



Board of Directors Meeting – Conference Call June 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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<i>Present:</i>	<i>Absent:</i> Mike Parrent, Kristen Maines <i>Staff:</i> Terri Breon <i>Others:</i> John Thomas Graupensperger
Eric Buncher	
Linda Zug	
Eric Rosina	
Jason McCabe	
Darlene Stringos-Walker	
Jan Warnick	

Eric Buncher called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

Roll Call – Eric Buncher

- Eric took roll call for the record.

Meeting Minutes – Eric Buncher

- April meeting minutes were accepted.

Section Updates:

- Western – Kerri Cimarolli:
 - Kerri was not available so no report from Western
- Central – JT:
 - On June 11th will host a tour of Three-Mile Island. We have 28 people signed up.
 - Planning a mid-September tour in the Lancaster area. Due to bus rental, there will be a small fee required, with Central kicking in any balance.
- Eastern – Eric Rosina:
 - Working on the September event planned with the Army Corp and CHMC at the Delaware River Valley Planning Commission.
- Pollution Prevention Energy Efficiency Roundtable – Jan Warnick:
 - There is an event planned for June 11th at Proctor and Gamble. They are 100% self-sufficient, running off nine gas cells. They've converted their vehicle fleet to compressed natural gas. Notices were, or will be, sent out (to all).
 - There will be a meeting shortly after that event to plan other events.
 - There is insufficient interest from the Northcentral section to establish a roundtable at this time. SEDA-COG is holding a roundtable and that may be dampening the desire for



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- another roundtable in the area.
- A new grant round from PEDA (PA Energy Development Authority) has been announced, a \$12.5M program for energy projects across the State. There are lots of questions. Eric Rosina requested that a webinar flyer about the PEDA grant program be made available to the membership.
- There's no progress to report on the other roundtable effort.

2014 Annual Conference – Eric Buncher

- There will be a wrap-up conference call on June 17th at 10 AM. Everyone is invited to join in.

Student Scholarship – Darlene Stringos-Walker

- There was a problem with the scholarship checks. They would not clear due to a signature issue. The problem has been corrected. The bank lost or misplaced the current signature card.
 - A new check was issued to the one scholarship winner and the other had not yet been sent. The winner will be reimbursed for any fee she had to pay.

Conservation Heritage Project

- No update due to Wayne's absence

Membership – Linda Zug

- There are 327 members. The breakdown is 238 paid individual memberships and 22 corporate.
 - Only 19 BOGO memberships have been used to date.
 - The numbers are down about a dozen from last year.
 - There were 10 new memberships from the conference registrations.
- Committee would like feedback on the value of the giveaways, whether they were liked or disliked so future giveaways can be selected. Flash drives are very useful. It would be desirable to have the conference presentations loaded on them, too.

Treasurer's Report – Darlene Stringos-Walker

- Current accounts as of May 31, 2014:

Checking -	\$24,796.38
Money Market -	\$12,779.24
<u>Scholarship -</u>	<u>\$5,646.12</u>
Total -	\$43,221.74
- There is an additional \$250 to be deposited, proceeds from the raffle; additional deposits from registrations will also be deposited.



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- The bill from Seven Springs has been received. It's around \$9000, lower than expected.
- The question on what the retained earnings stands for was provided on last month's meeting minutes. Essentially, the budget was in the negative last year but we're still in the black overall.

Newsletter – Linda Zug

- The newsletter has not gone out yet. Both an email one and a paper one will be issued. Katie Cuppett-Bringuiet, the newsletter consultant, will be doing our newsletter. The content will highlight a lot of information from the conference.
 - As much as possible, we need to automate the newsletter so we can get more out during the year and not tax our volunteers' time.
- The press release for our scholarship winners has not yet been released, either.

Government and Legislative – Darlene Stringos-Walker/Eric Rosina

- Still soliciting people to participate on the Environmental Technical Advisory Group, which is supporting the Transportation Innovation Committee. Steve Widmer will be stepping down after two years and we need a replacement for him. Virginia Bailey and Angela Schreffler are helping in the recruitment of candidates. The plan is to have someone by July.
 - Desired candidate: a previous officer or board position in PAEP, a member who is involved with PAEP, as they will sort of be our representative on this committee.

2015 Conference – Eric Buncher

- Have reviewed a contract for next year's venue from Toftrees Conference & Resort. Room rate is the same as it was two years ago, \$104 per night.
 - No minimum guaranteed rooms; there is a \$400 fee for the rooms unless 60 nights of rooms are booked.
 - Food fee is above the \$400 charge
 - There is a clause that if we cancel the conference, within 30 days of the cancelation, we must tell the conference center when we will reschedule. (The conference does not need to be held within the 30 days, we just need to establish when it will be rescheduled and tell the center within the 30-day period.)
 - Eric will execute the contract; no vote required.

Continuing Education – Eric Buncher

- Eric will contact Terri regarding sending the certificates of participation to all the section chairs.



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New Business – All

- Darlene requested the President call the new west section chair, Kerri (Cimarolli), before she goes on maternity leave to plan the fall calendar of events for that section. Eric said he would.
- Eric Rosina requested Terri to set up a call with the webmaster in the very near future. Friday (June 7) was proposed. Terri to coordinate the schedules for an appropriate time.
- Conference presentations will be posted on the website shortly, possibly by end of today. Photos will be posted, as well.
- DEP's Growing Greener grant applications are available. Deadline is July. Discussion ensued regarding PAEP's interest in seeking grant funds for a specific project. Consensus was to hold off until next year but to put the item on the agenda in the very near future so an earnest investigation into the possibility and projects consideration can be explored. Jason McCabe will investigate whether an organization like PAEP would be considered for a grant.
- Eric Rosina reported on the bills being considered by the legislation, House bills 1576 (Threatened and Endangered Species Act) and 129 (Consolidation of Fish and Boat and Game Commissions under DCNR). The legislature may not pass the budget by the June 30 deadline due to 129.
- Terri to send Jason McCabe versions of the PAEP logo. He would like to develop a logo for the 30th anniversary of PAEP.

Adjournment

- The meeting officially adjourned at 12:53 PM.

The next board meeting will be held on July 1 at noon.