

**Joint Meeting of the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education  
And Interagency Work Group - AGENDA  
Thursday, September 14, 2006  
NJDEP Headquarters, Trenton  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Public Hearing Room**

- 9:00 a.m. COFFEE AND TEA**
- 9:30 Opening Remarks** **Joni Elliott, Chair**
- Welcome, opening remarks and introductions
  - Round-robin updates on summer EE activities
- 9:45 Business Meeting Items**
- Review of agenda **Joni Elliott**
  - Meeting notes
  - Request for new business
  - Membership update **Tanya Oznowich**
  - 2006-07 meeting logistics
  - NJCEE/IWG Web site report **Marc Rogoff**
- 10:00 Committee Updates**
- Plan of Action Revision Process*** **Dale Rosselet**  
Summary of activity to date **Anne Galli**  
Small group activity on sections  
(Informal breaks during this time)
- 10:40 NJ Environmental Primer Update** **Tanya Oznowich**  
Brief history/donations/distribution methods  
Status of Spanish version/future interests
- 10:45 BREAK**
- 11:00 Committee Updates (Con't)**
- NJ EE Week/Earth Day 2006** **Laura Scatena**  
Brief history of past activity/national EE Week  
Small group activity to review draft survey
- 11:45 New Business and Closing Remarks** **Joni Elliott**
- New business items and announcements
  - Meeting highlights & logistics for next meeting
  - Departure

**Joint Meeting of the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education  
And Interagency Work Group  
– MEETING NOTES –  
September 14, 2006**

**NJCEE Attendees:** Tanya Oznowich, Janice Reese-Berardo, Rich Belcher, Karen Wintress, Barry Schlegel, Dale Rosselet, Sule Oyger, Corky Johnson, Joni Elliott, Jim Shissias, John Lysko  
**IWG Attendees:** Marc Rogoff, Elizabeth Faircloth, Laura Scatena, Nicholle Jackson  
**Guests:** Avery Hart, Pat Skelly, Mike Skelly

**OPENING REMARKS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- “Round Robin” of recent activities of commission and IWG members.
  - Barry gave an update on the Toxrap grant for environmental health – results to be published within the next 2 years.
  - Elizabeth – EEAP grant to establish PLT in colleges
  - Rich – 43 teams (largest number yet) participated in the NJ Envirothon
  - Tanya – listed Commissioner Jackson’s current interests and indicated that Deputy Commissioner Adam Zelner would like to meet with the commission in the near future. Internal outreach re-organizations are being conducted in DEP.
  - Corky is working on an “ABC Garden” with a kindergarten class in Ocean Township.
  - Pat is working to infuse EE in her environmental commission in Bordentown.
  - Mike is working on revising the ANJEE bylaws and working with NESEA on the Tour-de-Sol (sustainable mobility) and other initiatives.
  - John- the science component of the HS proficiency testing program starts in March (HSPA – grade 11). Working with Brookdale CC on a math/science education initiative supporting NCLB.
  - Laura/Nicholle – working on an Air Quality website initiative for K-12 with Tanya/Marc
  - Avery – working with township of Kenelon on global warming and energy conservation
  - Dale – Audubon is working with school districts and not doing single day workshops this year. Attendance at workshops has dropped drastically. (Handout of recent article she wrote.) Showed the commission copies of a regional Birding and Wildlife Trail Guide that are being distributed for free. These guides include lists of businesses that support ecotourism.
  - Jim – seeking funding for the POA from the Commonwealth of NJ (~\$2000.00)
  - Sule – Working on a NJ specific insect collection for the Newark Museum, and travelling exhibits.
  - Karen – working with Montgomery township Environmental Commission and Stonybrook-Millstone WA. Working with economic development and interfaith organizations in town on sustainability – over %30 of town is open space/farmland.
- *Motion to accept agenda: Accepted by Dale, seconded by Rich – all in favor.*
- *Motion to accept June mtg. Notes: Jim, seconded by Corky - all in favor.*

**GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS**

- **Membership** – Tanya indicated there is no new news to report – we are still waiting on word from the Governors office. A future meeting with Fletcher will seek recommendations for open slots.
- **Logistics** –Online and hard copies available. ’07 will be mailed out before next meeting.
- **Web site report** – Hit rates are available upon request. Seeking photos and stories, links to commission member written articles/press. Send materials or changes to Marc. (June: 5,700/July: 5,852/August: 6,357 monthly total hits.)

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Plan of Action** – Committee met two times over the summer to work on the Front Matter and the thematic areas, goals, objectives, strategies and milestones.
  - Thematic Areas: Who is the target audience – general public or practitioners? Commission chose practitioners as primary audience. Discussion:
  - Joni would like to see it apply to all.
  - Dale wants it to apply to where we live and where we work.
  - Karen – should include environmental commissioners.
  - Tanya – volunteers, paid professionals, committed public.
  - Dale – Plan will state it is for all, but focus will be on who will do what. (Next meeting to follow today’s commission meeting.) What we set aside for commission to do is different from practitioners, so our objectives are separated from general objectives.
  - Spring of ’07 for final presentation to be made to legislature, Public comments to be taken at the ANJEE conference in February at Princeton. Anne will seek timeline additions from membership.
  - Exemplary EE programs to be listed in POA – seeking input (examples: Envirothon, EIC) <Environmental Education Jewels> Must include who, what, where, when and why.
  - Final copy will be sent to legislatures.
- **Environmental Primer** – Tanya indicated there were four boxes left of the ’06 printing. Payment was made on the Spanish version, which is now on its way. NJSELA indicated they will pay for the ’07 version – which will include new and updated terms.
- **Earth Day/Week** – Laura handed out a draft of the survey for commission review and comment. Discussion included introduction, description of handout, future plans and reasoning. NJRPA will work with us on this project. Electronic fax to go out to media to promote site/survey. Parks could promote Earth Day site.
  - Commission broke into groups to review and comment on survey at this time.
  - Review of comments...edits and corrections made.
  - Survey should promote outdoor events.
  - Committee to meet next week to consolidate info for presentation at the next meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Janice – NJCEE should have its own URL (web address)
- Next meeting: October 3<sup>rd</sup>, same location.
- *Motion to adjourn – Corky, seconded by Janice - all in favor.*

Depart