



## Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting October 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes

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<b>Present:</b>	<b>Absent:</b> Michelle Rehbogen, Marty Strenczewilk <b>Staff:</b> Terri Breon <b>Others:</b> Mark Maguire, Eric Rosina; JT Graupensperger, Natalie Shearer, Wayne Kober, Jan Warnick
Eric Buncher	
Darlene Stringos-Walker	
Christine Phillips	
Linda Zug	
Mike Parrent	

Eric called the Board of Directors conference call meeting to order at 12:03.

### Meeting Minutes – Linda Zug

- August and September meeting minutes were reviewed prior to call – meeting minutes accepted.

### Section Updates:

- Western – Mark discussed setting up a Western event brainstorming session on Sept 24. Speaker Margaret Brittingham from PSU may be confirmed for a late fall event. A student event at Pitt is being scheduled by Natalie for October or November. Angela sent Natalie a student presentation powerpoint the central section used at their recent events – thank you Angela. Email will be sent soliciting volunteers for this student event to discuss work experiences and careers. Eric B. will coordinate with Greg Dufour for the December event at Phipps.
- Central – Events included a joint social event with WTS/SWEP in September; approximately 24 people attended. November 13<sup>th</sup> event/presentation concerning the life of Mira Lloyd Dock – joint event with many other local central PA groups. Event will be re-advertised through PAEP email blast. Terri requested from all the sections to collect business cards to add to our database, and Eric B. requested photos to upload to the PAEP web-site. JT and Wayne will meet later this week to discuss setting up events for 2014.
- Eastern – The first section event, as a joint event with P2/E2, was scheduled for September 6 as a panel discussion of Marcellus Gas End Users and field view of a natural gas fueling facility and landfill. 36 people attended this event. Mitchell Burack contacted Eric R. to assist with events. End of year networking event in Allentown area is planned.
- P2/E2 – November 14<sup>th</sup> event/meeting is planned concerning single source recycling at North East Carthage in Luzerne County. A February event is being planned at Tobyhanna. A meeting will be held with the Pittsburgh chapter of P2/E2 at the end of October to see if they would be interested in also joining PAEP. October 24<sup>th</sup> is the PA Environmental Council annual Dinner – Mike has been working on a PAEP poster board for display. He will forward to board members once completed so all sections can use at upcoming events.



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### **Student and Scholarship – Angela Schreffler – Absent – forwarded by email, no update - same as last month**

- Directly from email* – Mike Kenawell has volunteered to be the contact for the 2013-2014 scholarship applications
- Another committee member (TBD) will lead the application review process.
- We hope to have the scholarship applications up on the website later this week (Terri, we will pass them your way soon – going through some final revisions). Professor contacts will be emailed the materials (including a letter) and asked to distribute among students.
- Scholarship committee is currently voting on their top 2 scholarship names to break a three way tie (10 people voted, prior to the tie breaker vote). Once their votes are tallied in, I will let you know what the two scholarships will be named
- Please let me know if the board would like to review anything prior to sending/posting the scholarship materials.
- Again this year, bonus points to scholarship applicants that are dependents of PAEP members, as well as bonus points for PAEP members.

### **Conservation Heritage – Wayne Kober**

- PAEP has donated \$5,000 to the *PA Conservation Heritage - Documenting the Story through Oral Histories project*. The project has completed all the interviews with the report to be finalized by mid-September and installed in the PA state archives. WITF in Harrisburg will be involved in showing these interviews at some timeframe in the future.
- The Heinz Foundation has donated \$50,000 to the project and 12 or more additional interviews will be completed.

### **Membership – Terri Breon/Linda Zug**

- Membership numbers reported by Linda are at a total 355 members. Memberships made at this time will be good through 2014.
- Corporate memberships are down, and Eric is concerned with the decline. Corporate memberships help PAEP sponsor events and Eric is looking to someone to help address this issue.

### **Treasury Report – Michelle Rehbogen – absent – from email**

- Current accounts as of September 29, 2013: Checking - \$2,740.94; MM - \$20,275.79; Scholarship - \$5,526.12; Total - \$28,542.85



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### Newsletter – Darlene Stringos-Walker

- Darlene was commended for her newsletter - was sent August 18, 2013 by email.
- October 25 – anticipated fall date for next newsletter, a 3-4 page newsletter is planned. She is requesting/soliciting articles and info for this next newsletter that will still refer people back to the PAEP web-site. Katie at Cake Pop will be off the month of November.
- Ideas solicited for the newsletter included: a corporate member spotlight, a new projects listing by our corporate members, an article highlighting a large project, adding the policy letters that were drafted including the Wetland Scientist letter and the T&E Species letter, and quick one paragraph articles on events held at the different sections.
- Eric wanted to know if there was enough time for two newsletters by the end of the year, Darlene mentioned it was possible for an October and a December newsletter.

### Government and Legislative – vacant/Darlene Stringos-Walker

- Darlene attended the STIC committee meeting on September 25. There are four upcoming vacancies available for PAEP members. We need PAEP members interested in transportation to volunteer to be on these committees. These opportunities were listed in the newsletter and will be advertised by an email blast.
- The chair for the Government and Legislative committee is currently vacant but Darlene has volunteered to head the STIC part of this committee.
- Darlene attended the September 17<sup>th</sup> hearing concerning the T&E Species Act. PAEP presented our letter of our concerns to Rep. Jeff Pyle. Thank you to Eric R for organizing the conference call and drafting the letter.
- At the STIC meeting, Darlene met up with Rep. Ron Miller who commented that many people and groups blasted the T&E Species Act changes proposed. He was, however, very appreciative of the tone of our comment letter.

### Karl Mason Award Proposal – Wayne Kober

- Wayne Kober proposed that one of the Karl Mason awards be renamed the Walter Lyon award, either the group or individual award. Wayne has sent a proposal and Eric B. forwarded to Board for review – highlights from email include:
  - Walter exemplified what it means to be a highly qualified and dedicated environmental professional for almost 60 years.
  - He worked at the local, state, regional, national, and international levels and had a solid reputation for basing decisions on science-not politics and independent thinking.
  - He was always generous with his advice to younger professionals as demonstrated by his frequent attendance at PAEP annual meetings and other events.
  - He was hired by Karl Mason and was instrumental in turning over the administration of the Karl Mason Award to PAEP with a gift of \$2000. He received the Karl Mason Award.
  - He served under Maurice K. Goddard for many years and actively served on the Goddard Legacy Task Force. Walter is seen in the WITF Goddard Documentary talking about Goddard's commitment to conservation.



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- Walter donated over 75 boxes of his papers to the state archives, which now informs researchers on the history of water policy in Pennsylvania and the US.
- His family strongly supports the idea of naming a PAEP award in Walter's honor. (Wayne spoke with his son, Cliff, and he was enthusiastic about the idea.)
- Wayne attended and spoke at Walter's Memorial Service and listened to the numerous tributes to Walter's professional and family life. He undoubtedly lived a long, balanced life, something which is extremely challenging to do these days.
- The information below is taken directly from Walter's obituary.

*“Over more than two decades as Director of the Bureau of Water Quality Management, Walt led the Commonwealth's water pollution and drinking water programs and implemented many innovations such as the State's groundwater and aquatic biology programs. The program grew in scope and size and Pennsylvania's municipalities and industries cleaned up well over 1,000 miles of streams, including Lake Erie, the Delaware Estuary and the Ohio River.*

*The details of his distinguished public service through retirement in 1983 from the post of Deputy Secretary for Planning for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, is available on the web. He left an invaluable resource to the PA State Archives.*

*Post retirement, Walt went on to consult in the areas of environmental engineering and water resources for various public and private organizations. He taught a popular course in Environmental Impact at the University of Pennsylvania.*

*In addition to his service on numerous technical committees for organizations such as the American Society of Civil Engineers, Walter worked on national and international engineering, environmental resources and water policy matters as a member of the International Joint Commission's Great Lakes Water Quality Board, Science Advisory Board, the Board of Visitors of the University of Pittsburgh, the U.S. Delegation to the International Conference on Water for Peace, and the U.S. Environmental Control Mission to the Netherlands and Eastern Europe. He lectured at universities in the United States, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Mexico, Japan and China and consulted for a number of states, the Chicago Sanitary District, the Jamaica Water Commission, the International Joint Commission, the Puerto Rico Public Health Association, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and many other clients.*

*Some of his numerous awards include: the Karl M. Mason Award for Creativity in Environmental Management (1980), 1994 Service to the Profession Award of the American Society of Civil Engineers' Water Resources Planning and Management Division, and the 1998 Engineer of the Year, Pennsylvania Society of Professional.”*

- Motion was made by Darlene to change the “Group” Karl Mason award to be renamed the Walter Lyon award. Linda seconded. Chris wanted to verify that naming the group award as the Walter Lyon award would not limit PAEP on awarding. Wayne will update the criteria for the award. Motion passed – PAEP awards now include the Karl Mason award and the Walter Lyon award.



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### 2014 Annual Conference – Chris Phillips

- The western section will be sponsoring the annual conference event with Christine Phillips as the chairperson. Conference will be held at Seven Springs from May 7-9. Keith will be distributing the “Call for Presenters” email blast by Survey Monkey. Information to be accepted until the end of September. An October 29 conference call will be held to review solicited presentations.
- Off-site activities ideas are being solicited.
- Theme of conference is being debated.
- Michelle noted that at the Flight 93 Memorial wetland replacements site could be a location for an off-location tour.
- As noted by Darlene, DCNR and Penn State should be able to present at the 2014 conference, based upon receiving the 2013 Karl Mason awards.
- Eric noted that Universities, Colleges and Marcellus Shale Coalition are potential sponsors for conference.

### Board Nominations/Elections – Eric Buncher

- Six directorships with four current members up for election – Eric Buncher, Darlene Stringos-Walker, Michelle Rehbogen, and Linda Zug. Eric has not yet decided if he will run again for the board. Eric is asking the board to make contacts with other PAEP members to make up the rest of the board membership – we can have up to 9 members, current board numbers are at 7.
- Darlene noted that in the newsletter that PAEP is looking for someone to head the Election Nominating Committee. The board nominations will follow PAEP operational procedures with nominations accepted from October 1 through November 1. By November 1, nominations will be closed and a ballot will be published by November 15. Elections will close by December 15.
- A neutral third party is needed to run the election; we currently use Survey Monkey for on-line voting. No one at this time is interested in running the election.
- It was encouraged to email the Top Ten Reasons for Running for the PAEP Board along with the formal email blast request.

### Other Business – All

- None

### Adjournment

- The meeting officially adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

**The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday November 5, 2013 at noon.**