



Kentucky Environmental Education Council (KEEC)
Certification Advisory Committee Meeting
May 21, 2014

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

Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m. Eastern

Committee Members in Attendance: Billy Bennett, Roberta Burnes, Ginny Lewis, Cheryl Messenger, Elizabeth Schmitz, Henrietta Sheffel, Deb Spillman, Melinda Wilder, Terry Wilson

Absent Members: Joe Baust, April Diane Haight, Ashley Hoffman, Kazi Javed, Doug McCoy, Merin Roseman, Pattie Stivender

Staff in Attendance: Wesley Bullock

Others in Attendance:

Meeting Introduction

Cheryl Messenger was welcomed to the committee as a representative of the Kentucky Environmental Education Council.

NAAEE Accreditation Standard 6 – Application Materials

The committee reviewed and made suggestions for the draft application, draft syllabus, and draft web pages for the 2014-15 Professional Environmental Educator Certification course.

Next Steps in Accreditation

The committee suggested that the reciprocity application for applicants from other accredited programs should include a requirement to learn about the cultural and natural history of Kentucky. The committee also recommended appealing to educators from far western or eastern Kentucky.

NAAEE Accreditation Standard 2 – Composition of the Certification Advisory Committee

Ms. Schmitz updated the committee on people who had been invited to join the committee in order to ensure that all stakeholders required by NAAEE are represented. The committee made suggestions for additional representatives. The committee suggested trying to include meetings in other parts of the states, or using virtual meetings to allow more diverse geographic participation.

KAAE Grant for Accreditation

The committee agreed that KEEC should apply for the NAAEE grant to work toward accreditation.

Next Steps for the Committee

The committee selected July 7-9, and secondarily, the third week of July, as the best times for the next meeting.