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Total Environmental Education

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FROM THE CONFERENCE CHAIR

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of myself, Program Committee Chair Sandi Ryack-Bell, Field Trip Co-Chairs Ellie Horwitz (Mass Wildlife) and Nina Danforth (Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management), Special Projects Coordinator, Katy Chapdelaine (Tufts University), Development Committee Co-Chair Greg Swanzey (MV Ernestina) and the NAAEE Conference Committee, welcome to our city and region. We want you to enjoy the nriaved opportunities that Boston and New England have to offer. New England's commitment to environmental education is evident throughout its history. Research in the environmental sciences, environmental policy, environmental justice, sustainable development and related fields abounds in its prestigious universities and colleges, while its not-for-profits are engaged in practical, grass-roots action plans and implementation strategies.



When we were envisioning a Boston conference, we didn't take long to decide our theme. The Boston TEE (Total Environmental Education) Party was born out of a determination that it should do (at least) two things, both of a celebratory nature.

First, we wanted it to be a celebration of our field's many and varied successes over the years. Despite many challenges, we have grown into an eclectic but not unwieldy movement. The eclecticism of our endeavour helped focus our thinking towards the notion of 'Total Environmental Education': a rich, multi-faceted, lifelong environmental education that encourages, welcomes and encompasses a diversity of concepts, mediums, formats, methodologies and approaches. This richness will be evident throughout the content of our four Strands: Environmental Education Through Time; Planning and Designing Spaces for People; Towards the Just City and the Role of Higher Education in Environmental Education. In this, the year of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, we need to send a clear message to world leaders who will meet in Johannesburg in late August. Lifelong environmental education is crucial to the development of more sustainable futures.

Second, we want to celebrate a new found confidence and sense of purpose within NAAEE, after what can only be described as an 'annus horribilis': a term borrowed from Queen Elizabeth II of England to reflect her displeasure at the antics of certain members of her family.

And celebrate we will! Boston, well known for its historical, cultural, international, educational and scientific resources, promises to provide the backdrop for a rich, stimulating and fun-packed experience.

From the historic Old North Church to the rich environment of the Boston Harbor Islands, from the high peaks of the nearby White Mountains to the shining sands of Cape Cod, from the well established museums and aquariums to Fenway Park, from the Freedom and African American History Trails to the Charles River Cycleway, Boston has something to offer everyone.

Celebrate the city. Come join us at the Boston TEE Party.

Julian Agyeman

WELCOME!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure to invite you to join in the 2002 Conference of the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE). An incredible amount of work has gone into making this year's conference a truly great one. Everyone involved in planning this conference has put an amazing effort into integrating elements that represent the broadest spectrum of the field of environmental education.

The term "environmental education" means many things to many people these days, including those who refer to themselves as "environmental educators." The multiplicity of meanings is, at least in part, an outgrowth of the relative newness of the term, the nature of its origins, and the variance in the goals of its professionals. We all recognize that environmental education has evolved from roots in nature study in the early 1900's into programs stressing conservation education and outdoor education in the 1940's and 1950's as precursors of the field. More recently many environmental education programs have focused on EE in urban settings, environmental policy, environmental justice, and the appropriate uses of technology in educating about the environment.

This conference will address this myriad of approaches to EE, thus the "Total Environmental Education (TEE)" focus. My sincere compliments and thanks to Julian Agyeman, Conference Chair, and Sandi Ryack-Bell, Program Chair, and all of the local arrangements committees and NAAEE staff who have planned this event. We all look forward to seeing you at our world class conference, our Boston TEE Party, taking place in a world class city!

Terry Wilson

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Boston is the home of the Big Dig AND the Boston Tea Party -- what can that mean about this center of the arts and intellectual curiosity? The Northeast U.S. is a home for intense and passionate environmental educators who are always looking for ways to push the edge . . . of the field of environmental education, of course. This year, environmental educators from around the continent have submitted a record number of papers to show they want to join the fun. We'll talk about education in the built environment and sample environmental education research and programs that address this challenge. How does environmental education address sustainability and environmental justice concerns, for example?

Big Dig -- Boston TEE party -- you'll just have to come to Boston and find the meaning of this place for yourself! NAAEE staff are looking forward to meeting you this August. We're working hard to put on the best conference ever.

Elaine Andrews

FROM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR & STAFF

It's so difficult to believe that it's that time again, time to register for the 31st annual conference! What an appropriate conference theme title for 2002, the Boston TEE Party! Time to celebrate the field of environmental education and NAAEE's crucial role and support. Not only were there life altering events in the world last year, but it was also a pivotal year for NAAEE in many ways. As staff we are proud of how the organization has weathered its many storms, but with the support of the membership, the association has come through stronger, with the crises rallying environmental educators that believe in the mission and purpose of the organization. We, as staff, are honored to be associated with NAAEE, and look forward to seeing you in Boston!

Barb Eager, Deputy Director Administration, Conference & Core Services

