

**Joint Meeting of the New Jersey Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group
AGENDA
Tuesday, June 19, 2007
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 and introductions

9:35 Business Meeting Joni Elliott

- March meeting notes
- Membership and budget update
- Autumn 2007 meeting list
- NJCEE/IWG Web site report
- Draft NJCEE/IWG bylaws – discussion

Tanya Oznowich

Marc Rogoff

Joni/Marc/Tanya

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

10:00 *Plan of Action Revision Process* Dale Rosselet

- Summary of activity to date
- Review of EE timeline
- Identification of “Success stories”

Anne Galli

11:00 BREAK

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES (Con’t)

11:15 *NJ Environmental Primer Update* Tanya Oznowich

- Status of Spanish & English versions
- Plans for summer/autumn distribution
- New terms for 2008 version - discussion

11:35 *NJ EE Week/Earth Day 2007* Tanya Oznowich

- Summary of activities this spring

11:40 *New Business and Closing Remarks* Joni Elliott

- EE announcements and updates from group
- New business items
- Work plan and tasks for 2007 – 08
- Closing remarks
- Meeting highlights & logistics for June meeting

12:00 noon Departure

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MEETING NOTES
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NJCEE Attendees: Rich Belcher, Dr. Dan Watts, Corky Johnson, Anne Galli, Tanya Oznowich, Mike Heinz, Joni Elliott, Jim Shissias, Dale Rosselet
IWG Attendees: Marc Rogoff, Elizabeth Faircloth
Guests: Pat Skelly, Mike Skelly

OPENING REMARKS

Welcome and introductions – Joanne Elliott, Chair

ACTIVITIES TO REPORT

Rich Belcher – 14th Envirothon description and synopsis (37 teams participated)
High tech High - 1st place, MATES – 2nd place, National in NY in July

Mike Heinz – Standards clarification project: to allow teachers to better interpret the standards; Taking existing standards, providing scope, big ideas, essential questions, foundation of relevance, structure, topical questions and enduring understandings. (See draft of 5.10 distributed to commission.) Marc and Tanya brought in to assist with env. studies standards, Marc to be brought back to assist with earth science. This process is being done for all science standards. Exemplary units to be provided in the future – not yet worked on. Rubrics to follow. This project is NOT mandatory. Marketing will be included and online. Video clips will be online. Outside professionals and educators are brought in to assist. Final deadline is Oct. 2007 – publication by Jan/Feb 2008. This material will help to inform test specifications for NJASK, HSPA, etc. NJDOE will work with as many pathways as possible to get this to the teachers.

Group Discussion on Mike’s Presentation:

Pat Skelly - handed out “EE Advocacy Request” from NAAEE....”No Child Left Inside” includes EE in reauthorization of NCLB.

Anne Galli - Tests need to include practical applications – needs to be clear!

Mike Skelly – where is the magic statement “Go outdoors and do projects”?

Mike Heinz – DOE employees can not endorse an educational product, but ANJEE or other group, can and should. Teachers want to know what to use. There are old and inadequate examples in the frameworks document – it needs to be updated and new materials needs to be added.

Joni Elliott – Can Anne chair a committee to establish exemplary units? Anne – Yes. Corky indicated we need teacher representatives to help. Mike S. – this can be done at a later date, over the summer would be tough to get teachers. Mike H. can not review all lessons – ANJEE/NJCEE can establish a rubric. Current materials (5.10 draft) will be sent out to NJCEE members, please respond ASAP. Look to NSTA, NAAEE for curriculum units that exemplify best practices. Corky – go to curriculum coordinators/administrators of the districts.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- **March meeting notes:** Motion to accept, Dale Rosselet; Rich Belcher, 2nd; all in favor (Anne abstained)
- **Membership and budget update:** Reserved for work plan discussion

- **Autumn 2007 meeting list:** Distributed; Fall meeting list acknowledged and approved
- **NJCEE/IWG Web site report:** Available upon request – **Marc Rogoff**
- **Draft NJCEE/IWG bylaws:** Group discussion – **Marc Rogoff**
Description of process was provided and Marc outlined current draft document. The file will be sent out electronically for review and editing in late summer. Send comments to Marc. It will be voted on at the Sept. or Oct. meeting.
 - **Mike Skelly** – add “how does this relate to the administrative procedures act?”
 - **Jim Shissias** – any reference to funds/budget?
 - **Rich Belcher** – any reference to minimum attendance requirements of members

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Plan of Action Revision Process – **Dale Rosselet and Anne Galli**

- Summary of activity to date
- No full committee meeting in a while/hasn't been needed
- Draft form (GP, thematic areas, matrix) ready for comment
- Still working on: introduction, examples of best practices/case studies, milestones, etc.
- Review of EE timeline – group discussion
- Milestones – send comments to Anne G.
- Distribution and promotional plans – discussed briefly (online, limited hard copies)
- EE “Success Stories” - members send to Anne one or more events that have impact statewide, from their organization/community to improve document and show readers what can and has been done
- Identification of “Success stories” – group discussion on purpose
- Dale/Tanya – handout distributed; will use as decorative sidebars; photos/logos will be included. “People, Places, and Things” will be emphasized. Need help in identify these items. Text should be reader friendly and exciting; By end of July send to Dale and Tanya.

Ideas from group:

- Monmouth County Parks – Youth EE Programs (Marc)
- US Green Bldg Council (NJ Chapter) – Adult Education Program (Mike S.)
- NJHEPS – college ed./outreach (Dr. Watts)
- State Park Service – Interpretation/History (Elizabeth)
- Corp/Business support for EE – NJBISEC (Jim)
- Benjamin Moore Paints – PD Support (Elizabeth)
- NJAS (Dale)
- Coastal America/CWRP (Jim)
- Hillside School (Pat)
- Monmouth County Master Gardeners Junior Gardeners Program (Corky?/Marc)
- GreenFaith (Joni)
- Science Explorers – Newark Museum (Sule)
- Isles (Joni)

NJ Environmental Primer Update – **Tanya Oznowich**

- Status of Spanish & English versions
- Plans for summer/autumn distribution
- New terms for 2008 version – discussion
- 2007 version down to one box plus one box of 2006 left (same inside text)
- Thanks go out to EPA and Commonwealth of NJ for publication funds; Contributor for English 2008 version needed; \$3,500 needed for 18,000 copies; Will approach former donors and new donors

- 2008 version to be worked on over the summer/autumn in DEP; New terms to replace outdated terms as the terms should represent cutting edge/current issue topics
- Please send any term suggestions to Tanya
- Mike Heinz - find terms kids should be using in Env. Studies class
- Mike Skelly - NAI vocabulary project (good resource)

NJ EE Week/Earth Day 2007 - Tanya Oznovich

- Summary of activities this spring
- Tanya – DEP Commissioner attended many Earth Day/Week events
- Governor Corzine signed proclamation for NJ Environmental Education Week, which was announced electronically and posted at NJCEE/IWG web site
- Press/media release was done by DEP for NJ EE Week and Earth Day activities/Web site
- Pat Skelly - Burlington event in June was greatest attendance yet (Good example of sidebar event)

NEW BUSINESS AND CLOSING REMARKS

Work plan and tasks for 2007 – 08 (Draft) – Group Members

- Draft work plan circulated, to vote on in September and start to use in October
- Joni is willing to continue to serve as Chair or step down; Vice-chair needed (2 year commitment)
- Several positions are open or soon to be open; thank you notes from Gov office and NJCEE will go out to former members once a package of new nominations and all needed resignation letters have been submitted/list of openings (current and pending) will be distributed
- Annual Reports – needs to get done, should go out to members of cabinet and legislature/federal representatives as well
- Elizabeth handed out Fall Forestry Festival postcard
- **Next meeting** – September, 2007, same location.
- **Motion to adjourn the meeting: Motion made by Anne Galli; Coralee Johnson, 2nd; Motion carried**