

## Jan 20<sup>th</sup> EEPSA Annual General Meeting Minutes

21 participants (plus EEPSA executive)

12:30 Welcome- Patrick and executive

SPES presentation by Mia Haab

Cds of programs available of Stanley Park Ecology Society

1:35 AGM Meeting and Lunch

- 1) Welcome and Adoption of Agenda
- 2) Reports and Discussion (to follow in Table Groups)
  - a. Conferences and Events
    - i) New Teachers', Spring into EE, Catalyst
    - ii) Fall Conference and 07 Events-  
Fall Conference- Dr. Bill Rees spoke to group at Vancouver Museum- like venue, speaker and networking opportunities, good rhythm, wealth of options to go to, sold out , nice to have solid env.ed. option on a PD day (according to a few people who attended.) We want to support teachers and make it teacher-friendly.  
07 Events we will be partnering with other PSAs
  - b. Member Outreach and Feedback  
Ecology and publications- Selina Metcalfe trying to make it more engaging and interactive, make it a resource for teachers, not competing with Green Teacher. Trying now to make our website the home for Ecology, with research, best practices for each grade level, tying into the curriculum. Future will not be a piece of paper that gets tossed, but something more useful.  
Website design and listserv- Steve Lott did some original design, now we have contracted out the work so links page is updated. We are still looking for help to look at the links. A blog will also be created in the next few weeks.  
Membership update and strategies- Genny Lau has been keeping up the membership. Conferences help our membership. Now about 200 or so. Challenge is how do we reach beyond the converted.
  - c. Initiatives and Partnerships
    - i. Enviro Concepts Renewal and Implementation- David gave some history to the renewal over the last 16 months. This will be a ministry document and will link to curriculum (science, socials, language and fine arts). They will also send out to schools across the province. Curriculum implementation ideas will be hosted by Walking the Talk and EEPSA . Our goal will be to develop a matrix of curriculum links for Science K-12. David will have a final document in another 2 weeks. Draft copies available here at this meeting.

- ii. BC SE Working Group- Walking the Talk.bc.ca- a network for trying to make sustainability happen in 3 sectors- website to create a hub for organizations to go to for collaboration on sustainability education

d) Financials –provided by Nichole and reviewed by Johan

e) Exec Positions- 2006-7 Executive: Nominations and elections

EEPSA Executive:

Patrick Robertson- President

Johan Stroman- Vice-president

Selina Metcalfe- Communications Director

Diane Ehling- Secretary

Bruce Ford- Member-At-Large

David Zandvliet- University Liaison

Nichole Marples- Treasurer/Conference Chair (not present)

Genny Lau- Membership (not present)

Steve Lott- Member-At-Large (not present)

Bruce Ford- co-chair Conference with Nichole Marples

Drew Williams- joining as Member-At-Large

Motion to let the executive stand as it appears- Darlene Giesbrecht

Seconded by Nathan Bennett

All in favour.

Motion to adjourn the AGM- Selina Metcalfe, seconded by David Zandvliet

1:45- 3:15 Strategy Carousel- Table Group Discussions Reporting Back  
Curriculum Group- from the perspective of teacher- done with existing PLOs and integrated with all curriculum, with the idea of language arts and reading, especially for ESL students, good compelling stories for students and needs to be multicultural. Use dialogue pieces to empower students and engage them, but not overwhelm them.

Outreach Group- need for personal connections and through reputation, newsletter and website- need to be timely, see how to use in their classrooms, new and useful so they revisit the website, have specialists send to the moderator of the website what works in their classroom ie. Primary, intermediate, math,..., Also connect to the different PSAs and presenting at their conferences.

Partnerships- discussed ways to partner up- other ee groups similar to us ie. Eebc, and other groups like Girls in Science, community groups, other groups to help us with funding, membership, etc., helping teachers directly with money, identifying barriers to teachers/schools/students, working with PSAs, identifying strategies to help teachers, resource sites for teachers in a self-sustaining website – Nathan suggested that Check Your Head is hiring a sustainability coordinator for a year who will be working with 2 high

schools and their feeder elementary schools to look at env. Ed.  
Going on in an area.

3:15- Presentation by Eriko Arai on Education at the Aquarium  
Aquaschool- Gr. 4-7 Lower Mainland schools \$550.00 for a week  
due to funding from Chevron. The teacher is trained to teach the  
students and use the aquarium as their venue