Rutgers EnviroStewards Alumni Association (RESAA) Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 22, 2012

ATTENDANCE:
Marlene Robinson, Pat Hudson, Irene Sabin, Bruce Barbour

Vice President Marlene Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The May 18, 2012 minutes were approved as written.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Steve Foster (Duke’06)**
  1. Sent an email recommending two speakers for RESAA educational events: Rich Gannon and Mike Torpey who advocate a clean energy plan for NJ.
  2. Steve also suggested that we adapt a model used by Hewlett Packard/HP to touch base with their base via online interactions, web access seminar replays, real time comment/feedback/twitter type conversations so that alumni could get the information they really wanted without having to leave home for a meeting. *(Comment from Bruce: There is already much information to choose from on the alumni website. A feed for selected activities from the calendar page could be set up but alumni interest may not warrant such a feature when the calendar can be accessed just as easily.)*

- **Tanya Oznowich (NJDEP)** sent an email saying Wednesday, August 1, 2012 has been scheduled for our RESAA Forum and General Meeting at the NJDEP in Trenton

- **Plumsted Township (William J, Lewis)** sent results of their photo contest and announced a Rain Barrel Workshop scheduled for June 24, 2012

- **BoroGreen (Thuy Ahn Le)**
  1. Had a display table at the May 19, 2012 Grand Opening of the Environmental Center at Duke Farms.
  2. BoroHarvest: a plot in the community garden at Duke Farms continues this year.
  3. Members will attend a Sustainable Jersey program on June 25.
  4. Hillsborough Tree Ordinance was waived for a commercial solar energy installation requiring the cutting of about 2300 trees.
  5. A documentary on the Sourlands will be played on June 27 at the Off-Broadstreet Theatre in Hopewell - [www.sourland.org](http://www.sourland.org) for reservations.
  6. Planning has begun for the Hillsborough One Conference in April, 2013.
  9. BoroGreen continues their Green Maps project with the addition of Historical Sites.

RES PROGRAM COORDINATOR’S REPORT

- **2013 classes** are scheduled to be held at Belvidere (Warren County), Duke Farms and Atlantic County (ACUA). Graduation/ Certification will probably be held in November.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONTINUING EDUCATION – no discussion

AWARD TEAM – no discussion

EDUCATIONAL FORUM/GENERAL MEETING - August 1, 2012

- Coffee/Danish – Bruce will look into the cost but attendees could bring their own coffee or go to the cafeteria in the building. The general consensus is free registration.
- Lunch - attendees can bring their own lunch or go to the cafeteria
- Forum Agenda – Tanya Oznovich will schedule the speakers
- General Meeting Agenda – Elections: Steve Foster has had no response for nominations so the slate of current Board Officers will probably be presented again. Nominations can be made from the floor but nominators must make sure nominees are certified and are willing to serve.
- Sign-up Sheets will be available for:
  1. The next Nominating Team (2 years)
  2. Alumni interested in serving on the Executive Board
  3. People interested in being contacts for their class. They will keep in touch with members in their class and bring or send concerns to the RESAA Board

RESAA WEBSITE – Individual pages for active, post-certification alumni continue to be developed and can be accessed from the "Kudos" page. Other parts of the website are updated regularly. Bruce would like to highlight the new additions to the website at the Forum in order to encourage alumni to send regular project reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Program promotion

- May 19, 2012 - A display table was set up for the Duke Farms’ Grand Opening of their Environmental Orientation Center. Pat Hudson, Valerie Peterkin and Irene Sabin participated. Bruce provided Rutgers Display materials
- June 24, 2012 - Burlington County Annual Earth Day Fair in Smithville – a display table in conjunction with the EcoComplex – Jim May and Marlene Robinson will coordinate for RESAA
- Marlene will also distribute RES brochures on the final day of the Sojourn at Palmyra Cove on June 29

NEW BUSINESS - none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Marlene will be one of two artists displaying their art work representing Nature at Palmyra Cove Nature Center.
- June 22 – 25, 2012 – National Geographic Environmental Forum: “Living the New Normal” in Aspen, Colorado. E.O. Wilson is one of the Keynote Speakers. (from Irene)
- Will Sigle sent an article about lawmakers wanting to form an 11 member Hunterdon-Somerset Flood Advisory Task Force to examine flooding along the Delaware, Raritan and Millstone Rivers.

The Next RESAA Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at the NJDEP

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am

Respectfully submitted,
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