

**California Environmental Education Interagency Network**  
**March 18, 2010**  
**California Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Minutes**

Meeting Leader: Annie Kohut Frankel  
Note Taker: Carolyn Tucker

**Attendees**

Tina Muncie, Cal Recycle  
Donna Pozzi, State Parks  
Anne Stephens, CDE  
Mike Brugh, CDE/CalServe  
Natalie Lee, CalEPA-OEE  
Chris Liske, CalEPA-OEE  
Carolyn Tucker, DWR  
Kay Antunez, CAL FIRE  
Ed Wong, CARB  
Susan Knadle, OEHHA  
Annie Kohut Frankel, Coastal Commission  
Carolyn Kolstad, F&WS  
Sharon Jang, US EPA  
Lana McAllister, CEC

**Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review**

Two items were added to the agenda 1). Discussion of the EE Strand at the CSTA Conference, and 2). Update the participant list for the State EE Plan. It was noted that CEEIN meeting agendas and minutes need to be in 12 pt. Arial.

**Minutes**

The February meeting minutes were reviewed and changes were noted. The minutes were approved as amended. Kay will make the noted changes and submit the minutes to Anne for posting.

**Outstanding Action Items Reviewed**

- Tina and others followed up on contacting DFG to update the CEEIN roster and changes to the CEEIN brochure. No CEEIN representative has been named from DFG.
- Anne agreed to take on the task of developing a new format for the agenda and minutes and to participate on the Administration Committee.
- November CEEIN minutes have not been submitted by Chris Graillat.
- CEEIN "state environmental literacy plan" subcommittee (Anne, Mike, Donna, Kay) met and reported at today's meeting.
- Anne put CEEIN minutes on the CEEIN website and distributed them to CEEIN members.

## What's New in Your World

- Tina reported on the SAGE sponsored California Green Fair on April 21 (it will be at the State Capitol near the west steps) and the issues she's had finding contacts for the school districts of Natomas, Elk Grove, and Sacramento.
- Anne reported on the EE Leadership Summit. **Date:** Thursday, May 13, 2010 **Location:** Holiday Inn, 300 J Street, Sacramento. The proposal was developed by the Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Resources Division of the CDE, Tom Adams, Director. Environmental Education at the CDE is in a different division (English Learner and Curriculum Support), and were not part of the development of this proposal. **Concept Proposal: Environmental Education Leadership SummitObjective:** The California Department of Education (CDE), with the support of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), will utilize a \$30,000 Leadership Sustainability Grant from Heal the Bay to conduct a one-day Environmental Education Leadership Summit. The primary purpose of the Summit will be to build support for the implementation of the Education and the Environment Initiative (EEI) throughout the state. The intended audience will be school district leaders, publishers of state-adopted instructional materials, and representatives of philanthropic and non-profit organizations with an interest in environmental issues. Attendance is limited to 100 invitees. Anne asked CEEIN members to recommend staff from that should be invited.
- Mike Brugh mentioned two articles from educational journals, one on the Essential Program Components (EPCs) of education and the other on the Best Practices in education. Both made arguments for more whole child, experiential teaching methods related to EE. Mike will send out the articles.
- Annie sent around the CEEIN Events Calendar, which she sends out to everyone and posts on the CEEIN website.
- Ed asked if is helpful to have a person on location who handles the reservation for the meeting room rather than have the meeting host take on that responsibility when they don't work in the building. All agreed it was very helpful to have someone on site who can reserve the room, arrange for phone lines and provide directions to those coming from out of town. Ed has been doing this for our meeting room at Cal EPA and will continue even though he will be cutting back on his involvement in education due to changes in his job.

- Ed also reported he has been putting together an EE strand for CSTA. He will work with Kay to put together a list of presentations.
- Natalie mentioned that OEE staff will be having a short course on EEI at CSTA.
- There was discussion about hosts for upcoming meetings and additional people volunteered. Annie agreed to update the host list and send it out.

### **Guest Speaker**

Michelle Hester, President of Oikonos, [www.oikonos.org](http://www.oikonos.org) gave a presentation on the non-profit organization whose mission is to increase the understanding of human impacts on marine ecosystems. They are the recipient of a CCC Whale Tail Grant to educate students about plastic pollution found in oceans by tracking the Black footed Albatross and dissecting the bolus these birds throw-up.



Oikonos works in conjunction with Signals of Spring — ACES [Animals in Curriculum-based Ecosystem Studies] whose mission is to improve environmental and ocean literacy and to capture the interest of your middle and high school students, grade 7 and higher. [http://www.signalsofspring.net/aces/](http://www.signalsofpring.net/aces/)

### **Committee Reports and Discussion**

- Administration: Tina has sent out the CEEIN brochure for update 3 times and has not heard back from CREEC, the Water Board, Boating & Waterways and the Bay-Delta Authority.
- Leadership, Legislation and Diversity: Mike, Donna, Kay & Anne met to discuss the State EE Literacy plan. They will prepare a letter from CEEIN to the CDE regarding this issue. Anne passed around a list to update of organizations that were involved in the original State EE Plan.
- Communications: No report.
- Environmental Education Initiative : Chris and Natalie reported that all the EEI units have been approved by the Board of Education and a

resources page is being put together. All CEEIN members will be contacted to add information to the resources page.

### **Other business**

#### **Action Items**

- Anne to send a description of the EE Leadership Summit, which was done and reflected in these minutes.
- Mike Brugh to email the articles on student learning.
- Mike, Donna, Kay & Anne to prepare draft letter from CEEIN regarding the importance of a state EE literacy plan.
- Mike and Anne to address google.dot group at the next meeting
- Ed to send CEEIN a list of CSTA approved workshops