



DRAFT C2E2 Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2018 – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
ND Heritage Center-Classroom B and GoToMeeting
Bismarck, ND

PARTICIPATING

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REGRETS

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular fall C²E² meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by president Glenda Fauske. Several guests were present or joined us online to learn more about the MOU and our *Environmental Literacy Plan* (ELP). Fauske said everyone participating already was involved in some environmental education outreach and doing a good job. They were not being asked to do anything different, but we all should be striving to do better and do more. Signing the MOU is a voluntary, incentives driven effort. The incentive is we can all accomplish our conservation and environmental education goals faster to sustain our natural and cultural resources if we collaborate, communicate, and leverage resources. We welcomed their attendance and participation. There were no additions to the agenda.

Reports from Secretary and Treasurer

The 2018 spring C2E2 meeting minutes were distributed in advance of the meeting, posted on the C2E2 website for review, and a few copies were available for distribution at the meeting if requested for review. Fauske announced the Region 8 joint grant from all the affiliates to EPA for training on the NAAEE “Guidelines for Excellence in Community Engagement in Environmental Education” and funding community gardens in the spring minutes was not selected for funding this year. There were no corrections or additions. The minutes were reviewed and will be filed.

The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed by Harding and reflected a current ending balance of \$6,926.24. The report was examined and will be filed.

Robert’s Rules of Order now state the reports from the secretary and treasurer need only be reviewed and filed. Minutes can be corrected anytime if an error is found. The financial report is audited once a year by an outside entity. We do need a motion to end meetings.

UNFINISHED / ONGOING BUSINESS

NAAEE Annual Conference and Affiliate Meeting

Harding gave an overview of the annual NAAEE conference and affiliate’s meeting she attended on behalf of C2E2. NAAEE is requiring each state to develop an “Environmental Literacy Plan” and update any Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with partners to be eligible for future grant funds. The C2E2 representative was approved in previous meeting minutes to annually receive \$750 to assist with travel expenses, if needed and funds are available.

C2E2 MOU

Participants reviewed the MOU and questions were answered. There is no deadline when it has to be returned, as some people need to bring this to a Board at a monthly meeting for approval, or, in some instances, only someone in a leadership position can sign MOUs, and some may desire a legal review first. As they are signed and received, they will be added to a list of MOU members on the C2E2 website and to the back of the “Environmental Literacy Plan,” and a link to their website will be added on the C2E2 website. We are asking for a liaison to our two meetings a year and membership in C2E2 is not required, but would be welcome.

ND Environmental Literacy Plan (ELP)

A draft of the ELP is posted on the C2E2 website and copies were available at the meeting for review, if desired. Because the MOU and ELP were new to several agencies and organizations that did not know their predecessors had signed a previous MOU, it was decided by consensus to leave these on the C2E2 website (www.c2e2nd.org) until new people had a chance to review them. Any recommended changes, additions, or deletions must be sent to the Executive Committee by February 1, 2019. Changes will be made and the ELP must be “voted on for approval” at the spring 2019 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

National Youth Science Camp

Glenda Fauske was asked by the governor to, again, coordinate the selection of two outstanding high school seniors for the NYSC scholarship on behalf of C2E2. Fauske asked for an interested member to serve as a co-coordinator this year. Bonita Roswick volunteered to assist. The deadline for the online applications is February 28, 2019. The students attend the month-long camp the last two weeks of June and first two weeks of July. There are usually 10-15 applicants each year. Please help spread the word and if you have any questions, contact Glenda.Fauske@ndsu.edu or bonita.roswick@vcsu.edu.

ND Department of Public Instruction Interest in Green Ribbon School Awards

Fauske was contacted by Robert Christman, Chief of Staff for DPI, about more information on the GreenSchools Program where schools can earn “Green Ribbon School” recognition. This is a voluntary, incentives-driven program. This is an exciting opportunity for our state! In order to receive the award, schools must be nominated by the State Superintendent. Each state sets up a selection process to identify finalists. The tentative deadline for schools to submit their applications for nomination is February. Sherry Niesar offered to follow-up with Christman and encourage them participate. It’s too late for this year, but it could begin in the 2019-2020 year. C2E2 members all agreed they would be very supportive and help schools work towards their goals of creating a healthy learning and teaching environment. There are five Investigations on Energy, Water, etc., where students use STEAM skills and implement projects that save the school money. For more information, please see <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/faq.html>.

C2E2 Grant Program to Help with Field Trip Costs

Many schools have a growing need for financial assistance to pay for a bus driver and / or bus expenses if they desire to take their students on a field trip. After looking at some other successful grant programs – for example the National Parks providing funds to visit a local park and Gateway to Science offering grants for their Environmental Festival – C2E2 members reviewed their budget and discussed the possibility of beginning a grant program for field trips. Limits were discussed like a cap up to \$200 per school or grade, the location must be over 25 miles from their school, must it be a bus or could it be a van? **Volunteers were asked to form a committee to look at other examples and bring a draft proposal to the members at the spring 2019 meeting to review and vote on.** The following volunteered: Tina Harding, Erik Holland, Sherry Niesar, and Bonita Roswick. Erik Holland moved to set aside \$2,500 for field trip grants. Bonita Roswick seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

C2E2 Website Management

Fauske will be retiring January 15, 2019, and we are seeking a volunteer to take over management of the C2E2 website. It is paid up for the next two years, but we need someone to update it before and after meetings and put things on the Calendar. It is a content-based website and easy to work on. Contact Glenda.Fauske@ndsu.edu before January 12, if interested.

Election of a Secretary

Each fall meeting a new secretary is elected for a three-year commitment. The current secretary moves up to vice-president, and the vice-president moves up to president. The treasurer is a permanent position. Because some members were present and some were online and it is difficult to vote under those circumstances, the **Executive Committee will search for candidates for consideration and will mail the names out to all paid membership to vote on before March 1, 2019.** If you are interested in being considered, contact one of the C2E2 Executive Committee members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER

- The ND Science and Math STEM Conference will be held March 14-16, 2019, at Dickinson State University. Members should consider presenting and displaying.
- At the spring 2019 meeting, Dr. Laura Munski would like time on the agenda to share with members information on the NASA Digital Earth Watch Network, which supports environmental monitoring by citizens, students, and community organizations through digital photography and satellite imagery.
- Smokey Bear will be celebrating his 75th birthday in 2019 and the USDA Forest Service and ND Forest Service will have some special events and promotions.
- 2020 NCF Envirothon will be at Lincoln, Nebraska.
- Mary Podoll recommended C2E2 consider an “EE Summit” in 2019 for all the C2E2 partners for one of the meetings.
- It was recommended C2E2 consider having at least one of the meetings each year be “face-to-face” to facilitate networking and collaboration.
- In an effort to address food deserts and educate urban citizens and youth on the benefits of locally grown fresh produce and greening of the urban landscape, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) has established a grant program.
- Erik Holland asked the minutes reflect a public thank you to Glenda Fauske for her many years of service to the environmental education community and C2E2 leadership as she will be retiring from the NDSU-ND Forest Service on January 15, 2019, after serving 30 years with the state. Everyone was invited to stay after the meeting and enjoy cake.
- Holland will ask the State Historical Society if they would consider storing C2E2 meeting minutes and / or other C2E2 historical information in a file.

NEXT MEETING

A poll will be sent out in March by President Treva Slaughter to select a spring C2E2 meeting date. The meeting date and location will be determined. Doug Munski moved the meeting adjourn at 4:00 p.m. Jeff Beck seconded, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Laura Munski
Laura Munski, Secretary