



Maryland Outdoor Learning Partnership (OLP) January Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 16, 10-12 PM

Attendees:

Anna Davis, Annemarie McDonald, Alexis Merriman, Amy Sawyer, Anna Davis, Brenda Miller, Chiara D'Amore, Chris Wheedleton, Christine Truett, Cindy Osorto, Coreen Weilminster, Dana Mccauley, Deborah Herr Cornwell, Emily Stransky, Isabel Layton, Jemima Clark, Jacquelyn Freeman, Jillian Storms, Jo Anne Murray, Karen Fedor, Karen Mullin, Katie Dell, Katrina Jones, Kristen Komlosky, Larissa Pasco, Laura collard, Lee Derby, Lindsey Walker, Mark Scallion, Meg Boyd, Melanie Parker, Melissa Boyle, Monica Wiedel-Lubinski, Olivia Wisner, Payton Hesse, Rick Garber, Robert Godfried, Shannon Sprague, Stephanie Tuckfield, Stephen Allen, Susannah Beckerman, Thomas Waters Jr., Trystan Sill, Victoria Howard, Victoria Stone, Will Forrester, Zachary Carey

Welcome & Meeting Began at 10:00

Member Updates

- **Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)**
- Request for membership to provide Earth Day (4/22), Earth Month (April), or Maryland Climate Education Week (4/9-4/13) related events and activities to be communicated together broadly (ex. [MTA Art Competition](#), [Maryland Climate Teach In](#), etc.)—please email payton.hesse@maryland.gov.
- **Mt Rainier Elementary School PTO (Amy Sawyer)**



- Join Prince George's Parks and Recreation and Anacostia Watershed Society to celebrate National Seed Swab Day (Saturday January 25th from 11 am – 3pm) at Mount Rainier Nature Center. Register here:
https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=DB4GqcokHEy-_wObuMBYFrkBYUIrkRhGtzyRixKzTpJUQVgyTUtSUDZPSUxQRU1QR0MwUENRMEVZTyQIQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl
- **Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE)**
- 40th Annual MAEOE Conference will be held in Ocean City, Maryland, from February 6-9, 2025. The theme is MAEOE at 40: Celebrating Nature, Education, and the Outdoors, TOGETHER!
- Conference details, registration, and scholarships can be found here: MAEOE Conference details, registration, and scholarships: <https://www.maeoe.org/what-we-do/conference/>
- The Maryland Environmental Literacy Advisory Network (MELAN) will host a Statewide Meeting at the MAEOE Conference on Friday February 7th from 2:15 – 4:30. Open to anyone who is interested in attending.
- **Youth Climate Institute (YCI)**
 - YCI was selected to benefit from Target Circle Community Giving; instructions for voting for YCI on Target Circle are available via [YCI's virtual flyer](#); target customers can go into the App or online to cast votes to support YCI from January 1 through March 30; YCI will receive an award based on the percentage of votes they receive.
 - Additionally, YCI is making strides seeking federal funding.
- **Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF)**
 - Registration for summer 2025 teacher professional learning course list is open, and information is available on [CBF's Chesapeake Classrooms webpage](#)



Working Group Updates

- Working Group Meetings have been scheduled for February; please reach out to payton.hesse@maryland.gov if you did not receive a Google Calendar Invitation; meeting information will also be available on OLP's website and are open to the public.
 - Environmental and Climate Literacy: 2/20, 11:00-12:00;
 - College and Green Careers: 2/21, 10:00-11:00;
 - Access to Nature: 2/10, 2:00-3:00;
 - School Sustainability: 2/27, 3:00-4:00; Networks: 2/14, 11:00-12:00).
- OLP Dropbox
 - OLP's working documents will be hosted on Dropbox. This is a file sharing platform that offers both paid and free accounts. You do not need a paid account to access OLP's documents.
 - All OLP Representatives should have received an email inviting them to join the OLP Dropbox folder before the meeting.
 - Contact Olivia Wisner (Olivia.Wisner1@maryland.gov) if you need assistance being added to the Dropbox or have any technical questions in the future.
 - [Instructions to join the OLP Folder if you HAVE an existing Dropbox Account](#)
 - [Instructions to join the OLP Folder if you DO NOT have an existing Dropbox Account](#)

OLP New Business

- Approval of the 2024 Annual Report
 - ACTION: Shannon Sprague motioned, Laura Collard seconded. A sentence acknowledging the connection between OLP and CBP was added to the Annual Report. OLP approved this motion unanimously.



- ACTION: Melanie Parker motioned, Laura Collard seconded. The Maryland Outdoor Learning Partnership approved the 2024 Annual Report with amendment unanimously.

OLP Updates: Back-mapping the 2025 Annual Report

- Should any working group wish to make recommendations in the 2025 Annual Report to the Governor, OLP has outlined a suggested back-mapping to aid in allowing sufficient time and consideration by OLP and its members. An expanded version of the back-mapping and resources to explore is provided in the [OLP WG Co-chair Welcome Packet](#).

See below for an abbreviated version:

- January: explore past recommendations and other resources (past recommendations from [PGC](#), [CIN](#), MCCC in [2023](#) and [2024](#), [CBP Environmental Literacy Logic and Action Plans](#), [Working Group Background document](#), etc.)
- February: discuss goals, barriers, possible actions and recommendations
- April: research and collect evidence for recommendations
- June: draft recommendations
- August: revise recommendations and draft implementation plan
- September-October: give, receive, and incorporate feedback on recommendations from the full Partnership.
- November-December: submit final Annual Report with recommendations to OLP and vote on final report.

Public Comment

- None

Meeting Closed at 11:40