



**WESTERN NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING AGENDA**

DATE TIME: *June 26, 2012 @ 12:00 Noon*

LOCATION: *Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo*

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| 1. | Call to Order | Robert E. Knoer, Chair | | X |
| 2. | Roll Call | | | |
| | | Anthony Armstrong | (AA) | excused |
| | | Arthur Wheaton | (AW) | excused |
| | | Loren Smith | (LS) | excused |
| | | Robert E. Knoer | (REK) | X |
| | | Jay Burney | (JBy) | excused |
| | | Judy Einach | (JE) | X |
| | | Kerri Bentkowski Li | (KB) | excused |
| | | Thomas Herrera-Mishler | (THM) | absent |
| | | Erin Heaney | (EH) | X |
| | | Megan Mills Hoffman | (MMH) | X |
| | | Micaela Shapiro-Shellaby | (MS) | X |
| | | Justin Booth | (JB) | absent |
| | | Terry L. Yonker | (TY) | X |

Also Present:

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| | Rebekah Williams | X |
| | Richard Stockton | X |
| | Ryan McPhearson | X |
| | Cara Matelliano | X |
| | Michele Schmidt | X |
| | Justine David | X |

3. Approval of Agenda and Prior Minutes

Minutes Moved – Tabled

Agenda Moved - EH approved MS second

4. Organizational Issues

- a. Treasures Report (AW)
 - a. Budget request status (KB)
- b. List serves and GROW (RW)
- c. GROW and the WNYEA “post- Rebekah” Eve Berry (presenter)-

The Alliance wants to take over ownership of GROWwny and is currently in a transitional period. Need to integrate with the CFGB. Eve Berry presents current status of GROW.org (PPT presentation). Presentation included overview with the history of WNYEA, GROWwny, and its relationship with CFGB. A planning process and key points of the Alliance and Grow was also presented.

GROW is now seen as the “Face and voice” of the Alliance to WNY community and the “Glue” for WNYEA members. Shift of governance and management will go over to the Alliance.

How do we integrate GROW (as a tool) with the Alliance? CFGB will continue to support the Alliance during this transition. If documents are signed off by the Alliance and CFGB, they will be sent to the CFGB board for approval.

“Post-Rebekah” 3 new people are coming to work with environmental issues (2 interns and 1 Americorp Member).

Work out language on science base advocacy.

Motion to adopt approval of documents w/ CFGB and further review- TY-approve, EH-seconds.

- d. CFGB moving

5. Report of Committees:

(PLEASE NOTE written minutes or a report should be submitted to the list serve prior to the meeting if possible)

- a. Membership Committee (LS,JE,AA)

i. New Applications (see attachment 1)

1. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County – Member
2. Emily Gibson- Supporter
3. Earth Care Team of North Presbyterian Church, Williamsville – Supporter
4. Hazman (household waste management service) - Supporter

(for-profit institution)

5. Don Warfe - Supporter (individual)

6. Adopted upon recommendation of the committee- Approved and seconded.

ii. Education Institutions Role

1. "Members"

2. "Affiliates"

iii. RK Question- Did Earth Care Team request to be a member? Yes

6. Report of Alliance Groups:

a. Working Groups—Privileges and responsibilities of Chairs

i. Habitat and Natural Resources (JBy)

ii. Parks and Recreation (THM)

1. New Chair

Expect to fill the Chair position by the end of July, 2012.

2. New Board member

iii. Energy and Climate Change (TY)

iv. Pollution and Hazardous Waste (JE)

1. Com. Stepniak request for WNYEA representative

v. Urban Regeneration (AA)

vi. Environmental Justice (EH)

vii. Food, Gardens, Agriculture (MMH)

viii. Transportation (JB)

b. Report of Liaisons to Process Groups

1. Issues & Advocacy (MS)

a. Status of Annual Agenda

Semi-on schedule to get done. Everything has been submitted online, and asking for vote from the Congress. Do people feel comfortable that this meets the values of the Congress? Need solid set of dates. Go to congress with an up-down vote. If we have a platform, it should be

sent to advocacy on the proposal of the working Agenda with a deadline of August 1, 2012.

Go to policymakers to create awareness about the Alliance. 2012 Priorities should go to elective officials. The Agenda will help to create awareness in this effort. Work internal to adopt a platform and then go to policymakers. This may create an opportunity w/ the advocacy group to develop training efforts w/ elected officials. MS will have information on for the training which the training may be available late July-August.

b. 21st Century Park request

Sending letter of support for 21st Century Park on waterfront to the Greenway Commission.

Remove the address to the Greenway and have: "To whom it may concern."

RK makes a motion to send letter to the 21st century park group- TY seconds. EH abstains the motion because of the role of the board.— Not passed by board at this meeting.

There is an advocacy meeting on July 10th which we may possibly wait to present this at that time.

In the meantime, talking with Parks and Recreation about this issue.

c. Training for advocacy

- 2. Education & Outreach (LH)
 - a. Speakers Bureau
 - b. Elected Official Outreach
- 3. Organizational Capacity (KB)
 - a. GROW Strategic Planning

7. Old Business

- a. Budget Request (KB REK)
- b. Third Quarter Meeting (TY)

- i. Date September 18th 2012
- ii. Location Marcy Casino
- iii. Topic “ Climate Change across the Working Groups”

September 18, 2012 Quarterly Meeting at Marcy Casino. Energy Climate Change Working Group will be coordinating the program. Get feedback from the Alliance on the action agenda . The program is restarting the discussion on climate change.

- iv. Logistics

- c. Congress 2012 (EH)

May not have enough space at Buffalo State College. Looking for space at University at Buffalo (UB Downtown campus). Also 3 other options: Butler Mansion; Center for Excellence (2nd floor); and 5th Floor of UB/Kaleida Tower. Possibly bringing Spencer BB. No discussions on whether the possible locations were discussed with Spencer BB.

Each group to highlight what they are most proud of- “Break-out Sessions”.

6 board members are up for re-election this year. Recommendation for new chairs for working groups should be submitted to the Board by October 1, 2012.

- i. Date: November 10th, 2012
- ii. Location TBD
- iii. Agenda
 - 1. Conduct organizational business
 - a. Election of Directors
 - b. Vote on Annual Agenda
 - 2. Celebrate good work
 - 3. Engage and inspire
 - 4. Introduce and demonstrate power of alliance to policymakers and important stakeholders.
- iv. Food

8. New Business

9. Adjourn (approximately 1:40)

NEXT BOARD MEETING July 24, 2012

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

WNYEA Quarterly Meetings (Proposed)

Third

September 18, 2012

Annual Meeting

November 10, 2012

Board of Directors 2012 Scheduled Meeting Dates: Fourth Tuesday of the month

Western New York Environmental Alliance
Membership Committee Recommendations

June 18, 2012

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County - member
Emily Gibson - supporter (individual)
Earth Care Team of North Presbyterian Church, Williamsville - supporter
Hazman - supporter (for-profit institution)
Don Warfe - supporter (individual)

Detailed application information follows:

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Tell us your organization's mission statement	The Cornell Cooperative Extension educational system enables people to improve their lives and communities through partnerships that put experience and research-based knowledge to work.
Authorized Signer	My organization agrees to support Our Shared Agenda for Action .



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Tell us your organization's mission statement Promote environmental stewardship of our congregation and its facilities.

Tell us about your organization's environmental work

In earlier years, our congregation appointed environmental task groups for the purpose of writing, then later revising, an environmental policy that would apply to all use of our church building and grounds (for example, not using pesticides on the lawn). More recently we formed a task force to install solar panels on the roof. That group of people are now a continuing "earth care team" that works at our maintaining certification as an "Earth Care Congregation" through completing an annual audit of environmental stewardship in the areas of facilities, worship, education and outreach.

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Tell us your organization's mission statement	To provide a zero-landfill solution for HHW

Tell us about your organization's environmental work

Hazman – a new locally owned Household Hazardous Waste Management service for homeowners and CESQG businesses. Located in Tonawanda, NY, Hazman opened this year, just in time for spring cleaning! Hazman is a NYSDEC permitted HHW facility that accepts a wide variety of items that should be kept out of landfills – it is a zero-landfill solution. We accepted anything from Antifreeze, Lighter Fluid, Pesticides, Aerosol Cans, Electronic Goods, Refrigerators, Microwaves etc. The list goes on.

Hazman also offers scheduled curbside pick-ups, Hazman HHW Collection Boxes, and the opportunity for companies and organizations to sponsor a HHW event. The price for pick-ups is determined by county and the price for acceptance of the materials is typically calculated by weight – most items are 50 cents per pound. Utilities and tanks are priced separately.

**Authorized
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