ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: Jim May, Irene Sabin, Bruce Barbour, Guest: Rachel Karl

Vice-President Jim May opened the meeting for an informal discussion of goals and activities for RESAA in 2015.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The December 5, 2014 minutes were approved by attendees via email.

CORRESPONDENCE

RES PROGRAM COORDINATOR’S REPORT

- The 2015 RES classes began in January at the following locations: Wednesday morning – ACUA and Thursday evening – Duke Farms. Current schedule

- The RES Program brochure has been revised and can be downloaded from the RES website: http://envirostewards.rutgers.edu/

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2015 Colloquium, Commencement, Certification Event

- The 2015 event will be a daytime event with no evening sessions

- More lead time is needed to plan the schedule and invite speakers. Topic/speaker suggestions from the alumni are welcome. Topics suggested so far:
  1. The science behind climate change and how to present it to the public.
  2. How to analyze media presentation of environmental issues
  3. The role of social media in the explanation and propagation of environmental concerns

2015 Forum and General Meeting

All alumni are invited to send topics so that DEP speakers can be scheduled

Website Update

Alumni Association pages: http://envirostewards.rutgers.edu/AlumniAssociation/RESAlumniAssoc.html


- Will Sigle (Duke’06) sent a flyer for a February 13, 2015 NJ Spotlight Breakfast Roundtable: “How Well is NJ Prepared to Deal with Climate Change?” in Trenton. Posted on alumni website (News and Calendar)

OLD BUSINESS - none
NEW BUSINESS

The following goals were discussed:

How can RESAA meetings be more accessible to all alumni?
- Several alumni have indicated that they would like to come to the meetings but the EcoComplex is too far. The regular RESAA meetings could be held in a different region of the state each month. Various venues were suggested in the south, central and north regions.

How can continuing education be available on a regular basis?
- A speaker, or a program offered in the area, could be scheduled in addition to the business meeting.

How can alumni share their environmental experiences with each other?
- Time could be scheduled for attendees to share their environmental activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 20, 2015 at the EcoComplex, 10am.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully Submitted,
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