

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group
CONFERENCE CALL - AGENDA
Monday, September 19, 2011
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

Call in information:
218-486-1600 (not a toll-free call)
308731 (passcode)

10:00 a.m. Opening Remarks

- Introductions – who is on the call
- Procedures for call administration/review agenda
- **MOTION** to accept May meeting notes (draft)
- Summer activity (in DEP) regarding NJCEE/IWG efforts

Dale Rosselet

Marc Rogoff

Tanya Oznowich

10:15 Update: Nominations Package

- Additions and next steps
- Group discussion/questions

Tanya Oznowich

10:25 Update: A Call to Action

- Feedback from DEP managers
- Plan, text and graphic changes
- Next steps and timeframe
- Group discussion/questions

Tanya Oznowich

10:45 Additional Topics

- Environmental literacy forum
- October meeting – speakers
- November meeting update
- December meeting – speaker
- ANJEE updates – banquet, directory, conference
- National update (if time)
- Meeting highlights and wrap up

Dale Rosselet

Tanya Oznowich

Elizabeth Faircloth

Pat Skelly/Dale/Tanya

Dale Rosselet

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Attendance:

NJCEE: Dale Rosselet, Tanya Oznowich, Rich Belcher, Derek Shendell, Anne Galli, Iris Duffield, Jim Shissias, Stacey Keneealy

IWG: Marc Rogoff, Kyra Hoffmann, Laura Scatena

Public/Guests/Nominees: Pat Skelly, Rebecca Jordan

- Introductions – who is on the call **Dale Rosselet**
- Review agenda
- **MOTION** to accept May meeting notes (draft) **Marc Rogoff**
Quorum - Motion by Iris, seconded by Derek, all in favor
- Summer activity (in DEP) regarding NJCEE/IWG efforts **Tanya Oznowich**
Meeting – discuss group, Plan, and nominations; to determine interests from other groups;
Michele and Angelene attending Oct. 18 meeting

Update: Nominations Package

Tanya Oznowich

- Additions and next steps
Existing group – please send updated resume to Tanya.
Governor’s office questionnaire (under Gov. Corzine) had specific requests that need to be filled – those specific items will be collected by Tanya when/if needed. A list of openings will be distributed to the existing members. New director from NJHEPS, Dept. of Labor, student opening. To send letters of support – to DEP and Gov. office

Update: A Call to Action

Tanya Oznowich

- Feedback from DEP managers
Changes will be put in yellow due to suggestions from summer meetings concerning the CTA. They referred to the document as an “Interim document” likened to a “transition report”, and having it become a two-year document with recommendations for K-12 environmental literacy and sustainability, by 2013.
State level involvement will be enhanced for sustainability education and related careers.
NJHEPS is interested in linking their efforts in higher ed with a K-12 literacy group focusing on sustainability and the environment. “What are kids currently learning, what students should be learning, how the Commission/Department can support this...” Nothing in the current document will be removed. Format will remain the same with minor text changes and some added graphics (to explain group organization).
Add language into long term planning to tie to Michele’s group goal (sustainability)
Focusing on env. literacy AND sustainability plan – don’t know if we need to create a separate K-12 workgroup/committee – depends upon federal activity and ANJEE – can be 1 work group focusing on grades K-12
- Plan, text and graphic changes – available prior to the next commission meeting. (By Oct. 12th, 2011) Tanya will look into a committee meeting prior to the next meeting.
- Group discussion/questions
Supposed to be recommendations from the NJCEE not a product of the DEP

Hard recommendations = support for implementing?

Action item in the back – compromise? Explain action item more w/real recommendations

Tanya – has come from the NAAEE guidelines; NJ curriculum standards; there are sustainability standards – correlate state and federal standards

More states going forward w/sustainability literacy; being considered in other states

Big emphasis on green careers/jobs at DOE; how kids learn about sustainability in K-8

What does a 2 year plan really mean? Teachers need time to learn new standards

Any further comments – email to Call to Action committee (how to meet DEP recommendations and needs but keep intent of plan) (K-12 can be recommended in 2 years and other elements continue???) Working w/DOE on standards; need to have close relationship with DOE Officials, NJ will probably adopt national standards; efforts will be ahead of what schools are doing)

Additional Topics

- Environmental literacy forum – postponed till ? **Dale Rosselet**
- October meeting – speakers (Oct 18th, 2011) **Tanya Oznowich**
Try to have a conference call during the meeting, 930am-12
- November meeting update (Nov 15th at Salem Energy and Environment Center – tour of exhibits and possibly nuclear power facility)
- December meeting – speaker: Mike Heinz (Dec. 14th)
- ANJEE updates – banquet (Oct 22), directory, conference **Elizabeth Faircloth**
25th anniversary banquet invitations have been sent – all are encouraged to attend and participate. ANJEE intends to give an award to Rush Holt and Rep. Lobiondo.
- National update: Moving forward, in Senate, many bills are **Pat Skelly/Dale/Tanya** being introduced instead of one bill that will include NCLI. EPA EE is being threatened by new legislation. Pat will send out update via email.
- Meeting highlights and wrap up **Dale Rosselet**
Any corrections on these notes – send to Marc and Tanya
Motion to adjourn: Anne, seconded by Rich

Submitted by M. Rogoff, and L. Scatena, Sept. 19, 2011