

**Memo:** February 15, 2008  
**To:** New York Campus Environmental Resource (NYCER) Members  
**From:** Howard Apsan  
**Re:** NYCER Meeting Minutes  
Cooper Union, January 29, 2008

### **Opening**

The January NYCER meeting was held at Cooper Union on January 29, 2008. The meeting began with a welcome by Jody Grapes, Administrator for Facilities Operations at Cooper Union. Sheryce Woolery of CUNY Central recorded the minutes, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by acclamation.

### **Audits**

EPA audits are still being conducted at a number of NYCER institutions. The New School University is currently finalizing its formal agreement with EPA and is enthusiastic about the program. Other institutions that have completed the EPA audits are working on sustaining their success and are preparing for anticipated EPA inspections. Several of our NYCER institutions expressed concern regarding increased enforcement by EPA, the DEC, and other regulatory agencies. We encourage everyone to share their enforcement experience with other NYCER members.

### **Presentation**

The meeting continued with a presentation by **Samantha MacBride, Deputy Director, Department of Sanitation, Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling**, on **“University Recycling in New York City: What DSNY Can Do To Help.”** Ms. MacBride reviewed the many recycling opportunities readily available to colleges and universities, and the support that the Sanitation Department can offer. We thank Ms. MacBride for an informative and thought provoking presentation.

### **Updates in Brief**

The SSHA spring 2008 Conference is being organized by SUNY Stony Brook and will be held from April 10 - 11 in Port Jefferson, Long Island. For more information, please contact Kim Auletta at 631-632-3032 or e-mail [kim.auletta@stonybrook.edu](mailto:kim.auletta@stonybrook.edu) .

### **Upcoming Meetings**

The March meeting of NYCER will be held on Tuesday, March 25 at St. John's University, 101 Murray Street (Between Greenwich and West Street) in Manhattan. The meeting will be held in room 118, from 12 pm to 2 pm, and will include a presentation by **Robert P. Wilson, Senior Director, Planning and Preparedness, Disaster Planning & Response, American Red Cross in Greater New York**. The presentation will focus on **“Emergency Preparedness and Response: What do you do when disaster strikes?”**

All those able to host future NYCER meetings should contact Sheryce Woolery at (212) 794-5630 or [sheryce.woolery@mail.cuny.edu](mailto:sheryce.woolery@mail.cuny.edu) .

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.