



A SUMMIT, INDEED

Staff, Regional Directors, District Managers chart TCP's future path

It might sound a bit presumptuous to call last weekend's meeting of The Climate Project's staff, Regional Directors, and District Managers a summit. After all, summits are usually composed of world leaders, political movers and shakers,

discussing issues of global significance and determining the trajectory of international politics.

Yet who among us doubts the significance of TCP's work? Who questions the notion that we are tackling matters of global significance and helping to shift the international conversation on climate change?

A summit, indeed.

TCP's second annual Presenters Community Leadership Summit took place last Saturday and Sunday in downtown Nashville. Six of TCP's seven staff members, all three Regional Directors, and most of its 15 District Managers were present, with others joining the meeting by phone.

Overall, the weekend's presentations and conversations focused on the future direction of The Climate Project, which includes an enhanced focus on TCP's international presence and the U.S. chapter's relationship with the six other chapters around the world.

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Riley steps down, Cunningham steps in as new District Manager

This week Sarah Lynn Cunningham accepted the role of District Manager for Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, and Ohio. Ken Riley had occupied the position previously and recently chose to step down.



The Climate Project staff thanks Ken for his superb contributions as District Manager. Ken, who was one of the first 50 presenters trained by Al Gore, played a key role in TCP's recent involvement with the Blue Green Alliance's Green Jobs for America campaign.

"Ken has been such an asset to the organization during his time as District Manager. He was always

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MEETING OF MINDS: Left -- Roy Neel, Chief Adviser to Al Gore, stands to address summit participants. Below -- Dune Ives (R) and District Manager Eric Torres (M) have a laugh as Eric's wife Bridget Evander-Torres (L) looks on.





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Attendees identified the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Copenhagen in December 2009 as a key date, not only for the nations of the world to address climate change but for TCP to contribute to the process and continue to develop as an organization.

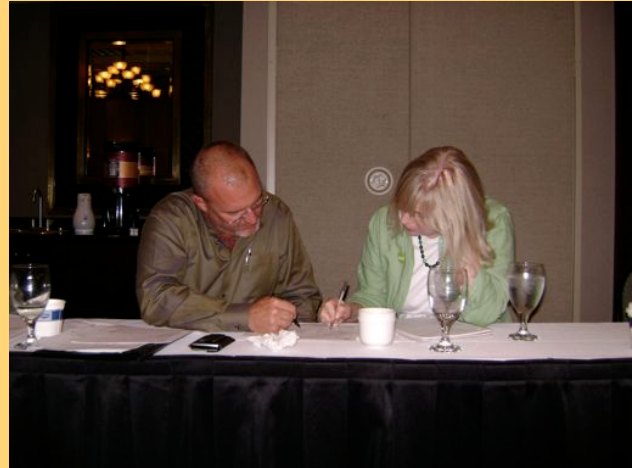
"There's a lot of people out there whose initial spark of interest and commitment to The Climate Project can be reignited with a new focus toward Copenhagen and toward local work," said Katie Scheidt, District Manager for New York City and Long Island, Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. "So I think that having direction from the district managers to pass down through the ranks, I think that's really crucial."

Among the more popular presentations were ones delivered by Kalee Kreider, Communications Director for Al Gore, and Jeremy Richardson, TCP Science Adviser. Kreider outlined the international climate treaty process while Richardson provided an update on U.S. climate policy.

Sabrina Cowden, TCP's Director for Partnership Relations, discussed a litany of developing partnerships, including initiatives involving the [Blue Green Alliance](#), [Puma](#), and actor [Jon Huertas](#). Executive Director Jenny Clad, meanwhile, provided an overview of the organization's financial status. Presenter Community Manager Joylette Portlock and Communications Manager Alex Carey led a session devoted to the TCP website and its future development.

Finally, the hardworking and meticulous Marisa Hackemann, Logistics and Event Coordinator for TCP, did an outstanding job organizing the summit and making certain it ran smoothly.

"The most important thing about this -- I think, like all of the gatherings of presenters -- is the chance to reconnect and the networks we build amongst each other, the knowledge we share, and



TCP TALK: Above -- District Managers Aaron Tuley, left, and Cami DeMarco-Hay, right, discuss a point. Below -- Chester Joy (L), Donna Joy (M) and District Manager Katie Scheidt (R) talk about TCP's 2009 reunions.



the relationships that we build," said Raj Shukla, who delivered a presentation on a project he's developing for the Madison, Wisc. schools.

"It's great to get together with people and capture their excitement and share experiences of giving presentations -- what's worked and finding

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responsive and responsible, and he's just been incredibly helpful to me and the organization," said Sabrina Cowden, Director of Partnership Relations. "We will miss Ken, but we are very happy to welcome Sarah Lynn to her new role with TCP."

Sarah Lynn is a freelance consultant and teacher from Louisville, Ky. She has been an active environmentalist for 38 years.

"For many years, climate change has stood out in my mind as by far the most important place to invest my engineering expertise and teaching skills. Since attending TCP training, I've thoroughly enjoyed customizing and delivering my presentations to kids and grown-ups of all walks of life, especially helping them to feel empowered to go home and start working on shrinking their carbon footprints," Sarah Lynn said. "My aim as District Manager will be to do what I can to ensure that each presenter in my district finds his or her participation in this valuable program to be equally rewarding."

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out what's coming down the track in terms of future presentation opportunities," said Washington D.C. resident Donna Joy, who attended (with her husband Chester) in place of District Manager Mary Lou Fox.

District Managers should be contacting the presenters for whom they're responsible about the summit in the coming weeks. If you're interested in learning more about what took place last weekend, please get in touch with your District Manager. Contact information for District Managers is available on the TCP Presenters' Website. To access the contact sheet, log on and click on the TCP Tools tab.



WEEKEND IN NASHVILLE: Left -- Tami Coleman and Sarah Lynn Cunningham pose. Above -- Jenny Clad and Sabrina Cowden share a moment. Below -- Beverly Boos (L), Eric Torres (M), and Bill Bradbury (R) listen intently.

