

EPCAMR 2017 1st Quarter Board Meeting

Agenda – February 16th

EPCAMR Office

11:00AM Info. Portion of Meeting	Discussion and Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Handouts</u>: Minutes, Treasurer’s Report and corresponding documents• <u>Discussion on</u> “New” DEP Set-Aside Program Guidelines and Anthracite Region Prioritization (or lack thereof)• <u>Discussion on</u> RECLAIM Act 2.0 & draft press release (no wiki-leaks!)• <u>Discussion on</u> EPA “Grant Freeze” and attempts to terminate EPA <u>Reminder</u>: Memberships due before next meeting• 	Staff John L. Staff
	Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose Clean Water Coalition AMD Sub-Group Meeting Feb. 24, 10am – 3pm• Watershed Connections Conference March 5-6 at Ramada Inn, State College• 2017 AMR Conference will be June 21-22 at Genetti’s in Wilkes-Barre• 	Staff
	Watershed Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 	All
12:00PM Begin Business Portion of Meeting	Call to Order Business Meeting: (sign-in sheet) Minutes from Last Mgt. (November 17th): File for Audit Treasurer’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>File for Audit</u>: Checking & PA Invest Account Balances	President Secretary Treasurer
	AMR Program Reports (Anticipated Work at the end of this Document)	Staff
	Committee Reports (Personnel, Budget, Strategic Planning & Dinner/Fundraiser) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategic Planning Committee: Working on an update from 2011• Nominating Committee: continue to look for Exec. Committee successors• 	Respective Comm. Chairs
	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Motion to</u> nominate and approve five (5) interested at large members• 	President
Hotlinks in this document will take you to more info.	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Moved to</u> approve committee recommendations• • <u>Moved to</u> adjourn Business Portion of meeting	President
1:00PM	Next Meeting: <i>Tentatively</i> May 18th 11:00AM (with lunch, bring \$5) Tentative for 2017: February 16 th , May 18 th , August 17 th , & November 16 th , 2017	

AMR Program Staff Anticipated Work for Next Quarter (looking forward)
Partners and Places in bold

General Staff

- Scan, catalog, georeference and digitize Mine Maps from **PA DEP Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (BAMR) Wilkes-Barre Office** and then the **PA DEP Pottsville District Mining Office (DMO)** related to the Mine Subsidence Insurance (MSI) Mine Map Processing Grant. Send maps monthly for review by **PA DEP California District Mining Office (DMO)** and invoice for time and resources spent. Retaining a backup of all mine map images on our local server with a 14TB capacity.
- **Earth Conservancy** contract to monitor chemistry/flow at **Askam** monthly and **Espy Run** Treatment Systems quarterly, both in the **Nanticoke Creek Watershed**.
- Sample chemistry/flow monthly at **Plainsville Borehole** with a **\$4.5K** grant from the **Foundation for PA Watersheds**
- Joint Permit approved on **Hicks Creek** Natural Stream Channel Design Project (**Exeter Boro., Luzerne Co.**). Develop a bid package and site showing with **Skelly & Loy**. Extension approved by PA DEP. Expecting bid award for construction in 2017.
- Coordinating a **\$108K** mitigation project cooperative agreement with **PA Fish & Boat Commission and PA DOT** for a Trout Stream Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Dam Removal Project along the **Solomon Creek (Ashley Boro., Luzerne Co.)**
- Plan for the **2017 PA statewide Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference** via conference call with **WPCAMR** and the **AMR Conference Committee**. Conference will be held June 21 & 22nd at the Best Western Genetti Hotel in downtown **Wilkes-Barre, PA**. Maintain treatminewater.com website.
- Continue **\$15K** Waterboxx III Grant for the **EPCAMR Region**. Partners picked up boxes, saplings, tools and return monitoring results monthly.
- Continue **\$16K SRBC** Contract to map/model mine pools in the **Rausch Creek Watershed (Schuylkill Co.)**. Begin working on a similar **\$32K** proposal for **Mocanaqua Tunnel Discharge (Luzerne Co.)** with treatment technology by **AES**.
- Started a Stormwater Management Plan for **Wilkes-Barre City** with ~\$8.5K of funding from the **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)**.
- Purchase supplies for a Bird Box Program with funding from **PPL Donate Well**.
- Implement our own **Clean Our Anthracite Lands and Streams (COALS)** program with **\$5K** from **Community Aide, Inc.**
- Implement "City Streets to Valley Streams" program with **\$10K** from **First Federal CF**.
- Begin a **Coldwater Heritage Plan** on Abraham's Creek with **\$5K** funding from **PA TU**.
- Waiting on agreement with **SMS,LLC** to install transducers and monitor water levels in several boreholes in the Scranton-Metropolitan Mine Pool related to the Old Forge Borehole AMD Remediation for the **Lackawanna River (Lackawanna Co.)**.
- Continue preparing several grants to seek funding for to further EPCAMR's Mission.
- Complete EPCAMR Annual Reports and post to GuideStar.org.
- Complete another update of RAMLIS for 2017 with updated information from the **Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access (PASDA) Server**.
- Continue to provide technical & outreach assistance to **EPCAMR partners** dealing with AML issues, as needed.
- Aiding **Huber Breaker Preservation Society (HBPS)** in development of the Miners Memorial Park in **Ashley, PA** (ie. mine car restoration, railroad signal, mock slope entry, multi-media theatre, trails and gardens).
- Update EPCAMR websites, including www.epcamr.org as needed, as well as the G Suite for Nonprofit Email Account and Facebook Social Media outreach tools.
- Administer the **\$2.5K ARIPPA** AMD/AML Reclamation Awards for **EPCAMR Region**.
- Continue to look for stream segments in the **EPCAMR Region**, where improvements have been made to streams on the 303 (d) List of Impaired Waters, that should be reassessed and stand a good chance of being removed from the list. Gather supporting water quality monitoring or biological monitoring evidence and report to the **PA DEP Bureau of Conservation and Restoration (BCR) Section 319 Program**.
- ~\$4.5K **SRI** contract with update www.Datashed.org website & host trainings.

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

- Continue to provide AMD Field Tours and participate Environmental Outreach Events.
- Harvest, dry, process, package, and inventory Iron Oxide with EPCAMR Interns.
- Create monthly progress reports, post them to the EPCAMR website and send to **PA DEP BCR Section 319 Program** along with an invoice of time and resources spent for reimbursement.
- Continue to work with **EPCAMR Board** to increase Quarterly Board Mtg. efficiency.