

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

Wednesday, February 13, 2008 **1:00 PM CST** note time change

**Attendance**

Bryan Fluech  
LaKeshia Robertson  
Phillip Hinesley  
Amy King  
Tabitha Stadler  
Tara Schultz  
Ann Weaver  
Don Wallenthaupt  
Sharon Hodge  
Joby Prince  
Lee Yokel

1. Roll Call – Lee Yokel
2. Funding Update
  - a. Grants – NOAA CSC

The Dauphin Island Sea Lab submitted a proposal for the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for continuation of the EEN. Applications to be rated next Friday (Feb. 22) after we'll have an idea if we may be awarded. The NERR Coastal Training Programs jointly submitted a proposal – five reserves – put in for the education of professional decision makers workshop at all five states related to the GOMA priority issues. The new resiliency priority issue team also wanted to connect with network.

b. NOAA Environmental Literacy

This grant offered through NOAA's Office of Education focuses on earth science literacy. This was sent through the listserv and will be resent to everyone after the call is over. The preproposal is due Feb. 20, 2008.

c. EPA Gulf of Mexico Program

LaKeshia – posted Jan 28, deadline March 15 – by 6pm CST, must be emailed to grants we <http://www.grants.gov> Esther Coblentz 228-688-1281; annual cycle dependent upon appropriation received; EPA worked with NOAA to try to eliminate duplication so go ahead and reapply with similar programs;

d. NOAA – B-WET coming

3. Alliance Planning Update
  - a. State Meeting Schedule Update
  - b. Meeting Structure & Information

Time for Rookery Bay? Approximate time afternoon 4-6pm; in conjunction with State of the Gulf Conference

4. Public Awareness Campaigns
  - a. Dauphin Island Sea Lab
    - i. USF
    - ii. Earth gauge
  - b. Rookery Bay NERR
    - i. Science in the media conference – sea level rise in Florida a conversation between science and the media – good ideas how to communicate; good audience participation and discussion, total 80 people involved; pointer institute for media studies, USF media program – turn into annual event; moderator present; differences and similarities; who’s role to educate
    - ii. Two people starting on Monday to work with Alliance priority issue teams

5. Website Update

NGI – position announcement on the street, hard to hire at Stennis; no internal deadline but workplace controlled; looking for other staff as well;

NOAA SPO – how long the process is going to take and when it will start; will storyboard; want developer in the loop

Put link on working web – Chris David – supportthegulf.org

Also put things on Gulf of Mexico Program site

6. Underserved and Underrepresented Populations Update

7. Newsletter Stories

7. Future Steering Committee Meetings

- a. First week of May Biloxi, MS – tentative?teleconference?
- b. Week of July 14<sup>th</sup> /21st– Corpus Christi, Texas

8. Assessing Status of current Governors’ Action Plan actions

Need to be aware that actions need to be completed in order to finish for this 36rounds – website, PAC, one CELC left (Louisiana) would like Audubon Zoo for this one – Hayes contacted waiting response – these are ours.

9. Other Comments – None.

10. Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 12, 2008 1:00PM CST

11. Adjourn

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