

California Environmental Education Interagency Network Meeting



Date: Thursday, February 18, 2016
11:00 AM - 12:15 pm

Location: Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park Headquarters

Meeting Leader: Ed Wong
Location Contact: Anne Stephens
Note Taker: Susan Knadle

Attendees:

Anne Stephens, CSU Chico, Department of Science Education
Sandy Derby, Project Learning Tree, UCANR
Brian Brown, Project Wet/Water Education Foundation
Kathy Schulz, CA Department of Water Resources
DeAnn Tenhunfeld, CA Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom
Lesa Johnston, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
Greg Ira, UC California Naturalist Program, UCANR
Carolyn Kolstad, US Fish and Wildlife Service
Lesley Taylor, CA Department of Education
Laura Drath, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
Shannon Gordon, CA Department of Education
Ed Wong, CA Air Resources Board
Susan Knadle, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (Retired), UCD Department of Environmental Toxicology

Call-In:

Christy Porter Humpert, CA Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
Tom Drake, CA Association for Environmental & Outdoor Education

9:45 AM

- Vanpool arrived at Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park.

10:00-11:00 AM

- CEEIN Emerita Anne Stephens greeted members and conducted a tour of the Hands-On Lab at the CSU Chico (CSUC) Physical Sciences Building. CSUC students were conducting 6-8 activity stations on water and its properties to a class of 3rd graders. The Hands-On Lab is a great benefit for both CSUC students and visiting students. CSUC students interested in a possible teaching career are given first-hand experience to work with visiting students on various science topics and concepts and visiting students gain practical knowledge and basic lab skills.

Check-in and Catch-up

11:00-11:10 AM

- Ed Wong called the meeting to order
- Welcome and Introductions
- Reviewed Agenda and Passed Around Sign-In Sheet
- Minutes from January 2016 meeting were approved.
- Action Items from January 2016 Meeting were reviewed.

- Shannon sent BEL steering committee list to members (Done).
- Shannon checked with CDE about sharing BEL update emails with members (Done).
- Lesley posted EE/statue tracking spreadsheet to Box for members to complete (Done).
- Ed emailed 2007 and most recent version MOU to members for review and will add to next agenda (Done).
- Members notified Ed on attending/calling-in Chico Trip (Done).
- Need volunteer to coordinate CEEIN workshop strand at CSTA conference.

Discussion

11:10 AM-12:00 PM

- MOU and Current Membership – Shannon Gordon
 - The current MOU is from 2007. CEEIN created a newer one but it was only signed by Superintendent Torlakson. We need clarity on the statement that Ag in the Classroom has replaced Department of Food and Agriculture as a CEEIN member. Bill Andrews has said that signing a current MOU is important for implementation of the recommendations in the Blueprint for Environmental Literacy because it will raise awareness of CEEIN and environmental literacy among our agency leads. CEEIN has no budget but by increasing awareness, more collaborative funding solutions may make arise. Having an MOU document for CEEIN indicates that CEEIN is going to operate by rules common to the organizations who are signatories; this will make interagency collaborative efforts easier.
 - Greg Ira suggested that a CEEIN Committee drafts a cover letter saying that CEEIN values coordination of effort, not duplication and is broad in concept, and requires financial commitment
- Agency Statutory Language - Shannon Gordon
 - Shannon said that each agency has its own statutory language so it would be a good idea for each member to also write their own letter to their Director to Secretary of Cal/EPA saying how CEEIN would fit into their their agency's goals, mission, and vision.
- Committee Leads and Direction – Ed Wong
 - Ed stated once Committee Leads are determined in the next item below, then they will start work on high priority projects.

Committee Leads and Direction – Ed Wong

12:00-12:10 PM

- Administration and Organization - Leslie Taylor and Ed will be Co-Leads. This Committee will take the lead on drafting a new MOU
- Outreach, Diversity, and Partnerships - Sandy, Annie or Brian will be Co-Leads or decide who will be Lead. This restructured committee would be appropriate for Susan Knadle and Tom Drake.
- Leadership and Legislation - Shannon Gordon is Lead. Perhaps Jorine Campopiano can be in this committee to keep members informed on national EE legislation.
- See attached CEEIN Committee List Updated February 22, 2016 by Ed Wong. This document will be a living document and stored in the Administration and Organization Committee folder on box.com.

ACTION ITEMS

- Ed will ask Lesley to finalize approved Jan. 21 meeting minutes in Box and ask Annie to post approved minutes in CEEIN web site (Done).
- Shannon will ask Jorine Campopiano, Schools Environmental Education Coordinator, US EPA Region 9, if she would be on the Leadership and Legislation Committee and help CEEIN stay informed about National legislation. Shannon has a legislative tracker system in CDE, but they don't follow federal legislation (Done).
- Shannon will ask Christiane Maertens, NAAEE, if she can give CEEIN an update on the new Every Student Succeeds Act (Done).
- Brian will follow-up with Ed regarding what is needed to coordinate the CSTA CEEIN strand (Done).
- Brian will contact Annie Kohut Frankel if she's willing lead the Outreach, Diversity, and Partnerships Committee (Done).
- Ed will ask Sandy Derby for a sample of an MOU she had completed on another project (Done).

Meeting Wrap-Up

12:10-12:15 PM

- Next Meeting – March 17, 2016, Folsom Powerhouse SHP
Meeting Lead – Brian Cahill
Location Contact – Brian Cahill
Note Taker – Christy Porter Humpert
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12:15-1:00 PM

- Gateway Science Museum Board Members hosted a lunch and “meet and greet” in the State Parks Headquarters Conference Room. Each CEEIN member and Gateway Board Member introduced her/himself and organization, and briefly described her/his program and areas where there could be potential collaboration in the future. Anne Stephens developed a Table of names, agencies, and notes of potential areas for collaboration; a handout was distributed at the meeting for use during the networking lunch.

1:00-2:00 PM

- Gateway Science Museum staff conducted a tour of the museum grounds. The museum contained exhibits on modern farming, cloud forms, and ice-age skeletons, with the main exhibit comprised of interesting, fun, and interactive stations on “Grossology, The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body”.

2:00-3:30 PM

- State parks staff conducted a tour of the Bidwell Mansion. John Bidwell was deeply involved in the development of California, its agriculture, and the City of Chico. He and his wife Annie became the center of the town's social and political life from 1868 to 1918, and entertained guests such as naturalist John Muir.

3:30 PM

- Vanpool departed Chico and returned to Sacramento. A big thanks to CEEIN Emerita Anne Stephens for making all the arrangements, conducting the science lab tour, and developing the collaboration notes!