



EMC News

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Chair's Report

Don't miss our last meeting of the 20th century. We will vote on a new Chair and think about priorities for the new millennium. We may also discuss what has worked and what has not in 1999. We will hear from the UNA committee as they wind up their revisions and an update from the Cell Tower Committee, now that the consultant's report is out. We will also discuss membership and how we will operate in 2000. And, we will congratulate ourselves on a job well done as we enter the New Year. It has been a pleasure to serve as your chair for the past six (or is it actually seven!) years.

Submitted by Ed Cope



Coordinator's Report

Over the past few weeks, I have been very busy with EMC activities. At the request of the PIRE Committee, I forwarded the adopted communication guidelines to members of the Board of Representatives. I am also preparing a summary of the recruitment efforts and the outcome. Also, Erin and I met with Ron Belion and submitted some new text for the webpage. Next year, I hope a committee can be formed that will address some of the larger issues related to the webpage, but for now the text is from our brochure. I will bring copies to the December meeting.

As for our membership, I am still receiving inquiries from interested people. Many of you have responded to my request about your plans for next year and I want to thank you. Both the BOR staff and I monitor the applications and appointments. I will update current municipal members on their appointment status at the December meeting. Many of the municipalities who I believe plan to nominate a municipal representative have yet to forward an application and/or resolution, so I plan to follow up with phone calls during the next week. Overall, we have had a very positive response from the community and I am looking forward to the New Year!

Submitted by Mikel Shakarjian

Chair-Nominating Committee Report

The Chair nominating Committee has finalized the slate for both the Vice-Chair and Chair positions. Candidates for Vice-Chair positions include Kristin Rowles, Herb Engman and Bruce Johnson. The candidate for EMC Chair is Susan Brock.

Submitted by Bruce Johnson

Environmental Review Committee Report

The Environmental Review Committee met on November 23, and began with a report from Barbara Ebert on the PIRE Committee's discussion (earlier that day) of Cornell's Radiation Disposal Site (RDS). Barbara presented the PIRE Committee with a draft list of questions to be forwarded to Cornell. University representatives Donna Connery and Liz Cameron were in attendance at both meetings. The PIRE Committee members have agreed to look over the RDS Feasibility Study before December 8th to see if they have additional questions which could be added to the list.

The committee also discussed the Paleontological Research Institute's proposed Museum of the Earth, and reviewed materials provided by the Town of Ithaca. The committee agreed that the Town of Ithaca Planning Board was the appropriate lead agency for review of the project, and itemized a list of questions and concerns regarding potential impacts of the proposal.

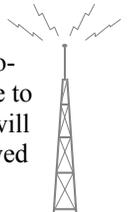
Mikel Shakarjian spoke to the committee about the NYSDEC's Framework for Watershed Restoration and Protection Action Strategies. Mikel said comments were requested by the end of November; she will check if this deadline has been or can be extended. The Environmental Review Committee felt that discussions on this matter should be handled by an ad hoc subcommittee charged with this specific task, and/or a "Water Committee," as has been proposed in the past, should be formed. Barbara will speak to Ed Cope about a short-term ad hoc subcommittee to address this issue, if more time is available.

Submitted by Barbara Ebert

County Towers Committee Report

The Committee has just received the County consultant's report and will be reviewing it. One of the committee members attended a November 23 meeting where the consultant discussed his conclusions with two BOR committees. Three of the towers on the EMC's list might be good candidates for co-location. However, one of those towers might have to be made significantly higher than it is now. We will provide more information after we have reviewed the report.

Submitted by Susan Brock



Executive Committee Report
No Report Submitted

Education Committee Report
No Report Submitted

NESTS Committee Report
No Report Submitted

Unique Natural Areas Committee Report
No Report Submitted

EMC Meeting Dates for 2000

January 12
February 9
March 8
April 12
May 10
June 14
July 12
August 9
September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

*The EMC is required to meet 10 times per year. Each possible meeting date is shown.

Happy Holidays!

