

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group AGENDA
Wednesday, December 14, 2011
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
7th Floor LARGE Conference Room, DEP Headquarters
Trenton, New Jersey**

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

9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks

- Welcome and introductions
- Summary of November ceremony, tour and meeting
- Introduction of new nominees and overviews of work
- Review agenda/new business items, if any

*Dale Rosselet, Chair
Anne Galli, Vice Chair
Nick, Danni
Dale*

10:00 National and State EE Updates

- NAAEE conference activity and summary
- NCLI Act update and any other federal legislation and activity
- U.S. DOE's Green Ribbon Schools Program - status
- NJSBA and EIRC green schools partnership
- ANJEE update - grant opportunity for NJELP
- ANJEE update: Conference news
- ANJEE update: PALS Grants program

*Pat Skelly/Roberta Hunter
Pat Skelly
Dale, Elizabeth, Tanya
Tanya Oznowich
Tanya Oznowich
Elizabeth Faircloth
Elizabeth and Roberta Hunter*

10:45 Call to Action - Committee Update

- Status of A *Call to Action* finalization
- Status of nominations package for NJCEE membership
- Committee work underway between NJHEPS and DEP
- Q/A and next steps

Tanya and Dale

Tanya and Nick

11:00 BREAK

11:15 Priorities and Programs in NJ Department of Education

- STEM and nonformal education initiatives
- Core standards and science standards
- Green Ribbon Schools Program
- Other...
- Q/A and group discussion
 - *Michael Heinz, Science Coordinator, Office of STEM*

11:45 a.m. Updates and Wrap Up

- Meeting highlights
- 2012 meeting schedule
- Wrap up and departure

*Dale Rosselet
Tanya Oznowich
Dale Rosselet*

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Environmental Education/IWG
DRAFT NOTES
Wednesday, December 14, 2011
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Attendance:

NJCEE: Iris Duffield, Anne Galli, Stacey Kenneally, John Shafranski, Tanya Oznowich, Dale Rosselet, Barbara Rich, Jim Shissias, Derek Shendell

IWG: Marc Rogoff

Public/Guests/Nominees: Pat Skelly, Danni Logue, Mike Chodroff, Nick Smith-Sebasto, Haydee Perez-Livingston

- Welcome and introductions
- Summary of November ceremony, tour and meeting
- Introduction of new nominees and overviews of work
- Review agenda/new business items - none

National and State EE Updates

- NAAEE conference activity and summary - working on a framework for EE assessment. See webinar at NAAEE website. (Link here)
- NCLI Act update and any other federal legislation and activity – Pat: 6 weeks ago the health committee of the senate put EE into ESA via an amendment for funding for “Well-Rounded Education”. This is the 1st time EE has been included with these subjects – the amendment passed. Federal funding will be available if this bill continues. The Coalition will continue pushing the NCLI and continue to include more EE in ESA. (insert other notes) The Coalition is still looking for partnerships. White House is working on an Environmental Literacy executive order. Emphasis to include health & faith groups.
- NJSBA and EIRC green schools partnership – Carol James and John Henry will be asked to present at a future meeting early next year. EIRC offers workshops for teachers on sustainability in education. Working with school boards to focus on district/school financial sustainability, and student performance related to green building practices. Will be holding a Green Schools conference in March.
- U.S. DOE’s Green Ribbon Schools Program – status – Recognize schools that include EL and green practices. More on GRS later in the meeting.
- ANJEE update - grant opportunity for NJELP - \$10,000 to pay an education consultant. EL will include sustainability, STEM, 21st Century, NJCCCS. Text will include what is being taught, and a resource list. It will be housed on the ANJEE site. To go into effect by 2013.
- ANJEE update: Conference news – Jan 27/28. 27th annual conference. Student showcase – celebrating water – still looking for submissions. Looking for auction items. Come for a day – or all three.
- ANJEE update: PALS Grants program – 2nd year of program. \$15,000 each went to 3 different grantees. Formal and non-formal partnerships. See the ANJEE site for more information.
- ANJEE Directory – A **Call to Action** includes an action for the NJ EE directory and calls for “filling the directory”. Research, grants, volunteer opportunities. Framework will be released at the ANJEE conference and will be sent (when final) to all NJCEE members to help promote and spread the word.

Call to Action - Committee Update

- Status of A **Call to Action** finalization – ties into existing NJCCCS. Final draft is in the hands of the communications office for editing and layout.
- Status of nominations package for NJCEE membership – a couple outstanding openings are still being pursued and filled; bulk of package has been submitted and all openings should be filled by early 2012.

- Committee work underway between NJHEPS and DEP – Nick Smith-Sebasto (Kean University and commission nominee), provided his insights on sustainability education and how EE relates to it.
- Nick also discussed his role in NJHEPS and as chair of the curriculum committee. (Nick is working with DEP’s Office of Economic Growth and Green Energy to prepare white papers” on curriculum, careers, facilities and infrastructure, purchasing and technology. This partnership is part of Actions #1 and #2 in *A Call to Action*. (NJDOE is looking into HS graduation requirements, and career readiness.)
- Nick also described his work at Kean University in terms of campus-based sustainability instruction and projects.

Priorities and Programs in NJ Department of Education

(Dale and Tanya provided the update based on their work with NJ DOE staff, due to speaker cancellation. Haydee Perez-Livingston also provided input from the Afterschool Programs office.

- STEM and non-formal education initiatives – DOE Stem office/science is exploring ways to work with nonformal science education providers to help meet school enrichment and program needs while trying different approaches
- Core standards and science standards – emphasis on the Next Generation Science Standards
- NJ Environmental Literacy Plan – update on this grant – what the ELP is and how it relates to our work with the NJDOE
- Green Ribbon Schools Program – update on federal program and NJ pilot
- Water education curriculum available from the NJDOE After-school Program office, for afterschool programs – focus is on water with emphasis on science concepts and skills

Updates and Wrap Up

- Meeting highlights
- 2012 meeting schedule - status
- Reminder about ANJEE conference
- Closing remarks