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 CFGB 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 Nalbone, 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
      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 24th

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

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