

EPCAMR 2025 2nd Quarter Board Meeting
Minutes – May 15th
EPCAMR Office: EC Conference Room & [Zoom](#)

11:00 AM	Discussion and Correspondence	
Info. Portion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA Anthracite Council May 2002 News Releases • ARIPPA News Corner News Releases • EPCAMR Staff display of 3D Printed Macros & Mining Artifacts • Alana Mauger \$25 donation from IronOxideandArt Store (running total \$875) – Board suggested we place a link on our online store to hers... • ARIPPA EPCAMR/WPCAMR 2025 Reclamation Grant Initiative; Recommended Awarding Huber Breaker Preservation Society proposal for Huber Miners Memorial Park Educational Kiosk Development for \$1905 & Friends of the Nescopeck \$950 for WQ testing supply replenishment. <u>\$1,945 remainder still available.</u> • Anyone have a 3D scanner to scan the Frank Wyso Collection? 	Executive Director
12:00 PM	Call to Order Business Meeting: Attendance: Dr. Joe Simons, Cristy Sweeney, Christine Haldeman, Ed Wytovich, Brenna Schneider, Ken Klemow, Leigh Ann Henry (quorum), Gary Leander, Bobby Hughes, Michael Hewitt, Frank Sindaco, Steve Cornia, Shawnese Taylor, Maria Gereda, Mark Jones, and Morgan Romanowski.	President
Begin Business Portion of Meeting	<p>Minutes from Last Mgt. (February 27th): Filed for Audit</p> <p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Financial Position Statement, Estimates, Jobs List and Grant Prospects • <u>Filed for Audit:</u> Checking & PA Invest Account Balances (Christine, Leigh Ann, All) <p>AMR Program Reports (3 minutes each; Staff Reports on website)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Summer Intern-Maria Gereda (News article) • Introduction to Ian Padden-Wilkes University Bonner Leader volunteer (News article) • MSI PG Updates PA DEP (Mike, Steve, Shawnese) - Put together a Mine Map Atlas Google Document where we can share our opinions on improvement. Share with Christine, Steve, Shawnese, Leigh Ann... • Steve Cornia will be moving to Richmond, VA and moving on from EPCAMR in the middle of the month; Possible shift to part-time for a short period of time • Swoyersville AMLER Reclamation Project Update • US DOE Frackville/Morea Mine Complex Capacity Building and Alternative Energy Mine Pool Geothermal and Solar Potential Project; Project Video completed by Reiner Productions (Bobby & Frank) • Hazleton East AML Reclamation Project (Bobby) • Pine Knot, Oak Hill, and Reppelier Mine Pool Study (Mike and Bobby) • Keep PA Beautiful Educational Booklets Open Your Eyes to Litter (OYEL) Books (Laura) • Columbia U. Rare Earth Elements & Mine Pool Sampling (Bobby & Mike) – Board asked if he could make a presentation at the AMR Conference? Ed remembers chemical analysis from Co Gen Plants. Asked Cristy to see if she can find them. • Awaiting Final Educational Video 2-Part Series to Highlight EPCAMR's Mine Mapping Efforts with Centone Productions (Joe Sapienza) • Shickshinny Creek Coldwater Conservation Plan Development and Assessment (Bobby) <p>Committee Reports (a Zoom Pro link can be setup for committee meetings)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings in past quarter • Science and Education Committee update: Current chair is available only certain times of the year. Ken is still interested in participating, but is a chair from a distance a benefit? They will have a 1-on-1. Outstanding question is that publishable to scientific journals? Create a library of EPCAMR work (one web page). Frank creating AML-connect.org. Connect with local college professors... 	Secretary Treasurer Staff Respective Comm. Chairs

Old Business

- Moved to postpone [Trinity Solar](#) Communities Partnership Agreement Referral Pg indefinitely
- Discussed establishment of an Endowment for EPCAMR through [The Luzerne Foundation](#). Starting with \$25K

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New Business

- Discussed the establishment of a Development Committee and added the previous and following discussion on Commemorating EPCAMR's 30th Anniversary (2026). Ideas?. Look to other organizations like Stanley Cooper TU Banquet average \$17K (but spend \$10K) use East Mountain Inn. River Street Cafe is a good venue. North Branch Land Trust uses Westmoreland Club. Look at their donors. Donations: hit early in the year for businesses, promote Amazon Smile, Corporate Sponsors. Link to Philly. Hit up Schuylkill Acts and Impacts sponsors. Endowment is the goal, 30th Anniversary Dinner as kickoff. Mark to assemble a list of goals to start. Board suggests sending out an email to gather volunteers from the board. 4 volunteers from meeting so far: Joe, Cristy, Leigh Ann...
- Moved to approve ARIPPA Award recommendations (Ed, Christine, All, Gary abstains)
- Adjourn the business portion of the meeting

President

1:00 PM

Next Meeting: Tentative for 2025: August 21st (Annual) & Nov. 20th

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Info. Portion of Meeting

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- Stanley Cooper Chapter TU Mtg. - May 13th 7:30PM @ Forty-Fort Municipal Bldg.
- [Choose Clean Water Coalition Annual Conference](#), May 19th-21st @ Hotel Madison and Shenandoah Valley Conference Center, Harrisonburg, VA
- Chesapeake Bay Stakeholders' Advisory Committee Mtg, May 21&22 Harrisonburg
- PADEP 319 Planning & Implementation Mtg. May 27 & 28 for EPCAMR & WPCAMR
- [Abandoned Mine Pools as Beneficial Resources Conference at Bucknell](#), June 4&5
- Sci. Tech. Advisory Comm. Workshop (Brookies) May 29 Lakeview Lodge-Dubois
- Kutztown U Geology/AMD Watershed Tour with EPCAMR on May 31st, 9-3pm
- Western Pocono Chapter Trout Festival June 7th White Haven Area Library 11-4
- [ARIPPA Conference](#) on June 10th at the Crowne Plaza-Harrisburg Hershey Hotel
- PA American Water Camp August 6th at the Valley Community Library from 9-3pm

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Watershed Reports

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Nescopeck - Data center going in Humboldt Industrial Park. Transmission line going through the valley. Water coming from the sewer authority for cooling and discharge warm water into Black Creek. Check Chapter 93. LRCA has fought this fight with a gas cracker / power plant. Check with SRBC for evaporative water loss. Contact them. Also DRBC, because Hazleton Water Authority takes water from the Lehigh.

Schuylkill Co. - Pine Knot Bank Fire is out. Hydro-seeding today. Waiting for QAP for resistivity study to find the underground mine voids. New project in Swatara at headwaters CES landfill where Buck Mountain anoxic drain was. Landfill willing to partner to over treat their lechate into discharge but adding lime to also treat AMD.

National - Want to see a watershed problem? Come to San Diego. Tijuana Sewage Treatment Plant does not work. Dumps directly into ocean. Mexico says it is USA problem, USA say it is Mexico's problem.

Note: Recording was paused before meeting and not resumed until after lunch starting at Committee Reports...