

Committee Reports (a Zoom Pro link can be setup for committee meetings)

- Development Committee Update: Chair (Cristy) announced 30th Anniversary banquet scheduled for September 19th at Sand Springs & discussion of increasing professional service fees to better reflect market rates
- Education/Science Committee Update; Chaired by Andrea Nerozzi

Respective
Comm.
Chairs

Old Business

- ARIPPA 2025 Reclamation Grant: \$1,945 remains; extended grant round (LRCA plans to apply)
- AmeriCorps Community Engagement & Marketing Outreach Specialist - OPEN

President

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New Business

- Nominated Officers & Recognized new Members & Elected Joe Simons as President, Christy as Vice President and Treasurer, Christine as Secretary (Ed, Cheryl & All)
- Moved to table Draft 2026 Annual Budget Development until Q1 2026 (Cheryl, Christine & All)
- Moved to adjourn the business portion of the meeting (Ed, Cheryl & All)

President

1:00 PM

Next Meeting: *Tentative for 2026:* Feb.19th, May 21st, Aug.20th(Annual) & Nov.19th

President

Watershed Reports

All

Note: HVAC system in the conference room was exceptionally loud and vibrating the ceiling. Contacted Earth Conservancy to check it out. Remote attendees on Zoom were having trouble hearing and AI Assistant was only able to summarize half of the meeting.

Catawissa – Tire piles near the creek reported and will need to be ground truthed. Oneida #3 valve still holding up the porject. Audenreid memorandum of understanding established with BAMR and Humboldt Landowner for access road. ARIPPA – Report finalized and presented in October. Another report being completed by Lehigh U air / greenhouse gas emissions profile on culm piles Nescopeck – Data Center in Black Creek Township denied. Sugarloaf Twp. now has a proposed Data Center. Also a plastics melting company was shot down and moved on. It’s good to see the local municipalities fighting back. New Castle Twp. (Schuylkill County) repealed their zoning ordinance until they can rewrite/review their paperwork to deal with data centers in general. Blakely (Lackawanna County) as well. Solar Panels have to be on contours or cannot claim “impervious” so a whole stormwater permit has to be completed. Luzerne - Frank was recently elected to the County Planning Commission. Lackawanna – Shiverfest is January 17th (MLK Weekend). Need to get Master Watershed Stewards involved and EPCAMR as a stakeholder. Awarded a \$7K Spitz Grant to acquire land (LVC will own) in North Scranton near Greenridge for river access and Von Storch mine opening. The breaker was where Giant Market is now.

Penn Anthracite SME – Past chair created a computer exhibit for Eckley and Anthracite Heritage Museums for 4th - 5th grade and scouts (mining and society badges). Mining Industry related videos pulled from many sources (downloaded to these computers) and created a GUI interface for the display. Welcomed EPCAMR to provide our Brookie and other videos. Bobby to share on social media and Anthracite History month fliers.

Northumberland – Off season prep for stream projects. Invited EPCAMR to present (Tie-dye and iron oxide art) at Summer Conservation Camp for kids.

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- Recognized Mark's final meeting as AmeriCorps member, with appreciation expressed for development committee work
- EPCAMR Development Committee Meeting on 11-12-25 @ 6PM (Mike sent Zoom link)
- PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Chronicles Podcast on 12-05-25 with Don Kane Jr.- [Huber Breaker Preservation Society](#) on [EPCAMR YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#)
- [Anthracite History Heritage Month \(January 2026\) Coordinated Event Calendar](#)