



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

DATE TIME: *September 25, 2012 @ 12:00 Noon*

LOCATION: *Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo 525 Larkin Building*

1. Call to Order Robert E. Knoer, Chair

2. Roll Call

Anthony Armstrong	(AA)	Present
Arthur Wheaton	(AW)	Present by Phone
Loren Smith	(LS)	Present
Robert E. Knoer	(REK)	Present
Jay Burney	(JBy)	Excused
Brian Dold	(BD)	Excused
Judy Einach	(JE)	Present
Kerri Bentkowski Li	(KB)	Excused
Erin Heaney	(EH)	Present
Megan Mills Hoffman	(MMH)	Present
Micaela Shapiro-Shellaby	(MS)	Excused
Justin Booth	(JB)	Excused
Terry L. Yonker	(TY)	Excused

Also Present:

Richard Stockton	Present
Ryan McPherson	Present
Cara Matteliano	Present
Michele Schmidt	Present
Kristen Kaszubowski	Present
Carolyn Human	Present

3. Approval of Agenda and Prior Minutes
 Motion to approve Agenda – AA, LHS Seconded, approved
 Motion to approve Minutes, LHS moves, JE seconds, approved

4. Organizational Issues

- a. Treasures Report (AW)
 - a. Budget request status (KB) – no report.
- b. List serves and GROW (Michele Schmidt)
 - a. GROW integration into Alliance

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) NO REPORT

6. Report of Alliance Groups:

- a. Working Groups—Privileges and responsibilities of Chairs

- i. Habitat and Natural Resources (JBy) No Report
- ii. Parks and Recreation (BD) No Report
- iii. Energy and Climate Change (TY)
Current focus is on the 3 planks they have put forward, especially the Feed-In Tariff (FIT), presentations will be given at the Daemen meeting this weekend.
- iv. Pollution and Hazardous Waste (JE)
The last meeting spoke about agricultural waste management. “We are in good shape” with farmers, but there needs to be more information interchange between urban and agricultural communities. The conversation migrated into the realm of Food, Gardens & Agriculture and the issues facing sustainable supply of locally sourced food, regulations and energy. Suggestion to have the next quarterly meeting focus on agriculture and how it relates to waste, energy and the like. MMH to follow up.
- v. Urban Regeneration (AA)
2014 conference in Buffalo to focus on ‘new urbanism’ – this will hopefully spearhead good action in this area.
- vi. Environmental Justice (EH)
A toxic tour is still in the planning phase. The texting project (Knight Foundation) will soon be piloted).
- vii. Food, Gardens, Agriculture (MMH)
- viii. Transportation (JB)
The 3-5 year goals are starting to be realized, there is lots of good energy in the group.

b. Report of Liaisons to Process Groups

1. Issues & Advocacy (MS) Loren will be shepherding the next meeting. The annual agenda will be voted on at the next board meeting. Any discussion need to occur before the next meeting (October 23rd)

Judy moves and Erin seconds the motion to have all committee reports submitted in writing prior to the October meeting so that the primary focus can be the advocacy planks.

2. Education & Outreach (LHS) – the focus continues to be education as opposed to outreach. More participation is needed across other working groups.
3. Organizational Capacity (KB) – no meeting

7. Old Business

a. GROW MOU

- i. At a previous meeting the MOU was approved with a quorum available, which was followed by polling via e-mail. As far as the CFGB is concerned, the agreement is settled, planning for implementation needs to begin.

b. Budget Request (KB REK)

- c. Third Quarter Meeting De Brief (TY) The meeting went well. A new person/entity is now running Marcy Casino – we should be aware going forward that we need to work through them. We may need to consider other locations for future events.

d. Congress 2012 (EH)

- i. Date: November 10th, 2012
- ii. Location: Gates Vascular Institute / Clinical Translational Research Center of UB
- 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 (RM & MMH)
- v. Discussion of coordination of regional planning councils at the event.
- vi. Speaker – Naomi Davis from Chicago was suggested and approved

8. New Business
 - a. Recognition of Michele, the AmeriCorps worker who has been working with CFGB and who will be leaving at the end of the week. Kristen and Carolyn will be continuing for the near future.
9. Adjourn (approximately 1:30) LHS moves, no opposition.

NEXT BOARD MEETING October 23, 2012

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

WNYEA Congress: Annual Meeting November 10, 2012

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