



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

**DATE TIME:** *June 25, 2013 @ 12:00 Noon*

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

1. Call to Order Robert E. Knoer, Chair

2. Roll Call

Robert E. Knoer,	Chair	(REK)	Present
Judy Einach,	Vice Chair	(JE)	Present
Arthur Wheaton,	Treasurer	(AW)	Present by Phone
Loren Smith,	Secretary	(LS)	Present

Anthony Armstrong		(AA)	Absent
Jay Burney		(JBy)	Present
Brian Dold		(BD)	Present
Erin Heaney		(EH)	Excused
Rebekah A. Williams		(RW)	Present
Micaela Shapiro-Shellaby		(MS)	Excused
Justin Booth		(JB)	Excused
Terry L. Yonker		(TY)	Present
Ryan McPherson		(RM)	Excused
Alexandra McPherson		(AM)	Excused

*Also Present:*

Cara Matteliano		(CM)	Present
Richard Stockton		(RS)	Present
Kristen Kaszubowski		(KK)	Present
Josh Beres		(JBe)	Present

3. Approval of Agenda and Prior Minutes LS moves to accept, JB seconds, adopted. RK approves minutes, JE seconds, carries

#### 4. Organizational Issues

- a. Treasures Report (AW). AW refers to CM. We have 1827.14 left in our 2012-2013 budget. In the near future we need to submit a request for future funding. The commitment to reduce WNYEA dependence on CFGF support by 10% each year. We will begin the process of making a request soon, in advance of the 2013 congress. A general accounting was presented - \$5,200 for the congress last year, the remainder for food/refreshments and space rental. See the attached report for detail.
- b. Nominations Committee Report. RW. There needs to be significant additional outreach within the working groups to nominate chairs to bring new representation to the board. EH provided a board profile checklist that was passed around. She will loop in those not present at this meeting.
  - i. 2013 Slate of Directors
- c. Anthony Armstrong has officially resigned from the Board. Urban Regeneration hasn't had a meeting in 2013. The group needs to be reinvigorated, AW offers to assist with the assistance from Kristen.
- d. The Attorney General's request to attend WNYEA meetings. AW is in favor of attendance as they have been involved in the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative. RS: the meetings should be open to spread the word about the alliance as far as possible. JBy expressed concern about opening up meetings to the general public, perhaps leading to disruption. Registration and the idea of 'invited' guests were discussed, especially with respect to space and food. Pre-registration would be critical. RK moves that Jen Nalbome, is welcome to attend our quarterly meetings as a representative of the Attorney General. and that we extend the same invitations to elected officials as they request..

#### 5. Old Business:

- a. Second Quarterly Meeting (July, 9) 2013 (JBy)
  - i. Agenda:

The Habitat & Natural Resources Working Group will be facilitating a discussion on fracking in New York State, following a presentation from the Issues & Advocacy Process Group on the Action Agenda. Register for the meeting [here](#).

***Tentative Schedule (Subject to Change)***

**4:30 p.m.**

WNYEA Advocacy Agenda Presentation

Micaela Shapiro, Issues and Advocacy Process Group Chair

**5:30 p.m.**

Dinner

## 6:00 p.m.

### Fracking Program Presentations

Lynda Schneekloth – [Sierra Club](#), Turn no Burn Campaign

Don Duggan-Haas, [Museum of the Earth](#)

David Kowalski, [Re-Energize Buffalo](#)

Rita Yelda, [New Yorkers Against Fracking](#) & [Food and Water Watch](#) & [WNY Drilling Defense](#)

## 6:30 p.m.

### Discussion and Q&A

Moderator: Jay Burney, [Learning Sustainability Campaign](#) & [Greenwatch](#)

**The meeting will end at 7:30 p.m.**

- ii. Registrations Status (KK) – 28 registered as of today.
- iii. Catering is an issue. Magnolia is pleased to let us use the room but we can use our own food, just not from other caterers. Logistics becomes the major concern. Jay is on point for the program, Kristen and Bob are on point for food (Bob will order) and cleanup. Brian will make everything easy. Everything will be in the Pan Am room downstairs. Be aware that Shakespeare in the park is that evening.

b. Third Quarterly Meeting. KK will send confirmations as planning moves forward.

i. Presentation of Advocacy Agenda

- i. Date: September 10 2013
- ii. Place: Marcy?
- iii. Topic: Each Working Group will have an opportunity to present the status of the 2013 Agenda and the draft proposed 2014 Agenda to the member organizations.

c. 2014 Congress (REK)

- i. Date: **NEW** Wednesday, November 6th (5:00 pm to 9:00 pm)
- ii. Place: UB EOC - 77 Goodell Street  
[http://www.buffalo.edu/ubreporter/campus/campus-host-page.host.html/content/shared/university/news/ub-reporter-articles/stories/2013/eoc\\_grand\\_opening.detail.html](http://www.buffalo.edu/ubreporter/campus/campus-host-page.host.html/content/shared/university/news/ub-reporter-articles/stories/2013/eoc_grand_opening.detail.html)  
We may attempt to see if there are any awards that would be appropriate to announce.

6. New Business:

- a. AG request to Attend Quarterly Meetings.
- b. October Meeting change to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

7. 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 Membership Report:  
RK moves and JE seconds having Denise Hammell as a supporter pending support of our shared agenda and SOLE of Buffalo as a Member. Approved.
- e. Communications and GROW Subcommittee (RAM KK)
  - i. Board Editorial Submittals. All is going well with this. Ryan is following up with those who have not signed up.
  - ii. Internship. Josh Beres from UB introduced himself. He is working at UB in Chemical Engineering with interests in sustainability. Kristen Jansen is the other intern from the Environmental Studies Program.
- f. Nominations Committee  
See above.

## 8. Report of Alliance Groups:

*(PLEASE SEND Any DETAILED REPORT OF MEETINGS VIA EMAIL SO WE HAVE TIME FOR DISCUSSION)*

- a. Working Groups—Privileges and responsibilities of Chairs ( attached) (REK)
  - i. Habitat and Natural Resources (JBy) Moving forward on the planks.
    - 1. Progress on Agenda
    - 2. Status of 2014 Agenda Proposals
  - ii. Parks and Recreation (BD) No Report
    - 1. Progress on Agenda
    - 2. Status of 2014 Agenda Proposals
  - iii. Energy and Climate Change (TY) 3 meetings have occurred. Energy and Climate met and is deferring movement on the Feed-in Tariff until the fall. Erie County has/is developing a revolving fund through PUSH and proposes to work with the League of Women Voters on energy smart communities. There have been several meetings on the Niagara Greenway, one with internal WNYEA representatives only, one with Sam McGavern. The discussion continues to broaden.
    - 1. Progress on Agenda

2. Status of 2014 Agenda Proposals. There may be a plank focusing on the greenway. The other plank would relate to the proceeds bill – funds resulting from the sale of unallocated power from NYPA.
- iv. Pollution and Hazardous Waste (JE). Mapping waste was presented to Congressman Tom Reed’s office.
  1. Progress on Agenda
  2. Status of 2014 Agenda Proposals. In progress – meeting later today.
- v. Urban Regeneration (AA) – no report.
  1. Progress on Agenda
  2. Status of 2014 Agenda Proposals
- vi. Environmental Justice (EH) – No report
  1. Progress on Agenda
  2. Status of 2014 Agenda Proposals
- vii. Growing Group (RW) MSS gave the advocacy presentation to this group last month and was very productive. Action items will be narrowed down at the next meeting.
  1. Progress on Agenda
  2. Status of 2014 Agenda Proposals
- viii. Transportation (JB) BD
  1. Progress on Agenda. The group has been working with Sean Ryan and will be holding a public input/feedback session at Buffalo State College tomorrow night.
  2. Status of 2014 Agenda Proposals

**b. Report of Liaisons to Process Groups**

1. Issues & Advocacy (MS) Representatives are visiting each and every working group to explain issues and advocacy.
  - a. Progress on Agenda/ Presentations
  - b. Rapid Response Team ( REK MS)
    - i. Need a third member EH has expressed interest.
2. Education & Outreach (LH) No report
  - a. Progress on Agenda

3. Organizational Capacity (AM) AM and RK will be meeting to ramp up these efforts.
  - a. Initial Meeting

9. Adjourn (1:28)

**REMAINING REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Board of Directors 2013 Scheduled Meeting Dates: Fourth Tuesday of the Month**

**July 23 August 27 September 24 October 24 (NOTE: Thursday)**

**Quarterly Meetings**

**July 9, 2013 September 10, 2013**

**WNYEA Congress: Annual Meeting November 6, 2013**

**November 26, 2013 Organizational Meeting**

*Holiday Break No Meeting December 2013*