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What's Happening With IGEN

Organization Building

1. Message from the Executive Director

In late 2009, I was asked by our three founding Presidents to come to Illinois and be the start-up Executive Director (ED) for IGEN (then known as the ICCSN). After learning enough about the vision behind the Presidents' request, I deferred a return to Australia and moved to Chicago for an agreed start-up term of 7 months at which point I would help to recruit a permanent ED. In the interest of the Network, we decided to extend my start-up term until February 2011. It is now time to prepare for this important transition from a start-up ED to a permanent ED, starting after Thanksgiving by posting this position.

In the last 10 months, despite a variety of unexpected funding challenges, I have seen our Network vision take remarkable shape. We have grown our Network funded team from seven to 21 people. We have expanded our Presidents' Steering Committee from three members to seven. We have rebranded ourselves, hosted a successful logo competition, launched our IGEN website, held successful retreat meetings, kick started our biweekly updates, network phone meetings and quarterly newsletters. We have launched several network programs such as our Green Your Curriculum program and our IGEN Webinar series. We have conducted a variety of useful surveys to learn more about our collective impacts and opportunities. We have secured \$5,000 for 36 colleges in our Network, while funding sustainability centers for the remaining 12 colleges. We have aroused the interest of several large corporations eager to sponsor programs of joint interest. We have created a strategic plan detailing the living, and ever evolving, vision of the Network. We have survived critical funding challenges, administered a complex array of grants and we have opened a pathway for future funding that is on track for bearing fruit within the next couple of months.

Throughout all this, a growing network of member colleges have been producing a vibrant array of new campus sustainability initiatives, green workforce development offerings and community outreach efforts. As the Network has emerged and established itself, colleges both with and without Network funding, have become more eager than ever to share and learn from one another. In summary, it seems fair to say, that collectively, we have successfully nurtured into life a new and working platform for fostering collaboration (and a healthy smattering of competition) across the state. As a result, we have significantly raised the prospects of all colleges to benefit from, and contribute to, one another as we face the challenges ahead. It has not been easy, but in a very short time period, we have managed to create something that is being recognized as a national model for how to create an effective state network.

During the final months of my tenure as the start-up ED, I will continue to focus most of my attention to securing a funding base capable of expanding the number of funded colleges for the next few years to come. I also look forward to continuing to build our general vision in partnership with the Presidents, our growing team of staff and our growing base of engaged members. Together, I hope we can continue to strengthen and enliven this very important model of statewide, strategic collaboration producing real and mutual benefits for our colleges and our communities, accelerating our ability to grow the green economy and chart a course towards sustainability.

2. IGEN Hires Associate Director of Development

The IGEN administrative team would like to welcome Amy Endicott, IGEN's new Associate Director of Development. Amy's position will be hosted at Heartland Community College and will begin on November 17.

As Associate Director of Development, Amy will work on a variety of fundraising efforts, investment strategies and business models aimed at funding IGEN programs in all 48 community colleges. She will also provide advice to colleges receiving funds, including clarification and assistance to meet each college's financial, budgetary, contractual and reporting requirements.

3. **CMAP Proposal Submitted**

On November 5, the IGEN administrative team submitted a proposal to the **Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)** for the development and execution of a communications strategy for the Chicago Region Retrofit Ramp-Up (CR3) program. The following organizations have been included in this proposal and will assist in community outreach, market research and marketing and branding, respectively; SmartPower, Opinion Dynamics, and R&R Partners. If this proposal is accepted, IGEN will act as the team leader coordinating the work of marketing research and branding, and then working in partnership with SmartPower to provide a coordinated community outreach program. The CMAP region includes 20 Illinois Community Colleges. If awarded, IGEN will receive three years of funding for up to 10 sustainability professionals within the CMAP region (Wilbur Wright, Moraine Valley and CLC were included in our submission), the IGEN administrative team, faculty stipends, student interns and student incentives.

4. **IGEN Hosted a Cost-Neutral Carbon-Neutral Business Plan Workshop**

On Tuesday, November 9th, IGEN held a half-day charrette at Heartland Community College to discuss **Cost-Neutral Carbon-Neutral Business Plans**. The workshop was designed for Illinois community college CFOs and facility directors to learn from their peers and share best practices around achieving greater efficiency and emissions reductions in a cost-constrained environment. Leith Sharp, IGEN Executive Director, provided background about the components of a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and assessed interest in collaboration projects among community colleges for potential large-scale, statewide efforts to move toward climate neutrality. Attendees learned how their colleagues at Lewis & Clark, Kankakee and Heartland have been planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on their campuses. Participants also learned about the numerous resources available from ACUPCC to help develop successful Climate Action Plans. **Kevin Heid**, Senior Vice President at First Midstate, Inc., and **Mary Kane**, Senior Vice President at Stifel Nicolaus, provided valuable information about funding opportunities for colleges. All of the handouts and presentations will be posted at the IGEN website.

Charrette participants:

- ▶ Greg Florian, Vice President of Finance and Administration, Richland Community College
- ▶ Jim Hubbard, Facilities Director, Heartland Community College
- ▶ Rob Widmer, Vice President of Business Services, Heartland Community College
- ▶ John Lambrecht, AVP of Facilities, Triton College
- ▶ Mary Maguire, Director of Financial Affairs, Kankakee Community College
- ▶ Rob Kenney, Manager of Building Maintenance, Kankakee Community College
- ▶ Bert Jacobson, Dean of Sustainability & Planning, Kankakee Community College
- ▶ Mike Cunningham, Director of Administrative Services, Danville Area Community College
- ▶ Jeffrey Heap, Controller, Joliet Junior College
- ▶ Tom Wunderle, Lewis & Clark Community College
- ▶ Mary Schulte, Associate VP for Financial Services, Lewis & Clark Community College

Greening Your Curriculum

5. **GYC Evaluations Distributed**

The IGEN GYC program evaluation has been distributed to those colleges offering a GYC course or workshop this semester. This evaluation was sent to the main contacts at each college for distribution to their college's GYC participants.

GYC programs were implemented at more than 12 colleges this semester, each one being slightly different. The intent of this survey is to guide future GYC faculty development programs throughout the Network. The IGEN administrative team is looking to evaluate the effectiveness of the Network-wide program and to identify ways in which it may be standardized in the future.

Communications

6. Call for Your College's Success Story

The IGEN administrative team is looking for your success stories, college highlights, upcoming events and all things relative to sustainability and green practices on and around your campus. While the administrative team uses Network News as a means to highlight important information pertaining to IGEN initiatives, the main purpose is to highlight your stories. **We strongly encourage each of you to send updates for inclusion in Network News.** The information you send will be used on the IGEN website and in IGEN's Network News. **Your stories are what set IGEN apart, and we want to hear them!**

While we will make every attempt to include your story in the most current edition of Network News, we request you send stories at least 48 hours in advance of distribution. Network News is distributed on the 1st and 15th of each month. Please contact [Alessandra Cairo](#) with your college's news.

What's Happening Around Illinois

Community College Highlights

7. Bioneers Conference at McHenry County College

The Bioneers Conference and free Green Living Expo were both a huge success! The conference attendance doubled this year plus an additional 300 people visited the Expo's fifty vendors.

Jim Braun, keynote speaker and Coordinator of the Illinois Local Food, Farms and Jobs Council, gave the conference attendees a road map on how to go about increasing local food production.

The Breakout session panelists inspired attendees to go back to their classrooms, businesses and homes to look at; the food they purchase and how they can participate in local food initiatives, their energy use, their children's school lunch program, greening their congregation, and how to reduce climate change.

The three national environmental leaders via DVD re-energized the attendees by showing what can be accomplished with

perseverance. For example, Gary Hirschberg, CEO of Stonyfield Farm, has the world's largest organic yogurt company. His company is very successful and still promotes restoring, vibrant ecosystems and healthy, prosperous farmers, cows, consumers, employees, investors and future children.

Expo participants were introduced to over fifty green businesses and organizations. They found businesses that can provide local food for them. They were able to taste flavorful, locally grown and produced, tomato products. They were able to get their energy related questions answered. They were able to learn about many environmental groups and their green activities.



Please save the date November 5, 2011 and join McHenry County College next year at Bioneers!

8. Sustainability Audits Taking Place at Waubonsee Community College: President's Office First

The Center for Sustainability at Waubonsee Community College is offering free sustainability audits for all employees and departments at the college's four campuses. Unveiled on Oct. 29, the program has already seen a high participation rate. Showing that the college's commitment to sustainability starts at the top, the first department to sign-up for a sustainability audit was the Office of the President.

"It's encouraging to have such strong administrative support for sustainability at Waubonsee," Sustainability Specialist Annie Laurie Cadmus said. "The Office of the President embracing the sustainability program from the outset sends an impactful message about the college's commitment and responsibility to the health of our environment."

The primary purpose of the sustainability audit program is to allow the Center for Sustainability to engage in conversations with faculty and staff about environmental, economic and personal sustainability. During the 30-minute sustainability audit session, participants answer questions about individual habits and then work together as a team to answer questions about office practices. Then, participants are given an open forum for discussion where they can offer suggestions, ask questions and share their successes. Within three days of the sustainability audit session, the participants are given a one-page narrative outlining their current initiatives and offering suggestions for added improvement.

"We intentionally called this a 'sustainability' audit program and not an 'energy audit' because our focus is on how we interact with our buildings, community and environment rather than the energy efficiency of products," Cadmus said. "The college has already invested a great deal in lighting retrofits and other energy efficient appliances so now the focus is on investing in the user."

For more information about the sustainability audit program at Waubonsee Community College, contact Annie Laurie Cadmus at acadmus@waubonsee.edu.

9. A Successful Year 1 for Moraine Valley's Community Garden

Moraine Valley installed their first community garden this year. With over 30 volunteers, as well as their local Rotary Club, year 1 was successful with plans underway for expansion next year. Crops grown this year included lettuce, basil, tomatoes, carrots, radishes, beets, cucumbers, collards, cabbage and beans. The garden produced just enough produce for volunteers to take home after their shift. Factors that affected the gardens overall success and health included planting late, weather, soil conditions and the varied skill-level of the volunteer gardeners. With this knowledge however, Moraine Valley, next year, plans to build more education, and preparation for their community gardeners. Stephenie Pressellers, Sustainability Manager at Moraine Valley, plans to design educational guides and picture sheets to place throughout the garden to assist gardeners with different skill levels identify pests, disease and ready-to-pick crops.



10. Project Recycled Runway - Environmentally-friendly Fashion Show at CLC

For the Fall 2010 semester, all student groups at the College of Lake County were asked to focus on sustainability related issues and themes. Dara Reiff, CLC Sustainability Coordinator, met with student groups in September to emphasize the importance of sustainability, offer her assistance and provide resources to those students groups that required additional assistance. With many events, activities and projects underway, this initiative has proven so far, to be a great success.

On Thursday, November 4, the Pride Alliance Club hosted Project Recycled Runway, an environmentally-friendly fashion show. All clothing was supplied by local second-hand shops to raise awareness about sustainability. Complete with a runway, models and judges; as well as informational exhibit tables from show sponsors, including Salvation Army and Plato's Closet; and style judged on creativity, wearability and confidence; Project Recycled Runway proved to be this season's hit show!

- 11. Wilbur Wright College's Student-led Environmental Club Holds Environmental Week**
The Wright College student-led Environmental Club held Environmental Week on campus, November 1 – 4. Educational displays and student outreach included “revolving doors versus swing out doors” for energy savings, plastics recycling and battery recycling, a quiz that earned a reusable water bottle, and a forum in which specific sustainability questions were answered. The Club generally focuses its efforts on the April Earth Day Program, but this year's group of 15 enthusiastic students simply did not want to wait until Spring to explore opportunities to make a contribution to the campus environment. With 132 students providing follow-up contact information, and over 200 participating in total, the Club's early start proved to be successful.
- 12. Wilbur Wright College Pilots the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program**
During the last week of October, twelve retrofit contractors participated in Wright's Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program, a 31.5-hour *Building Envelope Contractor Training* curriculum. This curriculum has been developed and vetted over the past 18 months by various building science experts across the state under the auspices of IL DCEO's Weatherization Office. Instructors underwent a Train-the-Trainer session in August, and props (rim-joint and attic/ceiling mock-ups) were constructed for hands-on air sealing and insulation demonstrations by the students. The personnel scheduled for this training and the following iterations (a total of 81 students to date), are currently working under contracts to local Weatherization Assistance Provider programs. Wright intends to open the training to others in the weatherization retrofit sector in the future.

Of Interest

- 13. Hands-On LEED: Guiding College Student Engagement**
[Hands-on LEED: Guiding College Student Engagement](#) is intended for campus staff and faculty. The document discusses how to involve students in green building projects and facilitate their contributions to the LEED certification process. Specifically, the guide outlines three options for engaging students; course work, internships and volunteer opportunities, and provides implementation options for each.
- 14. U.S. EPA State and Local Climate and Energy Webcasts: Climate Impacts and Risk Communication**
The first webcast in the “Climate Change Adaptation for State and Local Governments” series will be on **Thursday, November 18, 2010, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM EST**. This webcast will provide an introduction to adaptation. Topics covered will include the impacts of climate change across different regions of the United States, the risk presented by these impacts (i.e. why adaptation is necessary for building resilience), how climate adaptation differs from climate mitigation, approaches to engaging various stakeholder groups-regardless of attitudes to climate change, and effectively communicating risk to build support for adaptation efforts in the common interest. A local government will present on their experience working successfully with a range of stakeholders to promote adaptation within the community. To register for this webcast, visit: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/289508083>. Please note that the audio portion of this webcast will only be available by dialing into a toll-free conference call.
- 15. Environmental Literacy Grants for Formal K-12 Education**
Eligible Entities: Institutions of higher education, other nonprofits, K-12 public and independent schools and school systems, and state, local and Indian tribal governments in the United States
The U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA, requests proposals for Environmental Literacy Grants for Formal K-12 Education. This RFP will support K-12 education projects that advance inquiry-based Earth System Science learning and stewardship directly tied to the school curriculum, with a particular

interest in increasing climate literacy. \$8 million expected to be available, up to 10 awards anticipated. For more information, contact Carrie McDougall at oad.grants@noaa.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=56016>. Refer to Sol# NOAA-SEC-OED-2011-2002608.

16. School Energy Efficiency Grants

Application materials for the Energy Efficiency Grants are available beginning October 12, 2010 on the IWAS System. Applications must be submitted to the Regional Offices of Education by January 15, 2011. The Energy Efficiency Grants are a dollar for dollar state matching grant program providing up to \$250,000 for energy efficiency projects in schools. All school districts, charter schools, vocational center or public university laboratory schools are eligible. The FY 2010 Capital Bill provided \$50 million for Energy Efficiency Grants. The grants are planned to be distributed over the next two fiscal years, with \$9 million released this fall. The grants can be used for insulation, windows, doors, energy controls, lighting, energy recovery, energy conservation, alternative energy systems and other projects designed to reduce energy consumption. The grant application can be found on the [IWAS](#) system. For more information and assistance, please contact Kimberly Beachy with the School Business Services Division (217)785-8779.

17. Renewable Energy Resources Solar and Wind Energy Rebate Program

The focus of the Solar and Wind Energy Rebate Program, through the State's Renewable Energy Resources Program, is to encourage utilization of smaller-scale solar and wind energy systems in Illinois. Eligibility applicants include homeowners, businesses, public sector and non-profit entities who are customers of an electric or gas utility that impose the Renewable Energy Resources and Coal Technology Development Assistance Charge.

The program offers incentives up to 30% of total project cost for residential and business applicants, and 50% for public sector and non-profit entities. The maximum rebate is \$50,000.

The Fiscal Year 2011 program is now open. Applications will be considered on a first come, first serve basis. Applications will be accepted until April 30th or until program funds run out, whichever comes first. Please download the guidelines and application form here - [Solar and Wind Rebate Program Guidelines and Application Form](#). For questions contact Wayne Hartel at wayne.hartel@illinois.gov.

18. Illinois Clean Diesel Grant Program

Illinois EPA currently has \$1 million in funding to help school districts clean up their dirty diesel buses with advanced pollution and anti-idling controls. Funding is currently available for school districts that are located in the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will and portions of Kendall and Grundy that own their own bus fleets. There are no match requirements with this funding. For more details and to apply for this funding source, visit the Illinois Green Fleets website and click on "Illinois Clean Diesel Grant Program." <http://www.illinoisgreenfleets.org/> or contact Ashley Collins, Environmental Health Manager, RHAMC directly at acollins@lungchicago.org or 312-628-0202.

Calls For Help

19. Electronics and Sustainability Symposium: Call For Papers

The Second Annual Electronics and Sustainability Symposium is scheduled on **March 23-24, 2011**. Industry and academic practitioners are encouraged to submit abstracts of their recent research, projects, and design thinking for presentation, publication, or both. The [Call for Papers](#) for a paper, presentation, panel discussion, or poster is available online and should be returned to Aida Sefic Williams at sei@istc.illinois.edu.

20. The Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability (INRS) Needs Your Vote

The [Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability \(INRS\)](#) is planning another exciting [Naturally Illinois Expo](#). This event is a great opportunity to learn about science and the natural resources of Illinois through the work of the INRS State Scientific Surveys. Last year, the Expo included [fifty exhibits, demonstrations, and hands-on activities](#) of interest to the public, teachers, and students of all levels. The event allows Champaign-Urbana community members, as well as residents from around the state,



to interact with scientists working on cutting-edge research and solutions to water, energy, ecosystem, mineral resource, natural hazard, climate, cultural resource, and technology issues.

To continue the event, the INRS has applied for a Pepsi Refresh grant. In order to win award money, they need you to help vote for the project by following these steps:

1. Go to <http://www.refresheverything.com/inrsscienceexpo> to view the project idea
2. Create a free account and cast your vote

The top 10 projects will be awarded prize money. You can vote every day!

Events

21. FREE Recycling Works Toolkit Seminars: At a Location Near You

Recycling Works: A Toolkit for Reducing Waste in the Workplace was created by Shaw Environmental, under contract with Illinois Recycling Association, through a grant from DCEO. Each seminar will include a training on the Toolkit and presentations from local organizations and service providers. Register for any of the following seminars at www.illinoisrecycles.org.

Tuesday, November 16, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
College of DuPage
Glen Ellyn, IL

Tuesday, November 23, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
City of Elgin
Elgin, IL

Monday, November 29, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
College of Lake County
Grayslake, IL

Tuesday, November 30, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Illinois Central College
Peoria, IL

Friday, December 3, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
McHenry County College
McHenry, IL

Tuesday, December 7, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Illinois Green Business Association
Champaign, IL

Friday, December 10, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
US EPA Region 5
Chicago, IL

22. IGEN Network Retreat

IGEN will be hosting a two-day Network Retreat at Heartland Community College. The intent of the retreat is to provide sustainability professionals with networking time, to discuss fiscal year 2011 planning and fundraising strategies, to hear success stories from colleges around Illinois and to have general discussions surrounding IGEN-led initiatives such as greening your curriculum.

The following presentations will be held on November 30.



- ▶ **Green Workforce Development:** Presentations by Julie Bates, Lincoln Land Community College and Anthony Corso, Illinois Central College.
- ▶ **Green Communities:** Presentations by Stephenie Pressellers, Moraine Valley Community College and Pat Dieckhoff, McHenry County College
- ▶ **Green Curriculum:** Presentation by Rebecca Rossi, Heartland Community College
- ▶ **Green Campuses:** Presentations by Marcia Lochmann, Lewis and Clark Community College and Doug Brauer and Greg Florian, Richland Community College

To register for the retreat, please send an email to Allessandra with your name, title and email address. For more information, visit www.igencec.org.

Tuesday, November 30, - Wednesday, December 1
Heartland Community College
Astroth Community Education Center
Normal, IL

23. **Electric Efficiency for Educational & Municipal Facilities**

SEDAC and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity will host two free workshops to increase energy efficiency in public buildings. Public Sector administrators or facility managers for public K-12 schools, community colleges, universities, park districts, libraries, local governments, water and waste water treatment facilities in the ComEd or Ameren Illinois Utilities service territories should attend. You will learn about YEAR 3 incentives available from DCEO and energy cost reduction measures.

Friday, November 19, 12:30-4:00 p.m.
DeKalb County Farm Bureau Center for Agriculture
1350 W. Prairie Drive
Sycamore, IL 60178

Wednesday, December 8, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Illini Center
200 S. Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606

For more information, please visit <http://smartenergy.arch.uiuc.edu/html/publicsectorworkshops.html>.

24. **Urban Agriculture Education - Breakfast Leadership Greater Chicago**

Chicago has long been a leader in the food industry, known for its central location and access to water and rail transportation, its commodity exchanges and livestock markets that made it “Hog Butcher to the World.” In the past, universities trained mainly rural populations about developments in food and animal science. Education in urban high schools was limited to training in home economics and culinary programs. Today, there is a major shift in education in agriculture as cities have been prime locations for growing food and for encouraging consumers to “know their farmer.” Under the leadership of First Lady Michelle Obama, there has been a major push through the “Let’s Move Initiative” to bring healthier foods to the schools and to promote local foods through Farmers Markets.

Over 25 years ago, Chicago became a pioneer in urban agricultural education when the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHSAS) located on the last working farm in the City opened in the Mount Greenwood Neighborhood. CHSAS has one of the top college placement rates in the Chicago Public Schools, a student body that is engaged in the more than 300 careers that relate to agriculture and life sciences and that uses agriculture as a way to promote critical training in STEM (science,



technology, engineering and math). In his keynote address at the National FFA Convention this year, Education Secretary Arne Duncan praised CHSAS for “refuting the myth that agricultural education is just for rural students, for “dispelling the misconception that agricultural education is a relic with little relevance in the information age” and “illustrating the power of rigorous agricultural education to engage students and transform lives and communities.

This meeting will have a panel representing parents, business leaders, graduates, and educators on the importance of urban agricultural education as a way of creating more opportunities for students to succeed in higher education and at the high performance careers of the future that relate to agriculture and life sciences. Please join for a lively discussion as the following panelists address the issue of urban agriculture education.

Panelists:

- ▶ Andrea Zopp (LGC '90), President of Chicago Urban League & CHSAS Parent
- ▶ Marc Schulman, President of Eli's Cheesecake & Co-Chair of CHSAS Business Advisory Board
- ▶ Sheila Fowler, CHSAS Master Ag Teacher
- ▶ Dr. Laurie Kramer, Associate Dean of College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
- ▶ Dr. James C. Anderson II, Assistant Professor, College of ACES, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, CHSAS graduate and teacher at CHSAS

Wednesday, December 8, 2010, 8:00-9:30 a.m.

The Union League Club of Chicago

Heritage Room - 2nd Floor

65 West Jackson Boulevard

Chicago, IL

For more information, and to register, please visit <http://www.lgcchicago.org/>.

25. Women in Green

Join experts from the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor, the Illinois Community College system, and around the State for two captivating events that will examine sustainability programs and initiatives which support the development and advancement of the green economy; explore ways to recruit and retain women in green careers; emphasize the importance of women in green occupations; and highlight green programs of study in Illinois.

Wednesday, February 23, 2011, 10:00 a.m-3:30 p.m.

Lewis and Clark Community College

National Great Rivers Research & Education Center Field Station

Thursday, April 28, 2011, 10:00 a.m-3:30 p.m.

Illinois Central College

Agriculture and Industrial Technologies Building