

**Gulf of Mexico Alliance
Environmental Education Network
Steering Committee**

Wednesday, January 9, 2008 2:00 PM CST

Attendance

John Dindo
Linda Broussard
LaKeshia Robertson
Phillip Hinesley
Amy King
Tabitha Stadler
Tara Schultz
Susan Testroet-Bergeron
Alison Hammer
Doc Smoot
Joseph Grant
Lee Yokel

1. Roll Call – Lee Yokel
2. Alliance Management Team Update

Reorganization of teams – education team stays the same, water quality & nutrients remain separate, coastal resiliency new group, Hab ID may merge with restoration, human health not happening, living marine resources team not happening.

Floating an agreement – more formal structure – GMA team agreement, how we operate, in draft, consensus sought.

3. Funding Update

Releasing RFP by end of this month for GMP

NOAA CSC announcement – letter of intent due tomorrow; well received letters will submit full proposal.

4. Alliance Planning Update

- a. State Meeting Schedule Update

Jan 14 – call with MS people to set date

March 4 – date for LA

March 12 – tentative date for AL

March 27 – tentative date for S FL (rookery bay)

- b. Meeting Structure

Morning, noon, or night

Susan – good idea to come out for an update, update is good, dividing up is fine;

Tara – Corpus Christi and Galveston/Houston

Texas meeting, NSTA last few days in March; April fairly open

Flower Garden Banks program – Shelley Dupey

Karla Klay with ArtistBoat – K-12 audience good partner

Create draft agenda

Pursuing Panhandle – Apalachicola Reserve, Seth Blitch or Heidi Recksek
Tampa Bay NEP?

Federal session – not a bad idea, looking for correlation – utilize federal workgroup meeting in the spring – present or get on agenda at that time – possibly at Stennis and NASA is the host – March 12

In communities – be familiar with communities that had the workshops, refer back to original workshops.

5. Podcast Interest

What would be interested in this? Nancy, Brent, Davida to revamp – what is the sites capability for podcasting? Is this viable?

Estuary program did podcast EPA might could help, was out of region VI
Baldwin Board of Edu doing podcast for teachers in the classrooms – technology facilitators doing training – Amy difference between sound bytes vs weekly podcast like an internet radio interview.

Needs to be interesting.

What is the alliance, what are the issues – those would work.

Need to consider frequency and content as well.

What would we get out of it?

6. Newsletter Stories

La - BTNEP, invasive species immediate response – public

Tx – Tara,

Ms –

AL – Amy King – will dig around – recycle grasses and classes

FL – municipal leaders – resiliency topic – GIS based mapping project

Apalachicola – NOAA CSC

Coastal resiliency

7. Future Meetings Education Symposia

LaKeisha & Sharon Hayes host at Stennis; June 2008?

8. Other Remarks

Waiting on NGI person to be hired

Tweaking USGS clearinghouse for GOMAEEN.

9. Assign duties and have deadlines

10. Set date for next call

- a. Renew call schedule
 - b. Suggested time change – bump up an hour
11. Adjourn

To view other Priority Issue Team Activities: <http://www2.nos.noaa.gov/gomex/>