

EPCAMR 2012 Annual (4th Quarter) Board Meeting

Tentative Agenda – November 15th

EPCAMR / Earth Conservancy Office Conference Room

6:00PM	Call to Order (Sign-in Sheet)	Bernie
	Minutes from Last Mgt. (August 16th) : <u>Motion to</u> accept & approve	Christine
	Treasurer's Report	
	• 2011 990s were Filed and Completed by Kovalchik, Kollar and Co. LLP 97.58% Non Profit	Robert
	• <u>Motion to</u> file Checking & PA Invest Account Balances for audit	Cheryl
	AMR Program Reports (See highlights at the end of this Document)	Staff
	Committee Reports (Personnel, Budget, Strategic Planning & Dinner/Fundraiser)	
	• Personnel: review of EPCAMR employee evaluations and merit raise recommendation to the board	Respective Comm. Chairs
	Old Business	
	New Business	
	• <u>Motion to</u> approve Personnel Committee Recommendations	Personnel Com.
	• <u>Discussion on</u> EPCAMR proposal to map ARIPPAs Reclaimed Spoil Piles	Jeff
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	Correspondence and Information	
	• Widener University Legal Interpretation on the Good Samaritan Act: A Citizen's Guide	Robert
	• 3 Growing Greener Grants applied for: EPCAMR Abandoned Mine Program Coordination, Lewis Mine Discharge Treatment System Revamp & Datashed (SRI); Several letters of support were given to partners.	
	Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops	
	• 2013 Schuylkill River Watershed Congress March 9th, at the Montgomery County Community College-West Campus in Pottstown, PA.	Paul
	• 2013 North American EnviroThon May 21 st & 22 nd at Juniata College. AMD Tie Dye Workshop	Cheryl
	• 2013 PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference August 8-10 at Ramada Conference Center, State College, PA. Theme: "15 Years and Counting...Full Steam Ahead!"	Robert
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	Watershed Reports	All
8:30PM	Next Meeting (Annual) : <i>Tentatively</i> February 21 st @ 6:00pm and Adjournment	

AMR Program Staff 3rd Quarter Highlights (September 2012 – November 2012)

Executive Director and General Staff Highlights

- Coordinated an AMD Tour of Luzerne/Lower Lackawanna Counties for PACD/SCC, Luzerne and Lackawanna County Conservation Districts.
- EPCAMR Staff and Interns conducted two full days of 12 electro-shocking surveys on the Solomon Creek Watershed with Trout Unlimited as part of the Solomon Creek Coldwater Heritage Conservation Planning effort. A portion of Sugar Notch Run that was on the impaired waters list actually was supporting a trout population. Data will be sent to DEP to support removal from the list.
- EPCAMR Staff attended the Non-Profit Community Assistance Center's (NCAC) Awards Dinner at the Radisson, Scranton and was awarded a Runner-Up Award Plaque, and year-long membership to the NCAC for our Mine Pool Mapping of the Anthracite Region.
- EPCAMR Staff worked on the budget, narrative, and Scope of Work for 5 grant proposals: the Lewis AMD Mine Bond Forfeiture Discharge Treatment System Revamp proposal to GG (~\$97,000), the EPCAMR AML Program Coordination proposal to GG (\$125K), the ARIPPA Reclaimed Areas GIS proposal to ARIPPA (~\$8K), the Espy Run AMD Treatment System AMD Water Monitoring Proposal to EC (~\$2,400) and the Huber Miner's Memorial Park reclamation project proposal to FFA with the WB CTC (\$2500). The last 3 were already approved for funding.
- EPCAMR Staff participated in and AMD/Outreach Earth Day Festival at Camp Kresge, White Haven with the entire Bear Creek Charter Elementary School consisting of 430 students
- EPCAMR Staff, along with Tom Clark-SRBC co-presented our Abstract on Mine Pools at the 2012 National Association of Abandoned Mine Lands Program (NAAML) Conference and attended the conference from 23rd-27th of September in Des Moines, Iowa.
- Interviewed Sarah-Jane Gerstman, senior from Wilkes University, with a background in environmental science, for a non-paid internship for credit through Wilkes; She had previously been an EPCAMR volunteer on several illegal dump site cleanups.

Robert Hughes

Full Monthly Reports for all staff are [available online](#) for your review

Program Manager Highlights

- EPCAMR staff participated in an AMR Conference Call and converted over 20 PPT presentations to PDF and posted to www.treatminewater.com.
- EPCAMR staff conducted a tour for DCNR Community Connections to Our Watershed Forum students, attended the LRCA 25th Anniversary Dinner and attended the PEC NEO Dinner as an awardee.
- Continued to updated mine pool GIS files in the Southern and Western Middle Anthracite Fields and North Western Semi-Anthracite fields. Created contiguous set of 100' contours for the Southern Field. Produced a 3D Mine Pool Video and printed 4 cross sections for presentation to a national audience.
- Produced a case study showing 72% of reclamation not accounted for in AMLIS (near the Hanover Industrial Park) for the ARIPPA as an addendum to a proposal to document reclamation by the co gen industry. A pilot project was approved starting with 3 volunteer plants to begin to develop methodologies.
- EPCAMR staff sampled 16 boreholes in the Lackawanna Valley and 26 boreholes in the Wyoming Valley. Measured flow on 4 discharges. Sampled 1 Passive Treatment System.
- Updated www.treatminewater.com and updated www.epcamr.org. Administered the EPCAMR and HBPS facebook page and Google Apps for Nonprofits account.
- EPCAMR staff submitted 2 grants, collaborated on another and provided several support letters for partner Growing Greener Grant proposals.
- Created 1 published map file, 3 maps, 2 GIS and 1 statistical database for partners.
- Measured flow and chemistry on 4 more discharges with a grad student at Lehigh U.

Michael Hewitt