in the past.

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

- Problems with the computer delayed the presentation – commission members were encouraged to go to the I-map website.

Future Meeting Agenda Topics or Needs:

- Frank asked John Dougherty about the possibility of getting Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Librera together for promotion of the standards.
- EPA EE funding still undecided.
- The January meeting is scheduled for the ANJEE conference. Joan Elliot and John Dougherty expressed their intent to attend.