

**Joint Meeting of the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group
– MEETING NOTES –
November 28, 2006**

NJCEE Attendees: Tanya Oznowich, Janice Reese-Berardo, Rich Belcher, Karen Wintress, Barry Schlegel, Dale Rosselet, Corky Johnson, Joni Elliott, Jim Shissias, John Shifranski, Barbara Rich, Dan Watts

IWG Attendees: Marc Rogoff, Elizabeth Faircloth, Laura Scatena, Nicholle Worland, Kyra Hoffmann

Guests: Avery Hart

OPENING REMARKS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION

- **Round Robin of EE Activities:**
 - Rich – Conservation Plan (SCD) being reorganized due to decrease in funding requested
 - Tanya – Ballot #2 was passed – money now being allocated to new sources
 - Avery – Town of Kenilón creating energy reduction plan “Energy Diet”
 - Kyra – stormwater messages are being broadcast on TV/radio
 - Tanya – Spanish Primers and posters are available to all
 - Dale – Birding and Wildlife books are available (Skylands is next)
- *Motion to accept agenda: Corky, seconded by Dale – all in favor.*
- *Motion to accept Sept. mtg. notes: John, seconded by Janice - all in favor.*

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Membership** – Tanya reported there are still open positions, including 2 college (Fred Ellerbush and John Kirk are resigning), 1 high school position, 1 middle school position (Kathy McGlaughlin is resigning), and 1 environmental health position (Karen Wintress is resigning).
- **ANJEE Conference** – Janice announced the upcoming ANJEE conference will take place on February 1-3 at Princeton University. As in the past, NJCEE/IWG members can attend 1 day free. (Be sure to indicate you are a member when you register.)
- **NJ High School Redesign Steering Committee** – Tanya provided an overview of this committee’s work to propose recommendations for new high school graduation requirements (information about their recommendations can be found at <http://www.njhighschoolsummit.org/index.asp>). Group discussion focused on how this may effect the delivery of environmental and earth science in all grades as well as other pro’s and con’s and opinions related to the recommendations.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Plan of Action** – New titles for each of the 4 initiatives were created. There has been a narrowing down of the target audience – the document will go to people practicing EE in the community (still a wide range of people). EE educators should be doing activities to help NJCEE meet its goal.
 - Today’s goal – Under the “Goal” section: What are we willing to commit to doing to move these actions forward? Break out into 4 groups – each group works on all 4 initiatives.
- **RESULTS:**
 - Create a communications plan;
 - Identify ways of measuring progress and success;

- Identify what organizations are struggling with EE provider needs (have an annual meeting/forum);
 - Recognition of leadership in Environmental Stewardship
 - On our own time: Go back and read through the actions – have they captured the concerns – add any new ones that may have been missed.
- **Environmental Primer** – The Spanish version is available! There is one box of the 2006 English version left. Seeking funding for the first '07 edition at this time.
 - **Earth Day/Week** – Laura, Nicholle, Tanya and Marc met – still in progress, more information will be available at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Website** – request for photos, stories, promotional materials
- **Next meeting** – January 8th – same time and location
- *Motion to adjourn –Janice, seconded by Karen - all in favor.*

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