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July Meeting Highlights

President, David Podurciel was unable to attend the meeting. Vice-President Gretchen Chamberlain welcomed everyone to the July WAP membership meeting that was hosted by the Gateway Clipper Fleet aboard the MV Princess. Thirty-two members registered for the meeting along with three scholarship recipients and their parents as special guest.

Gretchen started the meeting with enthusiasm and excitement as she announced Robert McCallister as the new Administrative Director. Mr. McCallister was voted and approved by Board of Directors one day prior on July 11, 2023.

Ms. Chamberlain then asked Mike Graham to introduced the three scholarship recipients. Zac Sussan graduated from Beth Center High School and will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. His father Jeff works for Campbell Transportation.

Nick Chesser graduated from Nardonia High School and will be attending Owen College and Technical School. His father Lee works for Rhulin Corporation.

Andrew Frank graduated from Neshanock High School and will be attending Grove City College. His father Brian works for Great Lakes Power. All of the recipients displayed high grade point averages, participated in extra curricular, and volunteer work. Mr. Graham wished them all good luck and fortune for the future.



Scott Harshman provided the Legislative Committee Report. Highlights included WRDA 2024 authorization bill that is upcoming, Port of Pittsburgh grant funding opportunities, Marine Highway potential expansion for Monongahela and Allegheny rivers. Scott also asked for anyone who is interested, Beaver

County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a legislative cruise aboard Gateway Clipper on July 26th.
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LTJG Eyobe Mills provided the USCG report. The only upcoming event scheduled is the Kittanning Riverbration Boat Race on August 18-20 from 0900-1900 each day. Safety Zone, Allegheny River MM 45.1-45.8 will be established. Steven Marshall provided a presentation on maritime cyber security and common mitigation practices.

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John Dilla provided the USACE Report. It was noted that Emsworth Hydraulic systems upgrade work will be more likely in August. Work will attempted to be coordinated with Montgomery closures. Maxwell, March 11 – May 19, 2024, only one chamber will be closed at a time. Brian Trzaska was announced as being new Deputy District Engineer beginning in July. COL Nicholas Melin will assume command from COL Adam Czekanski during Change of Command scheduled on August 4.

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Alicia Miller presented the National Weather Service report. Of note, June was slightly below participation levels and July is trending normal. Projection models are predicting El Nino conditions will bring a slightly warmer fall while winter will be warmer and drier than usual.

Kristen Stojakovich, chair of the Membership and Networking committee reminded membership of the future events including: Family Night at Washington Wild Things, Fri, Aug 4 includes food and fireworks. Annual Golf Outing at Seven Oaks Country Club will be Tues, Sep 19 and will again be held in partnership with Traffic Club of Pittsburgh. Please register early as the event will sell out.

Daria Schwartz, Chair of the Education Committee reports upcoming events as Man Overboard Seminar, Thur, July 20 at the Fez in Aliquippa and Breakaway Barge Seminar, Thur, Oct 19 also at The Fez.

Old Business:

Meeting was adjourned by Vice-President Gretchen Chamberlain

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 09 at Chartiers County Club

Click Here to Register for August Meeting