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### **December Meeting Highlights**

Twenty-eight members were registered to attend the meeting on December 8, held at Chartiers Country Club. President Michael Graham welcomed everyone and took notice of many members who had been unable to attend since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, stating “It is nice to see familiar faces back at our meeting.”

### **November Reports (click to view)**

**WAP Navigational Report**

**United States Coast Guard Report**

**United States Army Corps of Engineers**

**National Weather Service**

### **This just in**

As published in the WCI Capital Currents:

We’ve all heard a lot about “infrastructure” over the last several years, and there was rejoicing when the actual legislation was finally signed into law on November 15. Now the buzzword about the legislation is it’s a “once-in-a-generation” opportunity to address shortfalls among all sectors of infrastructure. That’s not an understatement; as you look back in history, there are very few pieces of legislation that have touched so many different classes of infrastructure in one bill.

Many people did a lot of hard work over many years to make this opportunity a reality for our inland waterways lock and dam infrastructure. All told, hundreds of miles of walking Capitol Hill, educating lawmakers, hosting Congressional staff and elected officials on boats and at facilities, participating in editorial board meetings, outreaching through our digital grassroots efforts, and spreading the word on social media to advance the message paid off tremendously. WCI owes a debt of gratitude to its members and partners for everything you have done to position inland waterways infrastructure to achieve this win.

By now, you’ve probably heard that \$2.5 billion of full federal funding has been provided to inland waterways construction and modernization. When the \$2.5 billion is

coupled with annual appropriations, there is the potential for almost two-thirds of the 15-project portfolio of authorized projects currently in the queue to be completed in the next five years.

Enjoy a well-deserved victory lap, but now it’s time to keep our foot on the gas to advocate to the Administration that the Capital Investment Strategy (CIS) be followed in the Corps’ spend plan, set for release around January 15. *We encourage you to go to the WCI Action Center on our website and send a letter to the Administration advocating that the CIS be followed.*

To read the entire article, visit: [www.waterwayscouncil.org](http://www.waterwayscouncil.org), click on the media page and choose *WCI Capital Currents December 20, 2021.*

**Also as notified by WCI;** Due to Capitol Hill remaining closed to visitors, WCI has cancelled its in-person February Washington meetings. Meetings with Members of Congress will be held virtually in the coming months after the February Board meeting. More information and registration for the Congressional virtual meetings will be forthcoming.

For other current, local inland waterways legislative news, visit the Port of Pittsburgh Commission website: <https://www.portpitt.com/>

### **December Events**

The WAP Annual Holiday Gala (formerly the PMC Holiday Party) was held on December 10 at the Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe. 109 members and guests were registered to attend. Over \$2,000 was raised via the Lucky Ticket Auction. All profits from our networking events go toward our annually held educational seminars.

We wish all our members a Happy & Safe Holiday Season and a Healthy & Prosperous New Year. Thank you for your participation in 2021!

**[Click here, Registration for January Membership Meeting](#)**