



PAEP Winter 2008 Newsletter

President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season! PAEP has many exciting things coming up in 2008.

First I would again like to congratulate our new board members; Virginia Bailey, Mike Kenawell, Jeff Luzenski and Camille Otto. I would also like to thank everyone who ran for the board; it is great to see so much interest in our organization. I hope the people who were not elected this year will look for other ways to be active in the organization and consider running for future board positions.

I would like to congratulate our new officers, who were elected at the January Retreat. The retreat was held again this year at the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Arts in Millersburg. As you may have guessed by now, I was elected President. The rest of the board was elected as the following: Jeff Prawdzik, Vice President; Deb Henson, Treasurer; and Virginia Bailey, Secretary.

Speaking of the retreat, we had a very productive day setting goals to work on some long range planning this year. We are doing well as an organization and seem to have a good handle on where we are, but we need to decide where we are going. We are also going to work on ways to get PAEP out to more people. Bob Hosking and Brian Oram have put together a public service announcement for PAEP which can be played on the radio. We are looking for other ways to get our name out. If you have any ideas or want to get involved, let any of the board members or Terri know.

If you haven't heard yet, the annual conference is scheduled for May 7-9 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey in Grantville. The Eastern Section has taken the lead this year and has been working hard to put together a great conference. The theme for the year is "Adapting to Global Climate Changes: A Pennsylvania Perspective." You can read more about the conference below. In addition to the annual conference, I hope that our sections can keep up the good work they have been doing in the past and hopefully even increase the number and variety of events they are planning for 2008!

I look forward to working with the new board and all our volunteers to make 2008 a great year for PAEP!

Please take some time to look through this issue of our newsletter. There is a lot of good information about upcoming events, our new logo contest, the conference, the Karl Mason Award Nomination Process and much more.

Jason Minnich

Make Plans to Attend the

2008 Annual Conference

May 7- 9, 2008

The Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey, Grantville, PA

“Adapting to Global Climate Change: A Pennsylvania Perspective”

- ▶ The theme of the Conference is "Adapting to Global Climate Change: A Pennsylvania Perspective." Our goal is to offer a wide selection of topical presentations offered by top officials and practitioners that appeal to the PAEP and P2E2 Roundtable's vocationally diverse mix of environmental professionals. The bottom line is that there will be something for everyone, regardless of your technical specialty!
- ▶ We're very excited that the Conference Keynote Speaker at our Opening Night Dinner will be a global leader on climate change issues: Larry Schweiger, President and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation. Mr. Schweiger also served as the head on the Pennsylvania Western Conservancy for eight years.
- ▶ Two “all new” alternate Traveling Workshops will kick-off the conference on May 7: a "North Tour" with site visits to the Locust Ridge Wind Farm, the Frackville Coal Reprocessing Plant and Hawk Mountain; and a "South Tours" with visits to Three Mile Island, Keystone Biofuels Plant, and the State Museum of Pennsylvania.
- ▶ The conference will feature three program tracks: Land Use, Professional Development, and Pollution Prevention/Energy Efficiency. Take a look at the attached preliminary Schedule at a Glance for more details about individual seminars.
- ▶ For R&R, we've arranged a “Casino Night” – transportation will be provided by the Holiday Inn to and from the Hollywood Casino/Penn National Racetrack in 20-minute increments on Thursday evening.
- ▶ Registration materials are currently being finalized. We expect to have them in the mail to you by the end of February. In the meantime, though, don't forget to periodically check the PAEP web-site (paep.org) for the latest updates to the Conference Schedule.
- ▶ The Conference Planning Committee will soon be contacting PAEP corporate members to offer them an opportunity to formally sponsor some of the many available events at this conference.

Check out the website, mark your calendars, and tell your manager / supervisor about the conference and that you want to attend!

Thank you and we look forward to your attendance!

January Board of Director's Retreat

The Board's winter retreat was held January 18, 2008 at the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art <http://www.nedsmithcenter.org/> We had a great day and spent a bit of time at the beginning of the meeting brainstorming about where the organization should be heading in the future. One of the things that was discussed was a need to increase PAEPs exposure to environmental professionals. After brainstorming the board had their monthly meeting and the first item was the election of officers. The results were Jason Minnich, President; Jeff Prawdzik, Vice President; Deb Henson, Treasurer and Virginia Bailey Secretary. We finished the day with a walk through of the current art exhibit featuring the art of Julie Zickefoose and a walk down to the new walking bridge over the Wiconisco Creek. Our own Wayne Kober was instrumental in getting the bridge project funded and built. It was a great day!



Nominations are being accepted for the 2008 Karl Mason Award

PAEP continues to maintain stewardship of the Karl Mason Award. Each year, at the PAEP Annual Meeting and Conference the Karl Mason Award is presented to meritorious nominees selected by the Board from two general categories:

- An **Individual** who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in the field of environmental management.
- An **organization, project or program** that has made a significant contribution toward maintenance or restoration of Pennsylvania's Environmental Quality

Nominations will be accepted until **March 31st, 2008**. Nominations should include a complete concise description of the individual, organization, project or program, specifically outlining the accomplishments and/or attributes warranting this prestigious recognition. Please forward entries (e-mail preferred) to:

PAEP
174 Crestview Drive, Bellefonte, PA 16823
info@paep.org

The **2008 Karl Mason Awards** will be presented at the **PAEP Annual Conference, May 7th – 9th at the Holiday Inn Grantville**

Section Updates

Eastern Section

The eastern section will be holding a March seminar on agency clearance for plant species of concern. Stay tuned for more information on this event.

Central Section

The central section is planning a presentation on the "Keystone Help" program which offers loans to Pennsylvania Residents to help them pay for of energy saving improvements to their homes. The speaker will be Bob Z DEP's Southcentral Regional Pollution Prevention and Compliance Assistance Manager. The tentative date for the event is February 19, 2008 at the Appalachian Brewing Company in Harrisburg. More specifics to come soon!

Western Section

The Western Section is working on several exciting events in 2008. Keep an eye out for more information in the near future.



The P2E2 Roundtable has an event scheduled for February at PPL to demonstrate some tools available to locate energy loss in buildings. Another event is being planned for late spring at the Northampton Area Community College. Stay tuned for more information about both events!

PAEP LOGO Contest



Feeling Creative?

The Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals (PAEP) is contemplating the development of a new LOGO for the organization. We invite all members AND friends to think creatively and submit their concepts/designs to the Board for consideration. You, yes you, can win cash prizes if your submittal is chosen as one of the top 3 designs.

First Place	\$250
Second Place	\$150
Third Place	\$75

Contest Rules:

- PAEP members and friends can submit
- PAEP must be readily identifiable in the design
- Submit on 8 & ½ in by 11 in white paper
- Hand drawn or computer-aided is acceptable, please no clip art
- Black and white or color is acceptable...easy to print is our goal
- Multiple entries OK
- Use of NAEP logo in design is acceptable but not required

Submit Entries by March 31, 2008 to:

PAEP
174 Crestview Drive
Bellefonte, PA 16823-8516

Selection Process:

The Board will select the top three entries. Final ranking to be chosen by member vote at the May 7-9, 2008 Annual Conference.

PAEP is now “On-The-Air”

As part of their FCC license agreement, broadcasters are required to serve the public interest. One way that many college radio stations serve the public interest is by regularly broadcasting public service announcements or PSA's. Because PAEP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, informing the public about PAEP serves the public interest and can therefore qualify as a Public Service Announcement. The format for PSA's is fairly rigorous since they typically span a fine line between providing information to the community (which serves the public interest) and advertising (which is inconsistent with FCC public interest criteria). Working with Joe Swanson, General Manager of Muhlenberg College radio station WMUH (91.7 FM in the Allentown-Bethlehem area or www.muhlenberg.edu/wmuh to listen on-line from anywhere), the PAEP board and several active members prepared the following message for live broadcast:

“The **Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals** or **PAEP** is a non-political interdisciplinary organization of Professionals and students. PAEP provides opportunities for professional development, distributes information about employment opportunities and encourages member interaction through seminars, conferences, newsletters, and other activities. Student Membership is available and encouraged. For more information visit PAEP on-line at paep.org. That's PAEP, the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals.”

The purpose of the message is to inform college students that PAEP exists, and to stimulate their interest so they will visit our website, and ultimately become members. Several “more comprehensive” iterations of the message above were proposed, approved and broadcast live on the WMUH Monday Morning AM/FM Show (hosted by PAEP member Bob Hosking), but they were found to be too long to maintain listener interest and attract regular air-play. Now that the process of composing the narrative is complete, the next step will be to develop a digital sound file with a well-modulated reading of the narrative dubbed over an appropriate background. The digital sound file will be distributed on CD-R when it is completed, but the narrative above is available for live broadcast now. PAEP Membership Committee Chair Brian Oram has already submitted PAEP's Public Service Announcement to Wilkes University's WCLH, and is looking for other college radio stations to include in our PSA distribution list. If you listen to college radio and/or know of a college or public radio station that uses Public Service Announcements to serve the public interest, please contact Brian Oram at Brian.Oram@wilkes.edu .

Member Submission

New FHWA Section 6(f) Guidance and Checklist

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recently developed guidance on Section 6(f). Section 6(f) refers to Section 6(f)(3) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (LWCF), 16 U.S.C. §460l-8(f)(3). According to Section 6(f), "No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the

Secretary (DOI), be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location." The guidance is designed to provide a more detailed understanding of the purpose of Section 6(f), when it applies, and how to comply with requirements such as alternatives consideration and mitigation/land replacement.

In addition to the guidance document, FHWA has also developed a Section 6(f) checklist. The checklist is intended to "provide the user with a guideline for evaluating potential conversions or changes in use of Section 6(f) land resulting from a proposed transportation project and for selecting an appropriate replacement property". This checklist should be completed whenever there is a Section 6(f) property in the vicinity of the project, to document whether a conversion would occur, and if so, document compliance with the regulation. Once completed, the checklist and any pertinent correspondence (such as agreements with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), National Park Service, etc.) should be attached to the CEE or EA prior to NEPA approval by FHWA.

Both the Section 6(f) Guidance and Checklist are available through the CE/EA Expert System <http://www.dot2.state.pa.us/ceea/ceeamain.nsf?>. From the home page, click the FAQ link at the bottom of the page, and find the FAQ titled ***Section 6(f) and Project 70 - How do they affect my project?*** under CE\CEPartBSecA5. The guidance and checklist have been accepted by DCNR, Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC), and the National Park Service.

Submitted by Camille Otto

Member News



Gannett Fleming

(Harrisburg, Pa.) **Lori Robson, S.C.R.P.**, has been elected president of the Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP).

In her new position, Lori will preside over board meetings and facilitate communication among more than 700 public- and private-sector recycling professionals. Active in PROP, she is a former vice president and recording secretary, as well as Board and committee member. She continues to assist with the production of The Pennsylvania Recycler Magazine.



Robson is a Senior Certified Pennsylvania Recycling Professional (S.C.R.P.) with more than 16 years of experience, and she is a solid waste specialist for Gannett Fleming, an international planning, design, and construction management firm. She is responsible for supporting solid waste planning and recycling projects for Gannett Fleming's Solid Waste Practice and also focuses on marketing and business development.

NAEP 33rd Annual Conference

The NAEP will hold its 33rd annual conference at the Omni Hotel in San Diego March 25-28, 2008. The 2008 conference will be co-hosted by the California Association of Environmental Professionals and the theme is *Changing Climates*. The registration deadline is March 5th. Information on the conference can be found at <http://www.naep.org> or call Bill Plumpton at (717) 763-7211 for details.