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Accepting Applications for
2022 Pittsburgh Maritime
Association Scholarships
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February Meeting Highlights

Thirty-two members were registered to attend the meeting on February 9, held at Chartiers Country Club in Pittsburgh.

President David Podurgiel welcomed everyone and made note of a new member, Jim Ruhlin of Ruhlin Company, located in Sharon Center, Ohio. Jim advised Ruhlin Company provides construction services for highways, waterworks, dam works and other areas of heavy construction.

David also welcomed and introduced John Pejak. John's new position is Port Captain for ACNR River Towing. John has been working on the inland waterways since 1990 and has been with the ACNR group for 16 years.

Ryan Newton presented the Navigation Report of note were the icing conditions on the river at that time.

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Scott Harshman presented the Legislative Report and thanked the USCG and all the others, "who go above and beyond, promoting safe boating during the current icing and thawing/flooding conditions on the rivers".

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LT James Dunbar presented the USCG report noting Waterways Association Navigation Committee, chaired by Shane Checkan, "Sets the standard for proactive performance during hazardous conditions on the rivers."

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US Army Corps of Engineers report was presented by David Podurgiel, providing a current schedule of maintenance and repair work on our locks and dams.

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Alicia Miller presented the weather forecast, noting "La Nina" conditions are predicted for the spring; warm and wet.

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Daria Schwartz, chair of the Education Committee reported the following scheduled events:

Man Overboard, Thursday July 21

Breakaway Barge, Thursday October 20

Details to be provided at a later date.

Additionally, Daria reports, we are currently planning a "Who Works the Rivers" educational event in April. That date and details will be announced in March. This bi-annual, in-person event promotes employment on our inland waterways to high schoolers. The Gateway Clipper fleet hosts this important event featuring information tables set up by our members who provide details regarding positions within their companies, featured speakers who educate students regarding opportunities of all kinds on the rivers, lunch and an enjoyable ride on one of the Gateway Clipper fleet; a great way to better appreciate our waterways! Details for the April event will be provided very soon. A second event will be scheduled in September or October.

Kristen Stojakovich, chair of the networking and membership committee reports two new members in 2022:

Vance River Terminal of Morgantown, Ohio

Ruhlin Company of Sharon Center, Ohio

Potential members:

Cardinal Operating Company of Columbus, Ohio

TowEx of San Diego, CA

Kristen also mentioned dates for networking events have been confirmed. See the calendar page for dates. Details will be provided as those dates draw near.

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

Click here to Register for February Membership Meeting
Please note effective February 2022, the cost for lunch is now \$35