



Kentucky Environmental Education Council (KEEC)  
Interagency Subcommittee on Environmental Education Meeting Minutes  
June 6, 2019

**Meeting Location:** 300 Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY

**Meeting Time:** 1:30 p.m. Eastern

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Billy Bennett, Wesley Bullock, Roberta Burnes, Rae McEntyre, Robyn Whitted

**Other staff in Attendance:** Ashley Mike

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Quorum of KEEC Meetings

After review of KEEC bylaws, KEEC staff determined that quorum for any KEEC committee meeting is met by any members of the committee who are in attendance. This means that the membership of the Interagency Subcommittee on Environmental Education can be expanded once again to include all potentially interested parties without regard for whether they can regularly attend meetings.

Environmental Education Leadership Corps

A. Mike described the purpose, origin, and composition of the Environmental Education Leadership Corps, an AmeriCorps program created by KEEC. She asked committee members if they knew of any organizations that would be willing to become Employers of National Service, in which they give some kind of notice or preference to people who served in AmeriCorps.

Professional Environmental Educator Certification

W. Bullock said that 20 people graduated from the Professional Environmental Educator Certification in 2018-19. He expects 1-2 more to complete the requirements this summer. That brings the total number of graduates to more than 230 since it began in 2004. The next course will begin in September 2019, and will now just be 2-day workshops.

Governor's Conference

R. Burnes said that the Governor's Conference on Energy and the Environment will be held on Friday, September 20, at the Lexington Convention Center. The focus will be more on the environment and less on energy. Exhibitors pay to exhibit, but not to get in. R. Whitted asked for nominations for environmental awards.

North American Association for Environmental Education 2019 Conference

B. Bennett said that the 2019 North American Association for Environmental Education Conference will be held in Lexington at the Lexington Convention Center. W. Bullock said that he would be the volunteer coordinator for the conference. R. McEntyre, R. Whitted, R. Burnes, and E. McNulty expressed interest in volunteering.

## EE Master Plan and Survey

W. Bullock presented on the EE Master Plan

### Reports from Committee Members

- R. Burnes will soon be back to being officially an EE Specialist by title. The Energy and Environment Cabinet website is now available to the public, and all old links redirect to the new front page. All DEP annual reports will be done as story maps.
- R. McEntyre reported that the Board of Education approved new minimum graduation requirements, including foundational credits and personalized credits. The push is toward Career and Technical Education, along with Early Literacy and Early Numeracy. The Board has adopted new Math standards and new Reading and Writing Standards, and new Social Studies Standards are apparently close. Science is up for review starting next summer.
- R. Whitted discussed the operator certification programs, which are revamping their training. Brownfields is preparing for their grant workshop cycle. She is working on a story map for sustainable spirits, which may include environmentally interesting sites. The Sustainable Spirits Summit will be October 22. The Office of Energy Policy is working on an Energy Star certification just for distilleries. R. Whitted offered to help connect renewable energy efforts of industry to the Master Plan.

Adjourned at 3:00 PM.