

**NEGC Update**  
**November 23, 2009**

Good afternoon: As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, staff are busy preparing for the NEGC annual meeting. The meeting will be held Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>-Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Sheraton Harbor side in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

We kick off with work group meetings and a “state of the NEGC” luncheon address, concluding Thursday afternoon with a NEGC-NERGG collaborative session on “Access to Health” featuring panel speakers with clinical, consumer and national perspectives on this topic. A reception and poster session follows, featuring hors d’oeuvres and a hosted bar (thank you to Signature Genomics). I have attached the agenda for your review.

Please note that all work group meetings are open with the exception of the Advisory Committee meeting. If you’d like to attend a committee meeting and you are not a member, please email Karen Smith so we can accommodate food and space requirements. We have planned lively discussions, invited regional and national guest speakers and intend to dig deep into our work, yet leave space for fun.

Speaking of fun, please join in and send in a submission for our 1<sup>st</sup> annual “Genetics-themed Haiku” contest. Check our website for full instructions and the very clever entries and email yours to Karen Smith ([karen.smith@unh.edu](mailto:karen.smith@unh.edu)). We’ll post them to our website and the winner will be announced (and recited) at the meeting. It’s an easy pattern: 5, 7, 5 and there is a \$50 gift certificate to amazon.com for the winning submission.

My best wishes to you and your family for a happy Thanksgiving. Amy Schwartz

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