

NEEAC Meeting Summary - February 27, 2013

Welcome and review of agenda – Kelly

Attendees:

EPA

Dale Perry
Javier Araujo
Julia Ortiz

NEEAC

Kelly Keena, chair
Richard Gonzales, vice-chair
Kiki Correy
Ken Gembel
Scott Fraser
Angie Chen
Mark Kraus
Caroline Lewis

General Public

Tim McCarthy
Casey Deitrich

EPA-HQ Updates (OEE) – Dale Perry

1. There is currently no sequestration guidance for the NEEAC. They are not furloughed but may be affected by it in other ways. Updates forthcoming.
2. The White House Summit on Environmental Education scheduled for April has been indefinitely postponed. It may happen in September or October of this year. Currently, this does not preclude an in-person NEEAC meeting.
3. The Federal Register Notice for the subcommittee will be published this week. When it is published, it will be sent out to members. Please distribute through your networks.
4. A subcommittee call will be scheduled. It will be classified as a business meeting. During that time, we will discuss the creation of scope of work and the number of NEEAC members on the subcommittee. There should be four, one of whom should co-chair.
5. The Office of Environmental Education (OEE) is working on workplan/timeline for NEEAC work. It will keep track of members' terms, due dates for report work, etc. It will be shared with members soon.

6. There was a call in January w/NAAEE state affiliates. They are interested in updating NEEAC on the State Environmental Literacy Plans. OEE will reach out from HQ to schedule – maybe for the next meeting or the one after. They are also happy to assist in promoting the listening sessions.

Listening Sessions

Dale reported that a draft of the listening session protocol memo went to the NEEAC. The memo has been cleared with EPA's Office of General Council. It has four questions in it. Due to the Paperwork Reduction Act the questions must be very open-ended. The current questions can be tweaked and reviewed again. Dale asked for comments on the questions.

There was general support for the questions detailed in the memo. NEEAC members asked various questions about the implementation and follow-up of the listening sessions. Dale responded with general information – the calls will be operator-assisted conference calls with a transcript afterward. OEE staff will help classify the information for further interpretation by NEEAC. As for outreach, the questions will be posted online and shared through marketing materials in advance. After some discussion, it was decided that a publicity launch during EE week would be suitable.

There was further discussion on the implementation of the calls and the outreach timeline. Each NEEAC member will lead a call. There was a brief discussion of whether NEEAC was trying to capture a national or a regional perspective in the listening sessions. It was decided that the calls would be announced the week of April 15, there would be one national-level call during the face to face meeting in April followed by a series of regional calls the next week. Calls will be an hour long, and any extra input can be sent via e-mail.

Workgroup Updates

The definitions workgroup will wait until other work is done and will listen to research and stakeholders for terms that need definition. Terms will then be defined according to general usage constraints.

The research group didn't meet this month. Working with OEE to get doc sharing site. Collecting reports in meantime.

The stakeholders workgroup is meeting but didn't have any updates.

Public comment

There were no comments from the public.



Follow Up Steps

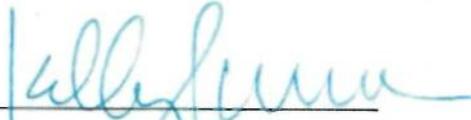
OEE will send out a Doodle calendar to check the group's availability for an in-person meeting.

Kelly will work with Richard, Javier and Dale to hammer out the details of the listening sessions.

Stephanie will send out a sequestration update via e-mail.

We hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge, the foregoing meeting summary is accurate and complete.

Submitted by:



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