

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group AGENDA**

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**DEP Headquarters
Public Hearing Room, 1st Floor
Trenton, New Jersey**

9:00 a.m. Coffee/tea and condiments

9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks

- Welcome and introductions
- **MOTION** to accept March meeting notes (draft)
- Review agenda/new business items, if any

*Dale Rosselet,
Chair*

9:40 EE Week – Committee Update

- EE Week and Earth Day activities and website
- Proclamations for EE Week and Earth Day
- DEP involvements and statewide activities
- Group participation in EE Week and ED activities

*Tanya and Marc
Group*

9:50 National and State EE Updates

- ANJEE update: NJ EE Directory
- ANJEE update: 25-year anniversary plans
- NJ's June Outdoors Month and Walk in the Woods Day
- NCLI Act and Hill Day/Lob/Biondo Outreach Campaign
- EE article (Christian Science Monitor)/NAAEE response
- NAAEE affiliate summit – ANJEE participation/sustainability
- NJ Environmental Literacy Forum (April)/sustainability
- ANJEE update: PALS Grants recipients/sustainability
- U.S. DOE's new Green Ribbon Schools program/EE and Sustainability

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Dale Rosselet
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Tanya, Marc and Pat*

10:30 Call to Action - Committee Update

- Distribution of draft *A Call to Action*
- Walk through contents and discussion on each section
- Q/A and next steps regarding presentation

Dale and Tanya

10:55 BREAK

11:05 EE and Sustainability Education

- What is relationship between EE and education about sustainability?
- Does draft *A Call to Action* sufficiently embrace sustainability education?
- Next steps, if any

Dale and Tanya

11:20 NJ EE Leadership Forum – Committee Update

- Group discussion regarding purpose and agenda
- Group discussion regarding sponsors, keynote and logistics
- Next steps

Forum Committee

11:55 a.m. Updates and Wrap Up

- Meeting highlights
- Logistics for next meeting
- Wrap up and departure

Dale Rosselet

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Attendance:

NJCEE: Tanya Oznowich, Dale Rosselet, Jim Shissias, Barbara Rich, Derek Shendell, John Shafranski, Marie Downes-McDonnell, Anne Galli, Rich Belcher,

IWG: Marc Rogoff, Elizabeth Faircloth

Public/Guests/Nominees: Pat Skelly, Rebecca Jordan,

Opening Remarks

- Welcome and introductions
- **MOTION** to accept March meeting notes (draft)
No quorum – voting to be held electronically
- Review agenda/new business items, if any

*Dale Rosselet,
Chair*

EE Week – Committee Update

- EE Week and Earth Day activities and website
- Proclamations for EE Week and Earth Day
2 proclamations were signed by the Governor – posted at the EarthDayNJ site.
Commissioner of DEP attended multiple Earth Day events. He intends to do so again next year.
Derek – EE questions were sent to EarthDayNJ. Elizabeth participated in events at the FREC for ED and Arbor Day – The Commissioners wife’s class attended one of the events. A white pine seeds from the FREC went into space with an astronaut from the Freehold area. Anne, Derek & Pat – the post office is releasing a set of forever stamps with “Green Tips” on them. John – the events in Japan although disastrous, were used as a part of an educational event for adults. Dale – NJAS is conducting bird house construction that uses sustainable wood grown here in NJ. Pat – Bordentown is hosting an upcoming green event. Anne – a sustainable seafood event is being planned.
- DEP involvements and statewide activities
- Group participation in EE Week and ED activities

*Tanya and Marc
Group*

National and State EE Updates

- ANJEE update: NJ EE Directory
The vendor (Webdesign Studio) has been working on the template for site and directory and met with Joseph Caravella (ANJEE VP) and Marc both electronically and physically. The new site will act as a *1-Stop Shopping for EE in NJ*.
Marc Rogoff
- ANJEE update: 25-year anniversary plans
A banquet is planned in November – weekend prior to Thanksgiving.
A spring fund-raising campaign is in the works. Donations are accepted/encouraged.
Derek – send the email as an attachment – firewalls may detain certain terms.
Tanya Oznowich
- NJ’s June Outdoors Month and Walk in the Woods Day
30 events planned in the state parks. June 4th is National Trails Day.
Handout about Tree Farm event distributed.
Backyard Campout Day on June 25th. – Event a Pequest Hatchery on the 24th. (Skywatch that night!)
Elizabeth Faircloth
- NCLI Act and Hill Day/LoBiondo Outreach Campaign
The bill has not been introduced yet. On the Federal level, the progress is very slow due to a great number of newly elected officials. Summit in Baltimore on April 9/10 – “Hill Day” held by NWF. Pat met with 5 of the 6 NJ offices supporting the bill. Congressman LoBiondo’s office has concerns about the funding issues. Pat hopes that he signs on as a Republican sponsor of the bill.
Pat Skelly
- EE article (Christian Science Monitor)/NAAEE response
Handout distributed. The authors of the article are releasing a new book about the “failure of EE”.
Tanya/Group

- NAAEE affiliate summit – ANJEE participation/sustainability *Dale Rosselet*
- NJ Environmental Literacy Forum (*April*)/sustainability *Pat and Tanya*
Handout distributed. Multiple speakers, but poorly attended. Tanya introduced Governor Whitman. She offered to help push through the CTA. Pat was the last speaker and sought out supporters for the Coalition. Tanya proposed that we contact all the speakers and ask for their participation and support for the CTA.
- ANJEE update: PALS Grants recipients/sustainability *Elizabeth and Tanya*
- U.S. DOE's new Green Ribbon Schools program/EE and Sustainability *Tanya, Marc and Pat*
Handout distributed. Webinar held last week. Federal Dept. of Education (NJ DOE is involved) spells out 4 categories that relate to the CTA categories and an Environmental Literacy Plan.
Anne – Environmental Education, Sustainability Education & Environmental Literacy are all used within the article to reach out to larger audiences. They are all used interchangeably but are interpreted differently by the individual. Rebecca – “*What do people need to know to achieve sustainability?*” See notes below *.

EE and Sustainability Education

Dale and Tanya

- What is relationship between EE and education about sustainability?
* See the above discussion under “Green Ribbon Schools”.
Tanya - NJHEPS held a meeting that brought attention to the Commission for some DEP management. A meeting is planned between these managers and the EE Program. “*The CTA will lay the groundwork for EE and SE.*” See below for continuation of discussion.
- Does draft *A Call to Action* sufficiently embrace sustainability education?
- Next steps, if any (see below)

Call to Action - Committee Update

Dale and Tanya

- Distribution of draft *A Call to Action*
- Walk through contents and discussion on each section
Handout of draft of CTA and appendices distributed. Tanya gave a walk-through of the “final” draft.
 - Validations/relevance and importance of many items was embellished.
 - Sections were edited down to fewer pages.
 - A graphic artist will redo the cover page if needed.
 - The appendix will be aesthetically inserted into the document.
 - Quotes will receive proper recognition at the end of the document.
 - The term “sustainability” should be inserted into Goal D of Section 3.
 Some minor modifications in format/grammar/terminology were discussed.
- Q/A and next steps regarding presentation (E-mail comments/suggestions to Tanya & Dale by Memorial Day.)
The draft will be presented to DEP Commissioner, who if willing, will draft a letter of support.

NJ EE Leadership Forum – Committee Update

Forum Committee

- Group discussion regarding purpose and agenda
- Group discussion regarding sponsors, keynote and logistics
- Next steps: Date set for September 21, 2011. To be held at the Burlington Eco-Complex. We hope to have over 100 attendees. The goals, objectives and outcomes of the forum are described in the CTA draft.
The morning session will focus on national efforts – Kevin Coyle will be keynote speaker.
The afternoon sessions will feature concurrent workshops focusing on the thematic areas in the CTA – seeking to identify leaders for each section. Commission members are asked to facilitate and take notes. We intend to record (video and audio) the sessions and keynote. Continental breakfast and lunch will be included. Registration will likely be electronic (Marc will set up – perhaps with paypal) and the costs will be around \$35.00. We are looking for speakers, sponsors and content area ideas.

Updates and Wrap Up

- Meeting highlights *Dale Rosselet*
- Logistics for next meeting – Wednesday, June 15th, 2011 at the DEP.
- Wrap up and departure

Submitted by M. Rogoff, May 17, 2011