



Kentucky Environmental Education Council (KEEC)
Certification Advisory Committee Meeting
April 16, 2014

Meeting Location: Room C110, Transportation Cabinet, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY

Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m. Eastern

Committee Members in Attendance: April Haight (by phone), Ginny Lewis, Doug McCoy, Elizabeth Schmitz, Pattie Stivender, Melinda Wilder

Absent Members: Joe Baust, Billy Bennett, Roberta Burnes, Ashley Hoffman, Kazi Javed, Merin Roseman, Henrietta Sheffel, , Deb Spillman, Terry Wilson

Staff in Attendance: Wesley Bullock

Others in Attendance:

NAAEE Accreditation Background

Ms. Schmitz provided background information on the NAAEE Accreditation process, including a timeline.

NAAEE Accreditation Standard 1 – Core Competencies Matrix

The committee reviewed a matrix comparing the NAAEE Guidelines for the Preparation and Professional Development of Environmental Educators and the NAAEE Core Competencies to the activities and assessments that are currently part of the Professional Environmental Educator Certification. The committee made suggestions on aligning the assessments to NAAEE standards.

NAAEE Accreditation Standard 2 – Composition of the Certification Advisory Committee

Ms. Schmitz reviewed the requirements of NAAEE Accreditation Standard 2.2, which governs the composition of the Certification Advisory Board. The committee recommended moving quickly to change the committee composition. Ms. Schmitz noted that all members of the committee will need to be trained in the NAAEE Guidelines for the Preparation and Professional Development of Environmental Educators.

Continuing Education

Ms. Schmitz noted that KEEC has received 62 Continuing Education reports. She also noted that those who missed the deadline for CE reports are starting to ask about a refresher course, but we do not yet know the length, content, or structure of the course. She also noted that, by state statute, she cannot charge a fee for re-certification alone, so the process must be attached to a course.

Next Steps

In the next meeting in May, the committee will review the reading grid, review the changes to the certification course along with any feedback from NAAEE, and finalize the design of the refresher course. Course instructors will meet in June to finalize changes to the certification course. In advance of the meeting, KEEC will provide the instructors a list of suggested changes to the course.