**GK-12 Bioenergy Sustainability Project Weekly Meetings**

**(ZOL 895, Section 401)**

**Spring 2013 - Fridays 1:15 to 3:15pm – Stack Hall 145**

3/29/2013

Business

1. 2 minute round-up

 B. Workshop overview – what worked/what didn’t?

 C. Project GREEEN summary/blog post

 D. Classroom visits

 D. Lesson plans – let’s get them on the web asap.

Professional Development

 A. Special guest, Dr. Karen Klomparens

 --Associate Provost of Graduate Education; Dean, Graduate School; Professor of Plant Biology; Provost's Representative to ADAPP.

 --Karen will be educating us on professional career and teaching resources for graduate students/postdocs.

 --Possible topics include: CAFFE, Career success, PFF ASL, Epigeum, and more.

Future activities:

1. Newsletter articles and blog posts (ongoing). The spring newsletter needs to be put together soon so we can distribute them to the districts.

 **a. Details:** 200 words about your research for the sidebar. Reminder of what you do plus some findings/details from this year. 400 words about what you’ve been up to in your partner district(s) and wrap-up of the GK-12 year. Let folks know if you’ll be a fellow again next year and tell them what you’ve experienced/learned in the program. Include pretty, high dpi photos!

2. NSF's *Innovation in Graduate Education Challenge* invites currently enrolled STEM graduate students and teams to submit innovative ideas to prepare today's graduate students for tomorrow's opportunities and challenges.  NSF seeks ideas with the potential to improve graduate education and professional development.  Ideas can be directed toward students, faculty, departments, institutions, professional societies, and/or federal agencies. Winning ideas will be shared widely and winners will receive prizes between $1000 and $3000.

 For more information and to enter the challenge, go to [www.nsf.gov/gradchallenge/](http://www.nsf.gov/gradchallenge/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) **Entry deadline is April 15!**