

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group AGENDA
Thursday, March 1, 2012
9:30 – 10:50 a.m.**

Call-in conference line: 218-486-1600
Passcode: 308731
(Thank you, NJ Audubon)

9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks

- Welcome and introductions
- Who is on the conference call – roll call
- Review agenda/new business items, if any
- Discuss/approve February meeting notes (TBA)
- Update on draft plan and membership

Dale Rosselet, Chair

9:45 NJELP Work Group – Update (Action #1)

- Update on national and/or state NJELP activity
- Discussion about consultant position and ANJEE website
- Next steps

*Dale, Pat, Elizabeth,
Roberta and Tanya*

10:00 NJEED Work Group – Update (Action #5)

- Summary of NJEED purpose and grant
- Brief review of ANJEE/NJEED website components
- Feedback still desired for NJEED data collection tool
- Next steps

*Marc, Tanya,
Dale and Mike*

10:15 NJ Earth Day/EE Week 2012 (NJ EE Act)

- NJ Earth Day/EE Week website update
- Reminder to submit info for events and EE week activities
- Next steps

Tanya and Marc

10:20 National and State EE Updates

- NCLI update and any other federal EE activity
- NJ Green Ribbon Schools Program
- NJ Sustainable Schools Conference
- NJ Envirothon 2012
- ANJEE PALS Grants Program – Round II
- ANJEE EE Leadership Retreat for March
- April EE programs and events – group sharing

*Pat Skelly
Tanya
Dale, Tanya
Rich Belcher
Roberta Hunter (tent.)
Dale
Group*

10:45 Meeting Wrap Up

- Meeting highlights and May meeting logistics

Dale Rosselet

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John Shifranski, Iris Duffield, Danny Anne Galli, Rich Belcher, Marie Downes, Tanya Oznowich, Derek Shendell, Stacey Kenneally, Mike Chodruff, Marc Rogoff, Ray Nichols, Dale Rosselet, Pat Skelly,

Opening Remarks

- Review agenda/new business items, if any - no comments
- Discuss/approve February meeting notes (to be done electronically)
- Update on draft plan and membership – Ray – have commissioner intro POA on Earth Day. Tanya confirmed this is planned.
Membership – NJ Audubon staff member will be calling appts office to try to get progress.

NJELP Work Group – Update (Action #1)

- Update on national and/or state NJELP activity – ANJEE received grant from Klipstien Foundation. Core group working on job description and website.
- Discussion about consultant position and ANJEE website – strong educ and curric background – familiar with standards and correlations. NJCEE will act as consultants to this step.
- Next steps – email going out to members of link to job description (see www.anjee.org/elp)
Would like people to respond by March 9th, 2012.

NJEED Work Group – Update (Action #5)

- Summary of NJEED purpose and grant
- Brief review of ANJEE/NJEED website components
- Feedback still desired for NJEED data collection tool
- Next steps – web related needs – see Marc Rogoff for details

NJ Earth Day/EE Week 2012 (NJ EE Act)

- NJ Earth Day/EE Week website update – see site www.earthdaynj.org Submit your events!
- Reminder to submit info for events and EE week activities
- Next steps – see Marc Rogoff for details

National and State EE Updates

- NCLI update and any other federal EE activity – **Pat:** Presidents budget was introduced last week and NEEA and EEF, and NOAA EL program funding has been eliminated. NAAEE is working to restore funding. Senator Udall - Feb 15, Healthy Kids from Day One (S3298) introduced to improve indoor health and outdoor play. Transportation bill being revised and may not include safe biking and walking programs (i.e. Safe Routes to Schools). Secretaries of Interior and DOE announced program using Federal Public Lands for education. (ee.advocacy@gmail.com) Pat will send any action items from her next conf call (this afternoon) to Tanya for distribution to the Commission members.
- NJ Green Ribbon Schools Program - Overseen by EIRC, with nearly 30 schools indicating they will apply. 4 schools will win. All schools must apply by tomorrow (March 2, 2012). Working group will score them and collect data. **Tanya:** Go to EIRC site and review the program. The three pillars relate to everything we have spoken about today. Could be a good way to incorporate EE and Sustainability

instruction in schools. **Mike:** It is an amazing tool to use going forward for school planning. It is intensive and comprehensive for green school application.

<http://www.eirc.org/website/programs-services/ni-sustainable-schools-consortium/new-jersey-green-ribbon-schools>

- NJ Sustainable Schools Conference - **Dale, Tanya:**
- NJ Envirothon 2012 - **Rich Belcher:** Registration is complete. Theme is “Nonpoint source pollution and low impact development”. 17 schools registered so far, others expected. Event will be on May 5th 2012 at Camp Sacajuwea in Farmingdale, Monmouth Co. Still looking for judges/participants.
- ANJEE PALS Grants Program – Round II - **Roberta Hunter:** open to formal and nonformal ed. Due by March 15, 2012. www.anjee.org/pals
- ANJEE EE Leadership Retreat for March – March – 2012.
- **April EE programs and events – group sharing**

Meeting Wrap Up

- Meeting highlights and May meeting logistics: May 24th, 2012 – next meeting – at PSEG in Salem Co.

Submitted by Marc Rogoff, March 1, 2012