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BIG NEWS:

PAEP has secured an education grant to help further our cause! The PennEast Pipeline Company selected PAEP to receive a \$10,000 PennEast Powering STEM Grant to provide funding for our Energize Environmental Education project!

The objective of the Empowering Environmental Education Program will be to leverage recent advancements in the energy industry (solar, wind, natural gas, etc.) to promote applicable job based education within Eastern PA through tangible Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM) and job training events to develop a focused workforce skillset. The primary method will be to provide student/teacher classroom presentations, and field trips to industry, business and nature awareness locations to provide these real world associations to students and teachers. Working with PAEP and Industry partners PAEP members will coordinate field trips, career day speakers, STEM related lesson plans and webinar/videos to teachers and classrooms struggling to provide the engagement opportunities to their students. By providing these increased educational opportunities, communities will begin to make real world associations with the environment around them, experience personal benefit and develop an interest to become more engaged with energy and environmental communities.

Keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities to join, participate, and encourage others. If you have suggestions for school, topic, and field trips, or to express interest in helping, please feel free to reach out at info@PAEP.org.

OTHER UPDATES:

- ★ New Board Members were elected for a 3-year term! Please welcome Vladimir Odarchenko to the PAEP Family! Craig Bushey and Stephen Shaw were elected to their second term with PAEP.
- ★ 2018 Membership Sign-up and Renewal has begun!
 For more information or to sign-up online visit: <https://www.paep.org/membership-account/membership-levels/>

OTHER UPDATES (continued):

★ Applications are currently being accepted for the Environmental Science Scholarship Program, and the Karl Mason and Walter Lyon Awards. Winners will be honored at the Annual Conference. For more information go here:

<https://www.paep.org/resources/environmental-science-scholarship/>

<https://www.paep.org/programs/karl-mason-and-walter-lyon-awards/>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Annual PAEP Conference – *Branches of Knowledge*** – May 2-4, 2018 – Located at Toftrees Resort, State College, PA
 - ❖ We are excited to announce this year's conference will hold a Keynote Panel to include Secretary Richards (PennDOT), Secretary Dunn (PA DCNR), and Policy Director Jessica Shirley (PADEP).
- Watch out for Section Event emails year-round! You can also view upcoming events [here](#).

HIGHLIGHTS FROM RECENT EVENTS:

On Sep. 21, 2017 the P2E2 Roundtable (RT) celebrated their 20th Anniversary at the Tobyhanna Army Depot (TYAD), Monroe County. BIG THANKS to Mike Parrent and Jan Warnick for all they do at P2E2.

Presenters included TYAD, General Dynamics and the Eastern Pennsylvania Alliance for Clean Transportation (EP-ACT). TYAD is a Roundtable founding member and co-chair. TYAD has launched several P2E2 projects as a direct result of their involvement with the RT. General Dynamic's Scranton facility is one of the founding members of the RT and one of the top five energy performers in the world from DOE's Superior Energy Performance program since their implementation of ISO 50001. The meeting also offered EP-ACT's insight into the support of the Commonwealth's interest in promoting alternative fuel and electric vehicles. Attendees were able to see alternative fuel vehicles. Dr. Marleen Troy's Certificate in Sustainability Program at Wilkes University was highlighted as Wilkes University, through Dr. Troy, is a RT Steering Committee member and many in our organization have participated. Dr. Troy also developed a video of past RT meetings that was played during the event.

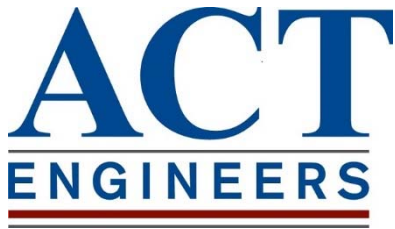
Several early supporters of the RT, including DEP's Northeast Regional Director (RD), were recognized for their vision and cohesive support. The NERO RD was specifically recognized for supporting the regional RT in 2005 when funding sources were discontinued and the RT then joined with PAEP.



In December, PAEP served as an exhibitor at the EPA's 2017 National Brownfields Training Conference, held in Pittsburgh, PA on December 5-7th. Eric Rosina (PAEP President) and Sarah Lavin (Western Section Chair) worked the booth to promote and advertise PAEP to conference attendees. They were also able to connect with other companies and organizations at the conference that were eager to help participate in planning and contributing to future PAEP events across Pennsylvania. This event served as great exposure for our organization!

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