



Nebraska Energy ASSISTANCE NETWORK

NEAN Meeting Notice

Thursday, December 13, 2007

11 AM – 2:30 PM

Aquila

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1815 Capitol Ave. (19 & Capitol)

Omaha, NE

First Floor Conference Room

Sheila: 402.221.2150

Security Officer: 402.221.2300

Lunch is provided, courtesy of Aquila. Please **RSVP by Tuesday, December 11** (Sheila Nelson – 402.221.2159) or e-mail Sheila.nelson@aquila.com. The meeting will begin promptly at 11 a.m. and conclude by 2:30 p.m.

MAJOR AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Short business meeting
- Committee Reports
- Break-out Sessions for Strategic Planning 2008

CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION:

Dial In #: 1.866.234.4460 (for general meeting only – not break-outs)

Pass Code #: *6807591* (use stars before & after #)

You will not have access to the meeting until the leader calls in

PARKING: U-Park (202 N. 19 St.) There are a couple of unmanned lots on the west side of 19 Street – down ½ a block heading north where parking is **\$2 per day. Bring correct change.** Meters also are in near the building; however, they only have a 2-hour limit and charge \$0.25 for 20 minutes. 10-hour meters area also available further north on 19 Street at 75 minutes per \$0.25. **Meters only take quarters.**

DIRECTIONS: From Lincoln – Take I-80 to I-480 (turn right onto I-480). Get off at 20 St./Capitol Exit and turn left to go to U-Park parking lot. (first lot is next to red brick building in fenced area; second lot is across the street —north). Put \$2 in designated parking slot. Do **not** park in the Omaha Park Five lot – this is for monthly parking only.

Judi Martin, NEAN chair
Omaha Public Power District
444 S. 16 St.
Omaha, NE 68102
402.636.3654

Interested parties are invited to join us and learn how we can work together to meet the mission of the Nebraska Energy Assistance Network: To assist Nebraskans meet energy needs through education, collaboration and advocacy.

**NEAN Meeting Notes
Omaha
December 13, 2007**

Attendance:

Rick Cheloha	Loup Power District
Jan Davis	Aquila
Laura Demman	Public Service Commission
Linda Eidem (call-in)	NorthWestern Energy
Cory Fuehrer (call-in)	Nebraska Public Power District
Ardi Hoins	Blue Valley Community Action
Mike Kelly	Department of Health & Human Services
Bill Lucke	Aquila
Judi Martin	Omaha Public Power District
Sheila Nelson	Aquila
Julie Thacker	Metropolitan Utilities District

Next NEAN Committee Meeting: Thursday, January 10, 2007 – 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

NorthWestern Energy
1023 E. 25 St. Kearney, NE

- I.** Meeting called to order by Judi Martin
- II.** Minutes accepted from November 8 Meeting Strategic Planning notes
Sheila will prepare summary
- III.** Executive Committee Report
 - A. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Received one membership payment from North Central Public Power Dist - \$100
 - ii. Issued check (\$93.40) web host and domain transfer
 - iii. Balance as of November 30, 2007 = \$3,507.40
 - B. Bylaws
 - i. Request that NEAN members review bylaws and forward comments/recommended changes to the Executive Committee prior to their meeting January 8. (E-mailed to members December 20, 2007.)
 - ii. Judi sent bylaws to Steve Virgil – Creighton Law clinic.
 - iii. Special meeting notices can be sent via e-mail or fax to serve as notice.
 - iv. Would like to approve bylaws in January NEAN meeting

Lunch - Thank you Aquila hosting and providing lunch!

IV. Committee Reports

A. Energy Assistance Committee

i. Data Collection

- a. United Way will consolidate data from utilities.
- b. By middle of January all 2007 data will be gathered.
- c. Reports will be given quarterly for 2008 data
 - i. Aquila will hold off for now until after transfer of ownership.
- d. In future, enter in secure website? For now, will enter on spreadsheet.
- e. UW contact will need the following information from each utility that will be providing data.
 - i. Contact name
 - ii. Phone number
 - iii. E-mail
- f. Where will United Way send compiled report? Will need to discuss further. Have yet to decide how to use information.
- g. LiHeap Reporting
 - i. Would like number of customers who have received LiHeap assistance
 - ii. Do not need to report other assistance
 - iii. About 25% of LiHeap payments go directly to the customer and not the utility.
 - iv. LiHeap funds – still being discussed by federal legislature.

B. Energy Education Committee

i. Working on Head Start curriculum

- a. NPPD is working on video for some of the modules
- b. Facilitator's Guide and DVD will be available for instructors
- c. SourceGas is paying for design work

ii. Trained about 40 facilitators at November 8 meeting

- a. Northwest and Panhandle Community Services have not yet received training
- b. Goldenrod will do classroom group training
- c. Others will do in home setting
- d. Will compare survey data
- e. 1,150 kits
- f. Did not hear back from Blue Valley
- g. Need assistance assembling manuals – then will distribute. January 10 meeting can assemble books. Volunteers will distribute.

C. Membership

- i. NEAN logo – Jan needs a different format for the membership brochures. Cory will follow-up. Will print 1,000 and distribute to all utility offices and other organizations throughout the state. Target small towns.
- ii. Discussion item: Individual members could attend as part of a larger group but would not have voting rights. They have to be a paid member to vote.
- iii. Membership Committee should review: Example – CSN members – could give a discount. Can amend dues structure as proposed by Board and approved by membership for individual memberships who are part of a larger organization.

V. Reviewed Strategy 2008.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.