



Board of Directors Meeting – Conference Call March 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes

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Present:	Absent: Kristen Maines, Jan Warnick, Eric Buncher, Mike Parrent Staff: Terri Breon Others: Wayne Kober
Linda Zug	
Eric Rosina	
Darlene Stringos-Walker	
Jason McCabe	
Joe Musil	

Linda Zug called the Board of Directors meeting to order at noon.

Roll Call / Introductions – Linda Zug

- Individuals present introduced themselves.

Meeting Minutes – Linda Zug

- Both January 9, 2015 and February 3, 2015, meeting minutes were reviewed. Minutes were accepted.

Section Updates:

- Western – Jason McCabe:
 - Had 15 participants in the tour of Rivertowne Brewing. Mr. Andrew Maxwell, Brewmaster, conducted the tour and was so impressed with our organization he joined. Proceeds from the event will be deposited in the General Account.
 - Mark McGuire and Kerri Lynn are working on social events for the next several months.
 - Jason McCabe plans to meet with Craig Bushey of Kennametal. He may be interested in hosting or participating a P2E2 round table.
 - Linda is working on getting Eric Gustafson from PADEP Oil and Gas to give a Lunch and Learn session before April.
- Central – Wayne Kober
 - JT and Wayne have lined up for a March 10th event, this is a Southmont Partnership Conservation Leadership program being held at the Carlisle Theater. This will be a viewing of the mini-documentaries, along with a panel discussion. An email announcement was sent to the membership.
 - On April 23rd, there will be a tour of the York Haven hydroelectric plant, one of the oldest in the country. Central is partnering with WTS. There will be opportunity to donate to the EAP and W scholarship funds.
 - Between June and September there's going to be a premier showing of the mini documentaries at the state museum. Central would like to co-sponsor this event.
 - For May, JT is working with Jason Minnich to organize a tour of a sewer plant in the



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- Pennsburg area.
- There are opportunities for PAEP to co-sponsor some of the Southmont Partnership/BITF events.
- Eastern – Eric Rosina:
 - Eric noted he had already outlined the Section's plans at the January meeting. *[Recap: Region had a quickly put together event last week with PEC regarding the Schuylkill River Towns Consortium, similar to what they did several years ago for the Allegheny towns. The group went for cocktails afterwards. Eric handed out membership applications.*
 - *There is a possibility of a river tour via kayak down the Schuylkill this summer*
 - *They may have a tour of the Firma Waterworks, the oldest in the nation. This may be coupled with the kayak cruise down the Schuylkill.*
- Pollution Prevention Energy Efficiency Roundtable
 - No one to give report

Student Scholarship Committee

- No update

Website Update – Eric Rosina

- The website is in the final stages of a draft, which will be sent out by the end of the week for comments from the Board.
- Plug-ins were not activated yet, as there has been a problem with the server. It may be because they're trying to run both versions of the web on the same Network Solutions server.
- There is a possibility that the new website will be hosted on GoDaddy.
- There will be training for anyone who wants to be able to post and change and update material.
- Roll-out has been slower than anticipated. Eric was expecting the web site to be live by next week because of receiving Conference registrations.

2015 Annual Conference – Eric Rosina

- The program is in its final form. Just waiting for any comments.
- Reviewing the sponsorships and exhibitors'
- Working on gifts for attendees. Will likely be a portfolio with a thank you certificate inside.
- Speakers are lined up and ready to go. There will not be any speaker gifts this year due to concerns raised by the State government on the ethical appropriateness.
- There haven't been any recent nominations for awards received. There have been a number received, through PEC, Jan Warnick and some others. We're listed on the PA Environmental Digest calendar that links to the many awards available. So there's competition to get nominees with all the awards from so many organizations.



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Membership – Linda Zug

- Membership numbers are up for the year-to-date as compared to last year. The count is 282 as of the end of February. This includes 25 non-profit and 18 corporation memberships.
- Remember to use your BOGO membership!

Treasurer's Report – Darlene Stringos-Walker

- With the increase of memberships at this point in time, revenues are also up.
 - Scholarship Fund: \$4,554.87
 - Regular Checking: 13,067.43
 - Money Market: \$2,256.96
 - Total: \$19,879.26

Government Relations – Darlene Stringos-Walker

- The Governor is presenting his budget today.
- Environmental budget is shown as decreased, even though many new taxes are being proposed.

Conservation Heritage - Wayne Kober

- Wayne will be the keynote speaker at the upcoming the Pennsylvania Association for Environmental Education's annual conference in Lake Raystown Resort on March 13th. One or two of the mini-documentaries that have been developed.
- The oral interviews are almost completed. They should be done by the middle of March. Both the interviews and the written summaries will be housed in the State Archives. Actual transcripts of the interviews should be done but the funding is not available at this time for such an effort.
- The Pennsylvania Parks and Forestry Foundation has made conservation heritage its theme for 2015. Wayne will forward to Terri a newsletter the Foundation put out, so she can send it out.
- Have been working on a framework for the conservation heritage project, which is now in its final draft stage. It will progress through seven timeframes, beginning around 1750. The finalized framework should be done in two months.
- PAEP may want to have DVD's made of the mini-documentaries to conduct programs. WITF will be airing them, but that will be a limited audience. It's not sure whether they share the material with other stations.
- There will be a reception at the State Museum (working on having the Central Section cosponsor that event) which will be a prototype of what can be done elsewhere.
- No word yet on this year's grant proposal.

Budget Discussion – Darlene Stringos-Walker

- The Board discussed the proposed budget and was satisfied with it. Joe Musil moved to accept the budget. Eric Rosina seconded. Unanimously approved.



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Proposed By-laws Changes – Darlene Stringos-Walker

- A review of the proposed changes was made.
- Darlene noted that there should be a comment that even if the changes are “administrative”, the membership still has to vote on them.
- Once the Board accepts the proposed changes, the document should be sent to the membership. At the Conference conduct a session to explain the proposed changes and allow attendees to vote throughout the Conference, while giving the opportunity to cast a vote on-line via a service like SurveyMonkey.
- Insurance purchase inclusion
 - The proposed administrative changes to by-law three is stricken entirely.
 - Section E of by-law five will remain as written, although the last sentence will be stricken.
 - Jason McCabe will seek additional information on “volunteer insurance” and whether it would meet the needs of the Association. He will send an email of his findings to the Board.
- Under the Annual By-law changes in Section E, the sentence at the beginning and the end of the section, “*the association authorizes the board to procure bonds*”, is stricken.
- Term limits language was discussed and will be left as is.
- Joe Musil made a call for action to make the two deletions in Section E and then send the proposed changes to the members for comment. Seconded by Darlene Stringos-Walker. Approval to move ahead for discussion by the membership.

Adjournment

- The meeting officially adjourned at 1:04 PM.

The next board meeting will be held on April 7 at noon.

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