

**Joint Meeting of the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group - AGENDA
Friday, September 30, 2005
NJDEP Headquarters, Trenton
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Public Hearing Room**

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| 9:15 a.m. | COFFEE AND TEA | |
| 9:30 | Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and introductions • Review of agenda/request for new business items • 2005 - 2006 meeting logistics • Review/acceptance of June meeting notes • Membership update and discussion • Budget update • Associates' addition to commission - discussion | Joni Elliott/Tanya O. |
| 10:10 | Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Plan of Action Revisions Process</i>
Summary of regional meetings
Committee activities, to date
Materials to review and group discussion
Next steps and timeframe • <i>Environmental Primer Update</i>
Two donations/changes to text
Status of both supplies
Summary of distribution methods | Group Members

Anne Galli

Tanya Oznowich |
| 11:00 | BREAK | |
| 11:15 | Project Updates (Con't) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EE Week/Earth Day 2006 Summary
Dates for national EE week 2006
Discussion regarding participation/sponsorship
Ideas for Earth Day 2006 activities • NJCEE/IWG Web Site
Update on contents and use of NJCEE/IWG site | Group Members

Tanya Oznowich
Marc Rogoff

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| 11:30 | Round Robin Discussion Items/New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EE activities/announcements – summer and autumn, 2005 • New business items • Updates on state and national EE and education activities • Other: | Group Members |
| 11:55 a.m. | Wrap Up/Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting highlights and closing remarks • Logistics for November and December meetings • Departure | Joni/Tanya O. |

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NJCEE Attendees: Anne Galli, John Kirk, Joni Elliott, Tanya Oznowich, Karen Wintress, John Schiffranski, Corky Johnson, Janice Reese-Berardo

IWG Attendees: Marc Rogoff

Note: Quorum not achieved!

OPENING REMARKS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION

- General comments were made about the upcoming meeting dates, parking passes, and the ANJEE conference in January.
- **Motion:** *June meeting notes informally approved (J. Kirk) and seconded (K. Wintress); all in favor.*
- **Membership Update:** 8 resumes were sent to the Acting Governors office – responses to be confirmed soon. The committee is still waiting on a response from Liberty Science Center on a nominee from their facility. It was suggested that the commission consider filling the “Student” slot with a graduate student. Positive comments were made by the present commission members about the benefits of a grad student as opposed to a high school student.
 - Summer meetings should be set up so that students can attend and contribute
 - College EE professors can recommend long term students
 - The “official” position should go to a college student – graduate or undergraduate
 - Student Advisory Committee – multiple schools and students
 - Future meetings can be held at schools around the state (to involve students)
 - Have students come to the commission meetings as presenters/speakers
 - Need something substantive to become an Associate member
 - Associates should include teachers, media, journalists, and businesses
 - Associate positions should receive some type of formal recognition
 - Environmental Clubs can be invited, but must attend and participate in order to be fully recognized as associate members or group. Full criteria to be determined at a later date.
 - All criteria and associates to be listed at the web-site.
 - Environmental clubs/groups will need to assign a teacher or staff member to serve as official contact.
- Janice Reese-Berardo introduced as ANJEE representative (Janice is ANJEE President-Elect and has been a “friend” of the NJCEE for many years.)
- Dr. Kirk mentioned the SOC book is to be premiered at the ANJEE conference in January. All proceeds from the book are to go to ANJEE, to be used for teacher grants and research.
- No budget update at this time.

PROJECT UPDATES

- **Environmental Primer:** Distribution of the 2nd edition of the Primer has started. The 3rd edition (Spanish) should be arriving soon. (A special thanks to NJSELA for funding the 2nd edition!) Many positive comments have been received, especially concerning the content and design.
- A handout for the diesel ballot issue was distributed to the attending members.
- **Plan of Action:** Anne Galli distributed the Revision Theme and Outline handouts.
 - Special thanks to Dale Rosselet and the rest of the committee for all their efforts!
 - 55, out of 150 invited, attended the workshops
 - Other target/focus groups were contacted, their responses are due by October 1.
 - The new POA is to be presented in the spring of 2006 (Earth Day)

- The new POA is a 3-5 year Strategic Plan
- The body of the text is radically different than the original
- Commission members are asked to all attend the next full meeting which will focus on the POA – it will be a working session, to be held at either Plainsboro or Freehold.
- Sequence of themes should go from broad to narrow/awareness to action
- Order of the themes to be finalized at the next meeting.
- Next steps: Need NJCEE to submit a) concrete goals, objectives, milestones and b) blessings/feedback on draft.
- Input from the regional meetings; need to list accomplishments, shorten the document, add measurable outcomes/objectives.
- **Earth Day/Earth Week '06:**
 - NJCEE will support EEW in '06
 - Both events will be promoted early and schools and environmental organizations will be encouraged to collaborate: school events, scout groups, corporations, ANJEC...etc.
 - The commission will act as a “dating service”, linking the efforts of as many groups as possible.
 - A proclamation from the new Governor will be solicited early.
 - Participating organizations are encouraged to contribute ideas to the *earthdaynj* web-site; including pro’s and con’s of their experiences, evaluations, advice, and ideas for the future.
 - A forum for exchange of ideas...
- **NJCEE/IWG Web report:** the report for the last 3 months was not given verbally.
 - The full report is available upon request.
 - Membership listings will be updated before the next meeting.

Submitted by: M.R., 10/05