

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education  
And Interagency Work Group AGENDA  
Thursday, October 25, 2007  
NJDEP Headquarters, Trenton  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Public Hearing Room**

- 9:15 a.m. COFFEE AND TEA**
- 9:30 Opening Remarks** **Tanya Oznowich**  
**Dale Rosselet,**  
**Acting Chair**
- Welcome and introductions
  - Nominations for Chair/Vice Chair – status
- 9:45 Overview of Ballot #3** **Jay Watson,**  
**Deputy Commissioner**
- Green Acres, Farmland, Blue Acres and  
Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2007*
- Group introduction
  - Jay’s thoughts on public education regarding natural resources, ecology and stewardship
- 10:15 Business Meeting**
- September meeting notes **Dale Rosselet**
  - Review agenda/new business items
  - Membership and nominations status **Tanya Oznowich**
  - NJCEE/IWG Web site report **Marc Rogoff**
- COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**
- 10:30 Plan of Action Revision Process** **Dale Rosselet**
- Summary of activity to date/next steps
  - “Environmental Literacy” description **Tanya Oznowich**
  - Status of “Success Stories” **Marc Rogoff**
- 10:45 BREAK**
- 11:00 NJ Environmental Primer Update** **Marc Rogoff**
- Status of printing funds
  - Powerpoint: Primer Quiz – product of primer use
- 11:20 NJ EE Week/Earth Day 2008**
- No report
- 11:20 New Business and Closing Remarks** **Dale Rosselet**  
**Group Members**
- National EE news and updates
  - Summer EE announcements/updates from group
  - NJAS summer teacher institutes – summary
  - DEP School Facilities Web Site – overview (new)
  - Logistics for November meeting
  - New business items/closing remarks
  - Departure

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**Attending:**

NJCEE: Rich Belcher, Dr. Dan Watts, Corky Johnson, Tanya Oznowich, Dale Rosselet, Marie Downes-McDonald, Iris Duffield, Barry Schlegal, John Shafranski  
IWG: Marc Rogoff, Laura Scatena, Nicholle Worland

**Opening Remarks**

Welcome and introductions

Dale & Anne have agreed to nominations for the vacant roles of chair and vice chair - official election procedure to follow at a later date; Tanya will e-mail entire group to solicit any other interested persons

Marc – *This Old House* Oct. 07 issue has a focus on energy conservation

Barry – new job, consultant for Emilcott

Dale – thanks for all comments for POA (upcoming committee meeting TBA)

**Overview of Ballot #3 -Jay Watson, Deputy Commissioner, NJDEP**

Forbes report – New Jersey is rated number 7 !!!

Nov 6 – 200 million dollar commitment to be voted on by state voters

- To be divided up among Dept. of Agriculture, Historic preservation trust, green acres,
- EE – Last Child in the Woods – value of natural world connection
- Urban reclamation – children in the built environments need to understand natural connections
- Environmental protection is about protecting the quality of our life
- Green Collar Jobs – what are the opportunities that are available for improving the environment
- Climate Change – need to get the facts to the schools

Floor opened for questions and postcards were made available for distribution to public.

**Business Meeting**

September meeting notes - Motion to accept Rich 1st, Corky 2nd, all in favor

Acceptance of today's Agenda – Corky 1<sup>st</sup>, John S. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor

**Membership and budget update** – Several openings – nominations needed. Looking to diversify the Commission in multiple ways. Want larger group on IAW from non-DEP offices. Information is available through Tanya. Goal to have several nominations for each slot for Governor's office.

John S. – Have thought been given to having meetings in the evenings?

**NJCEE/IWG Web site report** – Available on request. Request for photos.

**COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

**Plan of Action Revision Process**

Dale – Comments are being infused into the document, please send any comments to Dale.

“Environmental Literacy” – Tanya created a definition based on NJCEE comments. Dale asked group to review. Approval to be made at next meeting – no quorum today.

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/njcee/POAbasicfactsII.pdf>

Status of “Success Stories”: Coming along – contacts have been made and being followed up on.

Any new suggestions get them to Marc. (Stockton is geothermal, Essex Co. Env. center is green)

***NJ Environmental Primer Update***

Funding request to NJSELA (not able this year) – and NJSTA (still awaiting reply)

Quiz and Powerpoint – (partially presented to group) Members agreed presentation should be made more readily available to general public/schools. Tanya and Marc will seek approval to have it posted on the web site.

**NJ EE Week/Earth Day 2008** – no report

**New Business and Closing Remarks**

No Child Left Behind (No Child Left Inside)

Federal Grants -

NAAEE training (\$100,000 annually for a master plan for K-12 EE)

- Let Our Children Roam free article (link)
- Global Warming Education funds forthcoming
- ANJEE calls for conference distributed

Summer/Fall EE announcements:

- Envirothon info (from Rich) Doris Duke Estates in Hillsborough –May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- Next meeting Wed. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>

Motion to adjourn: 1<sup>st</sup> Dan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corky, all in favor.

Submitted by: M.R., 10/25/07