



Kentucky Environmental Education Council (KEEC)  
Council Retreat Minutes  
July 31, 2018

**Meeting Location:** Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill, Harrodsburg, KY

**Meeting Time:** July 31, 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time; August 1, 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time

**Council Members in Attendance:** Chair Billie Hardin, Vice Chair Marcus Norton, Lona Brewer (July 31), Karin Ceralde (August 1), Gordon Garner

**Absent Members:** Horace Brown, Karen Reagor

**Staff in Attendance:** Billy Bennett, Wesley Bullock

**Others in Attendance:**

A. Introduction

1. Call to order and confirmation of press notification. B. Hardin called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. W. Bullock confirmed that the meeting was publicized as required by Open Meetings Law.

B. Stakeholder Meetings

1. Council Input:
  - a) Questions from stakeholder meetings
    - (i) What problems do KAEE, KEEC, and KUPEE collectively exist to address? Council Members identified several issues, with a question of whether the organizations “collectively” address anything.
    - (ii) How can KAEE, KEEC, and KUPEE collectively better serve their stakeholders?
  - b) Report out
2. Report on feedback from Stakeholder Meetings
  - a) Stakeholder findings
  - b) Overlap with Council’s input

**Recess:** B. Hardin recessed the meeting at 6:39 p.m., with the plan to re-convene at 9:00 a.m. on August 1, 2018.

**Call to order:** B. Hardin re-convened the meeting at 9:09 a.m. on August 1, 2018. L. Brewer was absent and K. Ceralde was present.

C. KEEC’s Niche

1. Focus areas for statewide organizations: Council members made a list of focus areas for each statewide organization. G. Garner would like updates on how the KELP is being implemented because, to him, it is the core of what we should be doing. B. Hardin asked whether KEEC could have a series of meetings with superintendents and principals. G. Garner sees a KEEC

role in ensuring EE is part of pre-service teacher education. M. Norton suggested being the eyes and ears for the legislature to monitor the progress of EE in Kentucky.

D. Communicating and Marketing the Council's Story

1. Annual Report: Council Members suggested an annual report to the legislature that is very concise, a ½-page with only four items. This would be separate from a resource guide for educators. It would focus only on what we need from the legislature and be presented outside of the legislative session. K. Ceralde suggested it should include anecdotes as well as numbers; perhaps a student who is using this in a new job. B. Hardin suggested involvement in the Green Schools Coalition, which may be duplicative of the Kentucky Environmental Literacy Alliance.
2. Priorities: The Council made a list of priorities to address which will be a framework for reporting to the council on agency activities.

Retreat Adjournment at 12:45 PM.