

Partnership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/mmj-tzmi-iop>

Attendees

Rose Robinson (MHEC), Debbie Cornwell Herr (MDP), Jemima Clark (MELAN), Laura Collard (MAEOE), Mark Scallion (Chesapeake Audubon), Cindy Osorto (MDE), Emily Stransky (CBT), Shannon Sprague (NOAA), Stephanie Tuckfield (DNR), Zachary Carey (MSDE), Payton Hesse (MSDE), Olivia Wisner (DNR), Karen Fedor (MDA), Susanne Richards (MAEF)

Welcome

- Zachary Carey, Maryland State Department of Education
 - MSDE's [Outdoor Learning Partnership webpage](#) is live and hosts OLP information including meeting agendas, Google Meet link, and approved meeting minutes
- Stephanie Tuckfield, Maryland Department of Nature Resources
 - DNR's accompanying webpage and OLP logo are forthcoming
 - OLP member organizations and groups must send stephanie.tuckfield@maryland.gov a letter to identify their OLP representatives, sample letter is available upon request

Updates from Member Organizations and Stakeholders

- MSDE: 2024 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools, Lutherville Laboratory and the Waldorf School of Maryland, were presented their awards in Washington, D.C. on July 10 and attended sessions and events throughout the week with other honorees
- MDE: [MCCC Just Transition Working Group](#) had kick off meeting and will be discussing job training and may have connections to K-12 relevant to OLP; next meeting on July 26
- Upcoming events: Defensores de la Cuenca [reef building on July 13](#) at Sandy Point State Park, and camping at Assateague and Rocky Gap State Parks in July and August (information can be found on [Defensores' website](#)); [DNR Es Mi Parque](#) events in July, August, and September

- MELAN: upcoming higher education convenings (to include HEEL) and regional meetings this summer, partnering with MAEOE Green Centers, GenThrive EcoRise Landscape Assessment to launch
- MAEF: Maryland Agriculture Educators Conference held July 7-10 where agriculture and environment teachers earn professional development credits. About 50 teachers gathered at Middletown HS and the surrounding community for multiple sessions. This could be an opportunity for OLP and its members next year. The next conference will be July 7-9, 2025 in Western Maryland, and the following one July 6-8, 2026 on the Eastern Shore.
- MAEOE: Recently appointed to the [MCCC ECO Working Group](#). MAEOE is launching [new website](#), which features a [calendar](#) that partners can add events to via online form. Certified Maryland Green Schools were recognized at MAEOE Youth Summit on May 30 with about 70 schools participating.
- MACCEC Conference held June 25-27 and included examples of Climate Action Plans (Prince George's County Public Schools) and climate education policy

Procedures and Bylaws Overview

- Payton Hesse, Maryland State Department of Education
 - OLP Procedures and Bylaws are currently being developed by DNR and MSDE utilizing guidance from EO 01.01.2024.15, bylaws, procedures, and governance documents from existing committees in Maryland, Maryland statute (*i.e.* Open Meetings Act), and other standard procedures (*i.e.* Robert's Rules of Order)
 - OLP Procedures and Bylaws will be presented once finalized and approved by MSDE and DNR legal counsel

Partnership Timeline

- Zachary Carey, Maryland State Department of Education
 - Partnership meetings: August 1, September 5, October 10, November (Leadership meeting, date TBD), December 5 (workgroup meetings)
 - OLP members asked to widely share Member Interest Form (open mid-August to mid-September) in August
 - New OLP members (O and below in EO.01.01.2024.15) to be named and onboarded in October
 - Workgroup Survey for members to open September to October to select members of work groups

Work Group Goals Discussion

- Stephanie Tuckfield, Maryland Department of Nature Resources
- [Add to the discussion via Padlet](#) on the question: what are your ideas for what the workgroups could accomplish to support the executive order?

Public Comment

- None