

The North American Association for Environmental Education



NAAEE

Thirty years of History
1971 to 2001

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**A BRIEF HISTORY of the
NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
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The North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) is a professional association established to promote environmental education and support the work of individuals and groups engaged in environmental education through teaching, research, and service. In meeting the goals of its target audiences, NAAEE promotes the analysis and understanding of environmental issues and questions as the basis for effective education, problem-solving, policy-making, and management. It does not take formal positions on political or technical matters, except those relating directly to education.

NAAEE members believe education must go beyond consciousness-raising about environmental issues. It must prepare people to think together about the difficult decisions they have to make concerning environmental stewardship and to work together to improve and to solve, environmental problems.

NAAEE's geographic scope is international. Currently, there are members from over 40 countries. The bulk of the membership is from the United States, but there is a growing Canadian membership and a sizeable membership from Mexico. Current total membership is approximately 2,500 individuals with an additional 73 institutional members (universities, nongovernmental organizations, etc.). About 10,000 more environmental education professionals are associated with NAAEE through its state and provincial affiliates program. Membership categories include regular, student, retired, life, affiliate, and institutional.

Almost from its inception, individuals interested in one or more of the many facets of environmental education became involved in the Association's activities. Over the years, NAAEE has evolved into a comprehensive environmental education organization, designed to meet the professional needs of the broad spectrum of teachers, educators, and communicators interested and involved in the many aspects of this diverse field.

NAAEE provides a common ground for the exchange of information and ideas among professionals at all levels of education—from environmental scientists, to educational researchers, educational managers, agency specialists, classroom teachers from elementary school through university faculty, to nature enthusiasts, to interpretive naturalists, to museum, outdoor, and nature center specialists. Because each of these groups has different specific goals and objectives, different professional criteria and needs, and different vocabularies, there have been and continue to be differences of opinion among the membership—and the leadership—about the Association as to which priorities demand precedence, which activities are most pertinent, and which styles of operation are most sensible. The tensions caused by diversity within the Association prove to be healthy, instructive, and invigorating, a more than fair price for effective involvement in a demanding and worthy educational cause.

ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

For the first twenty years, (1970 to 1989) NAAEE was involved in two primary program thrusts, the annual conference and publications activities. Then in 1990 as a result of a detailed long-range planning process the association embarked on an ambitious campaign to expand member services and play a wider leadership role in the field. By the mid-1990s, NAAEE had built a diverse mix of core membership support activities and special emphasis programs and initiatives funded by grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the National Science Foundation. The new millennium brought a renewed focus on membership services; the Association became only partner in the EPA funded EETAP program, instead of the managing the entire grant.

The NAAEE Conference: The conferences have been recognized since the early 1970s for their quality and applicability to the interests of the field. They provide a rich mix of invited speakers, formal and less-formal paper presentations, workshops, symposia, panels, field excursions, etc. Other features of long standing include a resource fair where conference participants can browse through current environmental education materials, a fund raising auction, and exhibits. From time to time, other features have included a consultants' bureau, a software fair, an authors' corner, a poster display, and a job mart. As part of the conference program, NAAEE annually presents awards to outstanding individuals and organizations, and recognizes of ten and twenty year members and board members completing their terms of service. In 1995, the association developed a regional selection process, by where the annual conference travels from region to region in a 5-year cycle.

The NAAEE Publications Program: Major emphasis has been devoted to ensuring that the Association maintains a publications program providing resources that are of high quality and useful—both a service to members and for the general benefit of the field. A bimonthly newsletter, *Environmental Communicator*, features both Association-related and general interest information. Special arrangements with certain publishers make it possible for NAAEE members to receive reduced-rate subscriptions to *Environment*, *The Environmentalist*, *The Journal of Environmental Education*, *Science Activities*, and *Green Teacher*.

NAAEE also publishes an annual conference proceedings volume containing presented papers, and is engaged in the publication of monographs dealing with selected topics. (See appendix D for a list of NAAEE monographs, proceedings, and occasional publications) Since 1977, an annual (now biannual) compendium of *Recent Graduate Works in Environmental Education and Communications* has been published. These volumes contain abstracts of master's theses and doctoral dissertations in environmental education and related fields.

Tensions In Environmental Education-- Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow *

by John F. Disinger

In 1971, a group of community college educators undertook the development of instructional materials for use in two-year colleges. The topic was the contemporary environmental problems of the day. As a part of their development/ marketing/dissemination scheme, they initiated a formal organization of their members and sought to broaden participation by inviting other community college educators to join. Since their focus was on education about the environment and their intended geographic scope was the United States, they selected as their organization's name the National Association for Environmental Education (NAEE).

Intention and Actuality

Those founders had no intention of extending their association's membership beyond individuals whose interests were closely parallel to their own-- the development, marketing, and dissemination of instructional materials dealing with the environment, for use at the community college level. They were surprised when individuals from all educational levels representing a variety of formal and non-formal orientations showed up at their conferences, took out membership, and quickly attempted to re-direct the organization by expanding its mission to venues and levels well beyond the community college classroom.

Others who showed interest in the emerging association included a broad range of environmental activists who felt that an organization focused on "education" could and should afford them open opportunity to disseminate their pro-environmental messages to the full range of educational audiences. Those messages were sometimes (but not always) more propaganda than education. Also entering the mix were employees of governmental agencies whose missions included environmental and natural resources management, who saw education as a way of furthering their agencies' management objectives; they believed that an environmentally knowledgeable public that understood what an agency was charged to do, and why, would support the agency in the accomplishment of its mission. Yet another group was made up of representatives of businesses and industries intent on clarifying and/or justifying their positions on environmental issues. The community college people resisted these incursions valiantly, but ultimately unsuccessfully; they lost control of the association they had founded. Because the organization no longer served their original purposes, most of them ultimately left it.

Where had those community college educators-- intelligent, honorable, highly professional individuals with an admirable mission and a clear concept of purpose-- gone wrong? The answer is obvious-- in the choice of name for the organization. At the time, there was no open membership organization in North America designed specifically for individuals pursuing a rapidly emerging interest, environmental education, so an association incorporating that name

in its title was bound to attract attention from many quarters. It is true that, at that time and since, a number of existing organizations demonstrated professional educational interest in the environment-- the American Nature Study Society, the Association of Interpretive Naturalists, the Conservation Education Association, the National Science Teachers Association, and the Outdoor Education Association, to name a few-- but none had a name that indicated a specific focus on education about the environment per se. Indeed, the name of each of those associations made it clear that its primary reason for existence was for a somewhat different purpose. Most simply and tellingly, none of them contained the word "environment" in its title.

How were those looking for an organization focused broadly on environmental education to know that a broad focus was not the intended purpose of the NAEF? It seemed not to matter how clearly the community college people explained what their organization was intended to be; the simple fact was that its name was all-encompassing, and thus was perceived as an open invitation to many comers. And so those others came-- not all of them, but a variety of individuals who felt that their interests and missions could and would be served by participation in an organization of people whose professed primary concern was "environmental education" (1).

A Mirror of the Times

Since 1971, the National Association for Environmental Education has changed its name once, to the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE), and its primary focus several times, as those many types of individuals-- teachers and teacher educators, conservationists and conservation educators, naturalists and nature educators, scientists and science educators, recreationalists and outdoor educators, resource and environmental managers, environmentalists, and business/industry public information specialists-- have tried, sometimes successfully, both to work effectively with one another and to advance their own interests in the context of environmental education (2). In attempting to accomplish the latter, they have also become both creators and victims of tensions manifested in philosophical debates, practical confrontations and, more than occasionally, strategic and/or face-saving avoidance.

In many ways, NAEF's experience mirrors the North American history of the movement called "environmental education" to this point in time. From the outset its most obvious problem has been semantic; those approaching environmental education from its several dramatically different perspectives are likely to say the same words when they mean different things; apparently unknowingly, they have talked past each other since the field was named, and continue to do so. These difficulties with language are actually indicators of striking contrasts in viewpoints, illustrated clearly by very real dissimilarities in two different sets of worldviews-- one concerning the "proper" relationships between humans and the rest of the environment, the other about what education is, is not, should be, and should not be. External pressures, from other educators and from representatives of the full range of environmental perspectives, continue to compound the situation and intensify tensions both within and about the field.

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MILESTONES IN THE HISTORY OF NAAEE

- 1971. NAAEE was organized in the United States as the National Association for Environmental Education, primarily as an organization of community college faculty members. Faculty at Dade County Community College in Florida had much to do with the original formation of the organization. Dr. Robert McCabe of Miami-Dade as the “prime mover”. Bob functioned as an unpaid Executive Director from 1971 until 1979, and his wife, Bonnie McCabe, was unpaid Executive Secretary.
- 1972. First annual conference held in Hot Springs, Arkansas.
- 1979. Contract for management of the Association awarded to Brukner Nature Center in Troy, Ohio, and Joan Heidelberg was named Executive Vice-President of the Association.
- 1983. The name was changed from the National Association for Environmental Education to the North American Association for Environmental Education. The change to "North American" was made to reflect growing Canadian and Mexican involvement, membership, and leadership, and to encourage a greater international perspective. (NAAEE retained the old logo and acronym until 1990.)
- 1984. Membership passes the 500 mark.
- 1984. The Association held its annual conference outside the United States for the first time--at Chateau Lake Louise, Alberta.
- 1986 NAAEE accepts Kentucky as its first affiliate.
- 1989. NAAEE began working with the Kettering Foundation on the Environmental Issues Forums (EIF) program.
- 1989. A joint annual conference with the Conservation Education Association (CEA) was held.
- 1990. Membership passes the 1,000 mark.
- 1990. The Conservation Education Association and NAAEE merged and CEA became the Conservation Education Section of NAAEE. The NAAEE Board expanded to include CEA representation.
- 1991. NAAEE headquarters moved from Troy, Ohio to Washington, DC locating and associating with the Academy for Educational Development.
- 1992. Joan Heidelberg retired and Ed McCrea became Executive Vice-President.

- 1992 The NAAEE Environmental Education Training Institute was approved by the Board.
- 1993 The VINE Network was transferred from Denver Audubon Society to NAAEE and became NAAEE's flagship urban environmental education effort.
- 1994 NAAEE held its first Mexican conference in Cancun.
- 1994 The first affiliate workshop was held at the annual conference in Cancun.
- 1995 Membership passes the 2,000 mark.
- 1995 NAAEE is named manager of Environmental Education and Training Partnership, a 1.9 million dollar three year EPA Grant.
- 1996 NAAEE with the National Project for Excellence in Environmental Education begins publishing a series of "guidelines" documents including guidelines for evaluating EE materials and guidelines that draw from standards in subject areas to define comprehensive K-12 EE programs.
- 1996 NAAEE hosts the National EE summit in Burlingame, CA producing recommendations for the future of the field of Environmental Education.
- 1997 NAAEE with National Environmental Education Advancement Project hosts the first annual Affiliates Leadership and Organizational Development Conference.
- 1997 The Urban Leadership Collaborative is fully established and recruits demonstration programs in major urban areas of the U.S.
- 1997 The International Commission works with UNESCO to sponsor the first senior level professional development seminar.
- 1998 NAAEE and EETAP create EE Street at the National Science Teachers Association Convention, establishing a collective presence for EE organizations in the exhibit hall.
- 1998 EE-Link, an environment education web site becomes a part of NAAEE, enhancing the organizations electronic communications with its members.
- 1999 NAAEE becomes a partner of EETAP 2 and gives up being the manager of EETAP 1.
- 2000 Ed McCrea leaves the association after 20 years of service as board member, president and executive director. Ms. Bonnie Shelton is hired as executive director for one year.

- 2001 The Washington DC NAAEE office closes and the Georgia office becomes NAAEE primary location. Ms. Barb Eager becomes the Acting Deputy Director of Administration, Conferences and Core Services

NAAEE AWARDS

The North American Association for Environmental Education has since its earliest years presented awards to deserving individuals and organizations.

Walter Jeske Award: This award was established in honor of Walt Jeske, a dedicated member of the Board of Directors and outstanding environmental educator until his untimely death in 1981.

- 1982 Clay Schoenfeld, University of Wisconsin
1983 Harold R. Hungerford, Southern Illinois University
1984 John F. Disinger, The Ohio State University
1985 David L. Hanselman, State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry
1986 Rudolph J. H. Schafer, California Department of Education
1987 William B. Stapp, University of Michigan
1988 Robert E. Roth, The Ohio State University
1989 Lillabelle Holt, University of Alaska
1990 Edward J. McCrea, US Fish & Wildlife Service
1991 Joan C. Heidelberg, Brukner Nature Center
1992 Richard Wilke, University of Wisconsin
1993 Rich Mrazek, University of Lethbridge
1994 John Judy, The Tennessee Valley Authority
1995 Gus Medina, EETAP, Washington DC
1996 Lori Mann, Coyote Point Museum, Burlingame, CA
Talbert Spence, National Audubon Society, NYC, NY
1997 Kathy McGlaufflin, PLT, Washington DC
1998 Charles "Chuck" Hopkins, UNESCO, Toronto, ON.
1999 Trudi Volk, Southern Illinois University, IL
2000 Bora Simmons, Northern Illinois University, IL
2001 Ted Mills, Oklahoma State University, OK

Outstanding Service to Environmental Education—Individual

- 1974 Governor Tom McCall, Oregon
Mayor Pete Wilson, San Diego
- 1975 -----
- 1976 Odom Fanning, Washington, DC
Kay Blackwelder, Atlanta Schools
Lewis Shelton, Fernbank Science Center
Philip Greear, Shorter College
- 1977 -----
- 1978 William B. Stapp, The University of Michigan
- 1979 Glenn Linnert, New Albany, IN
John Moody, New Albany, IN
- 1980 Amory Lovins, Rocky Mountain Institute
- 1981 Thomas F. Williams, Consultant, Environmental Affairs
- 1982 Richard Dunn, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
John A. Weeks, Centers for Nature Education, Baldwinsville, NY
- 1983 Steven E. Landfried, Stoughton (WI) High School
- 1984 Charles A. Hopkins, Boyne River Natural Science School, Ontario
- 1985 Paul F. Brandwein, Unionville, NY
- 1986 -----
- 1987 Charles Roth, Massachusetts Audubon, Lincoln, Mass.
- 1988 James Murray
- 1989 Barry W. Fox, Virginia State University
Kathy O'Hara, Center for Marine Conservation
- 1990 Karen Hollweg, Denver Audubon Society
Edward Radatz, Biology Teacher, Oak Park, IL
- 1991 David C. Engleson, Supervisor of Environmental Education, WI
- 1992 Judy Braus, World Wildlife Fund, Washington, DC
- 1993 Lynne Cherry, Washington, DC
- 1994 Karen Armstrong-Cummings, Frankfort, KY
- 1995 Individual at the Local Level
Vern Fridley, USEE, Salt Lake, UT
Individual at the National level
Richard Wheeler, The Great Auk Project, Ipswich MA
- 1996 Individual at the Local Level
Pamela Landers, Green Print Council, Nisswa, MN
Individual at the national level
George R. Francis, University of Waterloo, Ontario Canada
- 1997 Individual at the local level
Tom Bennett, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Resources
Individual at the National Level

- Robert Hass, River of Words Project
- 1998 Individual at the Local Level
 Mayor David L. Armstrong, Louisville KY
- 1999 Individual at the local level
 Diane Davies
 Individual at the national/international level
 Max Peterson
- 2000 Individual at the local level
 Claudia Fowler, Louisiana Environmental Education Association, LA.
 Individual at the Regional Level
 Donald R. Baugh, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Maryland
 Individual at the Global Level
 Brian Day, GreenCOM, Washinton DC.
- 2001 Individual at the local level
 Kurt Mason, USDA, NRCS/Jefferson County Conservation District. (KY)
 Individual at the Regional level

 Individual at the Global Level
 Bob Jickling, Whitehorse Yukon, CA

Outstanding Service to Environmental Education—Organization

- 1975 Weyerhauser Corporation
1976 -----
1977 -----
1978 League of Women Voters Education Fund
1979 Journal of Environmental Education
1980 ERIC Clearinghouse for Science, Mathematics, and Environmental Education
1981 Environmental Education Association of South Dakota
1982 -----
1983 Michigan Environmental Education Association
1984 Western Regional Environmental Education Council
1985 National Wildlife Federation
1986 Project WIZE (Wildlife Inquiry through Zoo Education), New York Zoological Society
1987 Kentucky Division of Water
1988 Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
1989 Tennessee Valley Authority, Environmental Education Program
1990 Alberta Environment, Environmental Education Branch
1991 WSMT TV Channel 4, Nashville, TN
1992 Profauna (Proteccion de la Fauna)
1993 Boys & Girls Clubs of America
1994 Phillips Petroleum Company
1995 Organization at the local level
 The Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education, Stevens Point, WI
 Organization at the national level
 The Council of State Governments, Lexington Kentucky
1996 Organization at the local level
 The Metropolitan Sewer District, Louisville, KY
 Organization at the national level
 American Forest Foundation, Washington D.C.
1997 Organization at the local level
 Los Angeles Conservation Corp, CA
 Organization at the National Level
 The National Environmental Education and Training Foundation, Inc.
1998 Organization at the Local Level
 Eco-Cycle, Boulder CO
 Organization at the National Level
 Environmental News Network, Sun Valley Idaho
1999 Organization at the local level
 Moanalua Gardens Foundation
 Organization at the national/international level
 CISDE – The Center for Instruction, Staff Development and Evaluation, Carbondale,

IL

Outstanding Service to Environmental Education—Organization (con't)

- 2000 Organization at the Local Level
School Yard Nature Program (SNAP) MN
- Organization at the Global Level
Tennessee Valley Authority and the Rostov Region of Russia
- 2001 Organization at the Local Level
Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of State
Parks (PA)
- Organization at the Regional Level
Four Corners School of Outdoor Education (UT)
- Organization at the Global Level
World Wildlife Fund (Washington DC)

Outstanding Contributions to Research

- 1987 Audrey Tomera, Southern Illinois University, IL
- 1988 Louis A. Iozzi, Rutgers University, NJ
- 1989 Ted Mills, Oklahoma State University, OK
- 1990 Thomas Tanner, University of Iowa, IO
- 1991 Harold Hungerford, Southern Illinois University, IL
- 1992 Rosanne Fortner, Ohio State University, OH
- 1993 Paul Hart, University of Regina, SK
- 1994 Thomas Marcinkowski, Florida Institute of Technology, FL
- 1995 Trudi Volk, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL
- 1996 Deborah Simmons, University of Illinois, DeKalb IL.
- 1997 Louise Chawla, Kentucky State University, KY
- 1998 -----
- 1999 Nicholas J. Smith-Sebasto, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL
- 2000 Robert Roth, The Ohio State University, OH.
- 2001 Dr. John Ramsey, University of Houston, TX

The NAAEE President's Award:

The President's award is given at the discretion of the current NAAEE president.

- 1988 Bonnie and Bob McCabe, Dade Community College, FL
- 1989 Joan C. Heidelberg, Executive Vice-President, NAAEE, OH
- 1990 Senator Gaylord Nelson, Father of Earth Day, WI
- 1991 John Disinger, The Ohio State University, OH
- 1992 Janet Thoreen, Brukner Nature Center, Pleasant Hill, OH
- 1993 Andriy Demydenko, Environmental Education and Information Center of the Ukraine
- 1994 David Wicks, Center for Environmental Education at the University of Louisville, KY
- 1995 Brenton S. Halsey, James River Corporation, ME
- 1996 Ed McCrea and the NAAEE/EETAP staff
- 1997 The Canadian Conference Committee
- 1998 Barbara Pyle, Turner Broadcasting System, GA
- 1999 Emilio Williams, The Koi Group, MD
- 2000 Tiahoga Ruge, CICEANA, México
- 2001 NAAEE staff

The NAAEE Affiliates Award

- 1994 The Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education
- 1995 The Colorado Association for Environmental Education
- 1996 The Oklahoma Association for Environmental Education
- 1997 The Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education
- 1998 Environmental Educators of North Carolina
- 1999 Tennessee Environmental Education Association
- 2000 The Utah Society for Environmental Education
- 2001 The Kentucky Association for Environmental Education

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Pierre Jules Lavigne, AQIP (Canada) (89-91)

Lisa Knauf, Augusta, (ME) (92-94)
Carol Lively, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (CO) (80-84)
Lori Mann, Coyote Point Museum (CA) (84-93)
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NAAEE CONFERENCES AND THEMES, 1972-2001

- 1972 Hot Springs, AR
- 1973 St Louis, MO
- 1974 April 30-May 1 - Sheraton Palace Hotel, San Francisco, CA: Environmental Education: "The Challenge and the Commitment"
- 1975 April 27-29 - Fontainebleau Hotel, New Orleans, LA: "Improving the Quality of Life Through Better Use of Energy and Resources"
- 1976 April 25-27 - Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, GA: "New Values for a New Century"
- 1977 April 24-26 - YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO
- 1978 April 29-May 2 - Sheraton, Chicago, IL: "Energy and the Urban Environment"
- 1979 May 4-8 - Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA: "Environmental Education Today, Tomorrow, Together"
- 1980 May 23-27 - University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM: "An Environmental Agenda for the Eighties"
- 1981 April 30-May 5 - Kentucky Dam Village State Park, KY: "Environment, Education, Technology: Interface for the 80s"
- 1982 October 15-20 - Silver Bay YMCA Center, Silver Bay, NY: "Global 2000: Which Path to the Future?"
- 1983 September 30-October 5 - Eastern MI University, Ypsilanti, MI: "Crossroads: Society and Technology"
- 1984 October 5-9 - Chateau Lake Louise, AB: "International Perspectives on Environmental Education: Issues and Actions"
- 1985 September 27 - October 2 - National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, MD: "Environmental Education: Progress Toward a Sustainable Future"
- 1986 September 11-16 - University of Oregon, Eugene, OR: "Environmental Education: Transition to an Information Age"

- 1987 October 16-21 - Le Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, QB: "Excellence in Environmental Education: Gaining Momentum for the Challenge Ahead"
- 1988 October 14-19 - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Orlando, FL: "Building Multicultural Webs Through Environmental Education"
- 1989 August 18-23 - YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO, (joint conference with Conservation Education Association): "Working Together to Educate about the Environment"
- 1990 November 2-7 - San Antonio, TX: "Setting the Agenda for the '90s"
- 1991 September 27 - October 2 - Radisson Hotel, St. Paul, MN, (In cooperation with The Midwest Environmental Education Consortium): "Confronting Environmental Challenges in a Changing World"
- 1992 October 16-21 - Convention Center, Toronto, ON, (In conjunction with Eco-Ed): "A World Congress for Education and Communication on Environment & Development"
- 1993 September 24-29, Big Sky Resort, Big Sky, MT: "Pathways to Partnerships: Coalitions for Environmental Education"
- 1994 September 23-27, Westin Regina Hotel, Cancun, Quintana Roo: "Collaboration and Opportunity in North America: Energy Through Diversity"
- 1995 September 15-19, Portland, ME: "Gaining New Insights--Building on Experience"
- 1996 November 1-5, 1996, Burlingame, San Francisco Bay Area, California, "Environmental Education for the Next Generation".
- 1997 August, 15-19, 1997, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, "Weaving Connections, Cultures and Environments – Environmental Education and the Peoples of the World"
- 1998 September 4–8, 1998, Atlanta Hilton, Atlanta, Georgia "From the inside out: Environmental Education and the Urban Setting, Challenges and Opportunities."
- 1999 August 26–30 Cincinnati Convention Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, "Linking Environmental Education and Education Reform.
- 2000 October 17-21, South Padre Convention Center, South Padre Texas, "Spanning Cultural and Ecological Diversity Through Environmental Education"

- 2001 October 11–15, Little Rock Convention Center, Little Rock AR, “Exploring
Capacity, Community, Complexity & Culture.”
- 2002 August 6 – 10, 2002, Boston Massachusetts, “Total Environmental Education”

NAAEE Publications

See publications brochure for comprehensive listing.

Conference Proceedings - Edited by various respected individuals in the EE field. The proceedings contain keynote addresses, synopses of general sessions, workshops, and symposia, and submitted presentation. Proceedings are available for 1975 to 2000

Monograph I - Monographs in Environmental Education and Environmental Studies, edited by Arthur B. Sacks, July 1984

Monograph II – A summary of Research in Environmental Education, 1971-1982: The Second Report of the National Commission of E Research, edited by Louis A. Iozzi, December 1984

Monograph III – International Aspects of Environmental Education, edited by John H. Perkins, July 1986

Monograph IV - Focus on Environmental Studies, prepared jointly with the National Association of Environmental Professionals and published in The Environmental Professional, Volume 9, Number 3, 1987, guest editors, John F. Disinger and Clay Schoenfeld.

Monograph V - Environmental Activism Revisited: The Changing Nature of Communication Through Organizational Public Relations, Special Interest Groups and the Mass Media, edited by Larissa A. Grunig, University of Maryland, January, 1989.

Monograph VI - Essentials Learnings in Environmental Education, A Database for building Activities and Programs, developed by The State University of New York, College of Environmental Science & Forestry and The Centre for Environmental Education, Nehru Foundation for Development, Ahmedabad, India. July 1990.

Monograph VII - Computer-Aided Environmental Education. Focuses on innovative, pioneering computer programs and applications in four main areas: environmental hypermedia, environmental modeling/stimulation, interactive environmental software, and environmental distance learning for teachers and kids. W. Rocky Rohwedder, editor. February 1991.

Monograph VIII - Alternative Paradigms in Environmental Education Research. Includes views put forward in the 1990 NAAEE symposium which focused on research in environmental education. It contains critiques and examples of empirical studies, interpretive studies, and critical approaches to research from across North America, Europe and Australia. Rick Mrazek, editor. October 1993.

Environmental Education at the Early Childhood Level. Ruth Wilson, editor. 1994.

Environmental Problem Solving: Theory, Practice and Possibilities in Environmental Education. Lisa Bardwell, Martha Monroe, and Margaret Tudor, editors. 1994.

Promoting Environmental Education—An Action Handbook for Strengthening EE in Your State and Community. Abby Ruskey and Rick Wilke. 1994.

Environmental Education in the Schools, Creating a Program that Works! Judy Braus and David Wood. Reprinted 1994.

Action Models in Adult Environmental Education, E. Andrews, A. Camozzi, P. Puntenney, editors, 1994

Volunteers Teaching Children: A guide for Establishing VINE Ecology Education Programs, Karen S. Hollweg, 1997

Environmental Education in the United States — Past, Present, and Future Collected Papers of the 1996 National EE Summit, Burlingame, CA, Edited by M. Archie., 1996.

Environmental Education Materials: Guidelines for Excellence by Michele Archie, 1996.

Are We Making a Difference? : Lessons learned from VINE Program Evaluations Karen Hollweg, 1997.

Environmental Education: Academia's Response By E. Kormondy and P. B. Corcoran. 1997

The Biodiversity Collection: A Review of Biodiversity Resources for Educators, Judy Braus, editor 1998.

Changing What We Do: Constructing a Team-Based, Problem-Centered Professional Development Experience, by Karen Hollweg and Carole Kubota with Phyllis Ferrell, 1998.

Environmental Literacy in the United States: What Should Be...What Is...Getting from Here to There By T. Volk and W. McBeth, 1998.

Elementary School Teachers' Beliefs About Teaching Environmental Education – Final Report. By S. Middlestadt, R. Ledsky, and Julie Sanchack. 1998.

The Environmental Education Collection: A Review of Resources for Educators, Vols. 1-3, Bora Simmons, editor, 1997-98.

Excellence in Environmental Education: Guidelines for Learning (K-12), by the National Project for

Excellence in EE, 1999

Excellence in Environmental Education: Guidelines for Learning (K-12) Executive Summary & Self Assessment Tool, The National Project for Excellence in Environmental Education. 1999.

Environmental Education Undergraduate and Graduate Programs and Faculty in the United States, Second Edition by Michaela. Zint and Aimee Giles, 2000.

Guidelines for the Initial Preparation of Environmental Educators, The National Project for Excellence in Environmental Education, 2000.

Spanish Language Publications:

Caja de Herramientas de Educación Ambiental

- Cómo Diseñar Talleres Eficaces
- Definamos Educación Ambiental
- Educación Ambiental Urbana
- Evaluación de Materiales de Educación Ambiental
- Integración de la EA en el Currículo Escolar
- Planteamiento de Temas Ambientales en el Aula
- Utilización de Recursos de la Comunidad

Educación Ambiental en las Escuelas: ¡Creando un Programa que Funcione!

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