

Board of Directors Meeting August 11, 2009 Meeting Minutes

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<i>Present:</i> Virginia Bailey, President	<i>Absent:</i> Duane Peters, Mitchell Burack, and Jeff Luzenski
Mike Kenawell, Vice President	
Camille Otto, Treasurer	
Crystal Quintin, Secretary	
Angela Schreffler	
Jill Vovaris	
	<i>Staff:</i> Terri Breon
	<i>Others:</i> N/A

At 4:05p.m. the meeting was called to order.

Was a Quorum present? Yes, a quorum was present.

The minutes from July 14, 2009 meeting were approved with Virginia and Camille's suggested changes. Camille made the motion to accept, and Mike seconded the motion. A final copy is to be sent to Terri for posting on the website.

Treasury Report

Terri reported that PAEP has the following amounts in its accounts:

Money Market – \$11,863.56

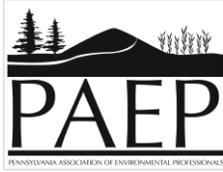
Checking – \$1,259.68

Membership/Database

Terri gave an update on membership. With one new member, PAEP now has 259 general, 4 student, and 45 corporate members, for a total of 308 members. Virginia updated Terri on the planned dues increase as well as plans to amend the by-laws – any changes must be voted on by the membership. A voting mechanism needs determined. Terri suggested that maybe we could issue request to vote at the same time as dues. With the by-law revisions, Board terms will be changed to 3 years. The normal timeframe for board elections is in November, so a vote on the by-laws must take place prior.

Section Reports

- West – Keri Rebeck – The Section will be skipping holding an event in August but will have two events in October. September is going to be a joint event with Green Drinks at Phipps, T&E is the topic for October's presentation, and for November a Cultural Resources event is under consideration. The Devra Davis event has been rescheduled from September to October 14th and will be a Karl Mason Award presentation, Pittsburgh farewell, and book signing. Phipps is donating theatre space, Botany Hall, and the event



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will be a joint Conservancy/PAEP event. The event will start at 4pm. Additionally, a holiday event with Phipps and Green Drinks is in the works.

- Central – Kevin Starner – New chair will be hosting a brainstorming session in the near future.
- Eastern – Mitchell Burack - Wine events being planned and will begin in October.
- P2E2 – Mike Parrent/Jeff Luzenski – August 20th wastewater treatment plant event tour and presentation. Jan Warnick will present on ARRA next week.
- The Board discussed the upper regions of each of the sections, such as Erie and Williamsport, and potential approaches to include environmental professionals from these areas in PAEP and section events. The Board agreed to consider having six regional sections instead of three in the future.

Conservation Heritage

Wayne Kober could not attend this month's Board meeting. The Maurice Goddard Legacy initiative meeting occurred last week, and was attended by Wayne and Duane Peters. The Board did not yet receive feedback on the meeting, but Virginia will ask Duane to provide an update to the Board.

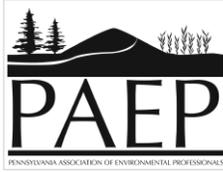
The summer intern has finished the internship and conducted her study on Joseph Rothrock. She has a write-up executive summary of 8-10 pages that was provided to Mike for the newsletter. A discussion on how to disseminate this report occurred. Because of its length, the Board agreed to send out a blast email and provide a link to its posting on the website. On a separate note, Virginia let Terri know that some of PAEP's web links were broken. Terri responded that they are aware of some of the problems and are working on them now – if the Board finds more, please let her know.

NAEP Report & Draft Affiliation Agreement Discussion

Bill Plumpton could not attend the call but asked if we had any questions or comments on the draft affiliation agreement to please forward them on through Virginia for next week.

2010 Conference Committee – Camille Otto/Deb Henson

Camille reported that the August 6th committee site visit at Bear Creek resort in Macungie (outside of Allentown), nice and has the capacity to handle the conference. The Resort offers environmentally friendly options such as onsite recycling, hiking and biking trails, and other amenities that contribute toward reducing PAEP's carbon footprint. The Committee is recommending that we host the conference at Bear Creek – in early June or late May if these dates are still available. The Committee needs the Board's approval before it can move forward.



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Jill suggested that if we host in the East, then the 2011 be held in the West. Camille noted that the Western section is slated to plan the 2011 conference. PAEP always used to host the conference in various locations and in the most recent survey; members are still amenable to this approach. Carpooling/ridesharing was also talked about coming out of last year's conference, and PAEP will try to encourage it for future events and conferences. PAEP can host ridesharing board on the website. The price for accommodations at Bear Creek is \$110/night. There is no fee for room rental, and food sampled at dinner was excellent. The Committee was impressed with the service and willingness to accommodate. There is a lake onsite that has canoe and paddle boating or fishing opportunities if attendees so choose. Crystal made a motion to approve the site, and Camille seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve Bear Creek for 2010 conference location. Jill requested a link to their website, and Camille will provide to the Board shortly.

Newsletter

Mike Kenawell – The summer newsletter has been published. The next newsletter is scheduled to go out in mid-October, so a call for articles will occur in the beginning of September. The fall issue is the appropriate place for the official notice of PAEP's upcoming dues increase. Additionally, Jill asked if there is a Section Events segment in the newsletter. Mike stated that there is and that he would like section event summaries along with pictures whenever possible.

Board Business

- By-law Revisions – Virginia sent out a summary of all comments to the Board. She received a lot of feedback from the Board. A meeting is scheduled for August 20th at 9 a.m. at McCormick Taylor's Harrisburg Office to conduct a group review of the recommended By-law Revisions. A conference call will be scheduled for Board members not able to travel to attend this meeting.
- Review of Planning Follow-up – Virginia did not receive any new comments on the matrix. Virginia will send it out again to review and consider schedule for implementation of priority tasks. Virginia updated Terri on the next step for Duane's website efforts and will keep her posted on any progress. There will be a meeting scheduled with Terri, Carole Backman, and Ed Gabsewics in the near future.
- Resume Posting Policy to Membership – Virginia will provide language to Terri for an email blast announcing the new policy.
- Miscellaneous Business – No additional business to discuss.
- Adjournment occurred at 4:56 p.m.