



Minutes/Notes of 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the **EARTH** Group at ASC  
Tuesday, January 13, 2009  
Noon, Student Life Center, SUB  
<http://www.adams.edu/sustainability> (our website)  
<http://ascearth.wordpress.com/> (blog – add a comment!)





**Present:** Christy Miller, Cameron Miller, James Bedard, Mary Jo Martin, Chuck Reel, Audrey Liu, Gary Potter, Kailee Potter, Christine Preiss, Jared Beeton, Don Thompson, Edgar Thomas, David Montgomery, Rob Benson, Rebekah Tirrell, Erwin Young, Dan Carver, Marty Jones.

**Next regular meeting: Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at noon in the Student Life Center of the SUB.**





#### **Announcements and Action Items:**

- There will be a symposium on Solar Energy and the Future of the San Luis Valley, co-sponsored by the SLV Water Protection Coalition and the SLV Ecosystem Council this Saturday, January 17 from 1-3:30 pm at the Hospice Del Valle Community Room, 514 Main Street in Alamosa. Prior to this symposium, from 10-11:30, will be a meeting of the SLV Water Protection Coalition. All are invited to attend either or both of these important meetings.
- From the evening of Feb. 11 through Feb. 13 will be the Rocky Mountain Sustainability Summit, February 11-13, University of Colorado – Boulder. Marie Zanowick of the US EPA has graciously offered housing for up to 6 people. The EARTH group will provide reimbursement for gas. The registration deadline is February 5. Scholarships are available to cover registration costs. The program is appended to these notes, and registration information is available at <http://ecenter.colorado.edu/rmss2009>. According to Marie, the Summit is a very energizing meeting with valuable information that will help EARTH. If you are interested in attending this Sustainability Summit, please contact Marty Jones ([mbjones@adams.edu](mailto:mbjones@adams.edu)) as soon as possible.
- Gregg Elliot from the Counseling and Career Center provided information regarding a Colorado Legends and Legacies Youth Corps Intern Opportunity for summer, 2009. To apply, complete the Corps Mentor/Assistant Crew Leader Application, available at <http://www.clyc.org>. Submit the completed application with your resume and contact information for 3 professional references to Colorado Legends and Legacies Youth Corps, 1506 N. Hancock Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903.
- Planning meetings for the EARTH week activities, which will be held from **April 13-18** (by vote of meeting attendees) will begin next week. Mary Jo stated that as part of EARTH Week, ASC Community Partnerships would like to hold another Recycle Expo and Fashion Show. Additional activities are likely to include a concert, in collaboration with ALMA. If you have some ideas for activities during week, please contact one of the committee members (Jared Beeton, James and Angela Bedard, Tracy Doyle, Linda Relyea, Rachel Raguindin, Jeremy Silva, and Marty Jones). More information and activities will be forthcoming!
- The group expressed interest in developing some activity for Earth Day (April 22, 2009), perhaps in collaboration with the SLV Ecosystem Council. Perhaps we could consider sponsoring an electronics recycling activity?
- Focus the Nation (national group dedicated to increasing awareness of and taking action on global climate change) has scheduled a national Town Hall meeting/Teach-In for Saturday, April 18. We participated in this last year and will again this year. Jared brought up a good point, though – because the national event is on Saturday rather than during the week, there is a possibility that student interest/participation would be diminished. The committee that works on Focus the Nation and the EARTH Week Committee will need to get together to address this concern, because we do want to have significant student involvement. If you are interested in working on Focus the Nation, please send me an email ([mbjones@adams.edu](mailto:mbjones@adams.edu)). Thus far, I've heard only from Stephanie Gonzales, and we could certainly use more committee members.
- Trayless dining is likely to be coming in the very near future! The new Sodexo director, Kristen Zagranski, is very interested in a number of sustainability initiatives and we just need to work with her and her staff to educate diners about the advantages of trayless dining. We could start with an article in the South

Coloradan about trayless dining, then follow up with a “Trayless Tuesday” or “Trayless Thursday” and build up to complete trayless dining by next fall.

-  Another initiative with widespread interest in Alamosa, including EARTH, Sodexo, the Community Gardens, the SLV Regional Medical Center, and the City of Alamosa is the acquisition and operation of a commercial composter(s). Melissa Emminger, Audrey Liu, Don Thompson, Jan Oen, Pete Washek, Erwin Young, Laura Thompson, Aaron Miltenberger, Linda Relyea, and Marty Jones met Tuesday morning to discuss possibilities for composters. Erwin brought us an announcement about a grant opportunity with the Colorado Department of Health that we may pursue. More information about this opportunity is available at [http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/el/p2\\_program/rreogrants.html](http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/el/p2_program/rreogrants.html). I believe Audrey will be spearheading this effort and we would like to one of the partners with the aforementioned groups.
-  Audrey reminded us about the recently formed Local Foods Coalition. This group meets on the first Friday of each month at Valley-Wide Health Systems, 128 Market Street (just north of Alamosa State Bank. All are invited to attend and learn more about local foods.
-  Chuck Reel handed out more detailed flyers about the course that he will be teaching this spring entitled Green Home Design, ID 179 (CRN 10849). The course will meet every other Saturday (beginning January 24) from 10am to 4 pm. The first meeting will be held in Richardson Hall room 231. There may also be an opportunity to register for certain of the sessions as a workshop rather than the entire course – contact ASC Community Partnerships for more information about the workshops.
-  After the meeting, Rebekah volunteered to write some appropriate articles in the South Coloradan, focusing on recycling, energy use, and trayless dining. Thanks, Rebekah!

#### **Task Force Reports:**

-  Energy – Cameron reported that the College has hired Trane Co. as the Energy Service Contractor. This company will be performing an energy audit this semester to determine how we can save energy on campus. All up-front costs will be borne by Trane, and the College will pay for their services from the energy savings that result. Trane will also consult with the architects and general contractors for the new residence hall to ensure that an energy efficient building will be constructed. The Energy Task Force is still working on a “Turn out the lights” campaign on campus. Karla is working with the Print Shop to get appropriate signs made. Please contact Cameron ([cdmiller@adams.edu](mailto:cdmiller@adams.edu)) if you are willing to help put up some stickers/signs. This will probably happen within the next few weeks. Christy mentioned that the President had just sent out an email requesting everyone to turn off lights, computers, auxiliary heaters, etc. to reduce our electricity consumption. Don’t forget also to close outside doors if you see them open.
-  Recycling – Dan reported that this task force collected recyclable materials (mostly plastic bottles) at the last home BB game of 2008, and are geared up to do the same collection at the remaining home games. Go cheer on the BB teams and our recycle team! Gary pointed out that the city needs to come pick up the recycling bags at our center near the Adventure Programs Challenge Course. Marty reported that Sodexo (our food service contractor) is very interested in doing more recycling. We’ll try to get appropriate bins and arrange regular pickups of recyclables from the dining area.
-  Transportation – Dan reported that the bill introduced to AS&F by Georgia Anderson on 12/4 to provide funding for the purchase of 10 bikes passed! In all likelihood, folks from the Adventure program will be trained at Kristi Mountain Sports on maintenance of these bikes. Look for some new bikes in the Green Bike Program this semester! Dan also reported that the bikes were likely to be yellow in color rather than green, but I’ll bet we can add a green “trim” to keep with ASC colors!
-  Communications/Education/Publicity – Please send “Sustainability Tips” to Katie Silva ([kgsilva@adams.edu](mailto:kgsilva@adams.edu)).

Thanks for all of your work for EARTH.

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Submitted by Marty Jones, 1/14/08

# Rocky Mountain Sustainability Summit

Forging Solutions at Colleges and Universities

February 11-13, 2009 □ University of Colorado at Boulder

## Summary Program

All events take place in the University Memorial Center, unless otherwise noted.

This program is subject to change. Updated as of 1/8/09.

More Info: <http://ecenter.colorado.edu/rmss2009>

## Wednesday, February 11

7:00-8:30pm **Opening Keynote**

“Panic in Level 4: Apocalypse and Transformation” by author **Richard Preston**

## Thursday, February 12

8:30-9:00am **Registration, Refreshments**

9:00-10:30am **Welcome and Opening Plenary**

*Welcoming Remarks:* **CU-Boulder Chancellor Bud Peterson**

*Opening plenary panel:* “**Leadership and Strategies for Climate Action**”

featuring Bill Becker of Presidential Climate Action Project, Angie Fyfe of Colorado Governor’s Energy Office, and Tom Gonzales of National Wildlife Federation. Moderated by CU-Boulder Vice Chancellor Frank Bruno.

10:40-12:00pm **Set A: Concurrent Sessions and Workshops**

- Conducting a GHG Emissions Inventory
- Approaches to Applied Learning
- Sustainable Dining: Greening Operations and New Initiatives
- Transition Initiative
- Transportation: CollegePass Program Roundtable

12:00-1:20pm **Lunch**

Networking and Caucus format: Discussion topics are assigned to tables

1:30-2:50pm **Set B: Concurrent Sessions and Workshops**

- Sustainable Endowments: Investing With a Climate Change Lens During Challenging Times
- Approaches to Initiating and Institutionalizing Sustainability
- Combined Heat and Power
- Transportation: Bike Programs and Facilities
- Greening Curriculum

3:10-4:30pm **Set C: Concurrent Sessions and Workshops**

- Approaches to Energy and Climate: Conservation
- Student-driven Sustainability Approaches
- Sustainability Metrics: STARS
- Best Practices for Zero Waste Events
- Whole System Campus Planning

4:30-6:00pm **Rocky Mountain Mixer**

with poster exhibit and refreshments

6:00-7:30pm **Evening Keynote**

“**The New Color of Green: A Collective Voice Towards Change**”

by Environmental Justice Champion and President of the Apollo Alliance **Jerome Ringo**

7:30-9:00pm **Peer Group Networking Dinners**

Around town, reservations pre-arranged for groups, sign up at registration by 5:30pm.

Participants are responsible for food and drink purchases.

## Friday, February 13

8:00-8:50am **Optional Morning Discussion**

with CU-Boulder Athletic Director Mike Bohn on “Greening Athletics”. Limited capacity.

8:30-9:00am **Refreshments, Registration**

9:00-11:00am **Set D: Concurrent Sessions and Workshops**

- Zero Waste Campus: How Low Can You Go?
- Environmental Justice Leadership Training
- Climate Action Planning

Food and Farming

10:00am-4:00pm **Green Products Expo**

A variety of exhibitors share sustainable products and services for institutional applications.

11:00am-12pm **Open Space:** Visit Green Products Expo, Tour UCB Facilities, Conversation Café

12:00-1:40pm **Lunch Plenary**

**“Rising to the Climate Challenge: The Youth Climate Movement”** featuring Praween

Dayananda of National Wildlife Federation and Jessy Tolkan of Energy Action Coalition with

CU-Boulder students Jacob Golding and Andrea Zaragoza-Ballesteros.

1:50-3:10pm **Set E: Concurrent Sessions and Workshops**

Fostering Climate Literacy & Effective Communication

Green Careers

Green Purchasing

Community Impact: Off-Campus Sustainability Initiatives

Sustainability Staffers Roundtable

3:20-4:40pm **Set F: Concurrent Sessions and Workshops**

Approaches to Energy and Climate: Renewables and Offsets

Building Support and Organizing: Forming a Campus Climate Coalition

Sustaining Self

Environmental Justice Roundtable: Actions and Strategies

4:40-5:30pm **Closing Dialogue and Happy Hour**