



61st Annual APB Conference 2020 Meeting Notes

Thursday, December 10th, 2020, 12-3 pm
Virtual Business Meeting and Summit

Ongoing support from Sarah Ball with Edison Electric Institute (EEI)

Location – Microsoft Teams Conference Call
Location made possible by COVID 19

Meeting Attendees

1	Amy Krisch	PG&E	24	Melora Shelton	Tacoma Power
2	Andrew Janos	EWEB	25	Natalie Turley	Idaho Power
3	Ben Caviness	Tacoma Power	26	Nick Ackerman	PGE
4	Clare Keane	PG&E	27	Nickolas Dyer	Tacoma Power
5	Colin MacLaren	PGE	28	Pam Hefley	Tacoma Power
6	Cory Starr	PSMFC	29	Patricia Madson	USACE
7	Dan Cramer	PGE	30	Rachael Poston	SCE
8	Emmerson, Kendel	PacifiCorp	31	Richard Madden	PGE
9	Eric Shoblom	Tacoma Power	32	Scott Heller	PSE
10	Gabe Forrester	Douglas PUD	33	Steve Albertelli	PacifiCorp
11	Garth Wyatt	PGE	34	Steve Brink	Idaho Power
12	Gregg Garnett		35	Summer Peterman	PacifiCorp
13	James Day	USACE	36	Tim Shibahara	PGE
14	Jim Stolberg	Reclamation	37	Tony Fuchs	PSE
15	John Swett	Reclamation	38	Travis Nelson	Tacoma Power
16	Karrie Gibbons?	USACE			
17	Keith Underwood	Tacoma Power			
18	Kendel Emmerson	PacifiCorp			
19	Leah Hough	PGE			
20	Lori Campbell	PGE			
21	Margaret David	PGE			
22	Matt Bleich	Tacoma Power			
23	Matt Peter	Tacoma Power			

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Presiding APB President Rachael Poston welcomed participants and gave a few opening remarks regarding the 61st annual APB meeting. (Madam President) Rachael began with a safety moment where she identified the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and safety protocols surrounding reducing the spread of infection. She encouraged the continued use and adherence to CDC protocols and PPE and following of local government guidance for PPE use and social distancing. She also reminded member to consider getting flu shots. Rachael then introduced fellow officers Maggie David (Vice President) and Gregg Garnett (Secretary). Rachael recognized Sarah Ball with Edison Electric Institute (EEI) who has provided ongoing financial support for APB annual meetings. Rachael ended the introductory dialog by summarizing the meeting agenda and proceeded to the business meeting portion of the 2020 APB Virtual Summit.

Business meeting

President Rachael Poston called the business meeting to order.

Orders of Business

Old Business

Review of the 2019 Meeting Minutes: Secretary Gregg Garnett did a quick read-through from the 2019 meeting minutes (Hosted by Portland General Electric, Troutdale, Oregon) to the group. Motion to approve the minutes was made and was seconded. No discussion was entered, and the vote carried; the 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

New Business

1. Treasury Report: Rachael Poston presented the Treasury Report at the meeting. The report is included in the meeting minutes below.

Starting Balance January 2020(all 2019 meeting expenses paid out to vendors and payments received at meeting deposited)

- I. APB carried over a balance of \$4,602 from the 2019 meeting. Total expenses for APB in 2020 were \$315.99 Due to the virtual format of the meeting in 2020, no meeting fees were collected. No additional contributions were asked for or received from EEI in 2020, however, Sarah Ball indicated that she was willing to provide support for APB if needed. After the completion of the 2020 meeting the APB treasury balance is \$4,286.04.
- II. Litehouse Technology, LLC continued to do the website hosting. Total website costs including the GoDaddy fee and website updates was \$315.99.

	Debit	Credit	Balance
<i>2019 Carry Over</i>			<i>\$4,602.03</i>
EEI Contribution (Postponed to next year)		\$0	
Registration Fees (N/A due to virtual meeting)		\$0	\$4,602.03
Paypal Fees (N/A due to virtual meeting)		\$0	\$4,602.03
Website Domain Renewal GoDaddy	\$20.99		\$4,581.04

Litehouse Web Hosting and Updates (Jan.)	\$175.00		\$4,406.04
Litehouse Web Hosting and Updates (May)	\$120.00		\$4,286.04
Google Drive Yearly Storage?	\$19.99?		\$4,267.04
TOTALS	\$334.99	0.00	\$4,267.04

2. Candidate/New Full Members: Rachael Poston read the list of all candidate/new members who submitted completed applications.
 - I. No candidate members were declared for 2020.
 - II. Michele Palmer was declared in 2019 – Environmental Protection Specialist working for BPA. She works as a liaison for the Willamette Valley System EIS. She has a M.S. in biology. Sponsored by Maggie David.

Michele was not present at this year’s APB annual meeting; Rachael Poston indicated that presence is required to move candidate members to full members. Her candidate status is still valid for consideration for full member at the 2021 APB annual meeting
 - III. One new full member was declared for 2020: Melora Shelton – Fish and habitat biologist for Tacoma Power. She provides technical expertise for fish, habitat, restoration and instream flow management for the Cowlitz, Cushman, and Nisqually Hydro Projects. She has a B.A. in Biology from Albion College and a M.S. in fishery and aquatic sciences from University of Washington. Sponsored by Florian Leischner and Matt Bleich.
3. Officer Nominations and Elections: Because of the inability to have an in-person meeting this year, Rachael Poston indicated that officer positions would carry over into 2021: Rachael Poston (President/Treasurer), Maggie David (Vice President) and Gregg Garnett (Secretary). Rachael indicated that for the 2021 annual meeting APB would be looking for a new Secretary/Treasurer candidate for 2022.
4. Meeting location for 2021 was identified as Bend, Oregon (take 2), with potential project site of PGE Pelton Round Butte Hydro project: Madras, Oregon

Presentations

Speed Presentation Summit (10 minutes total, including any Q&A)

- 12:30-12:45pm – Jim Stolberg / Status of LCR MSCP Fish Augmentation and Habitat Creation (15 Years of Program Implementation)
- 12:45-1:00 pm – John Swett / Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program: An Overview & Status
- 1:00-1:15 pm – Garth Wyatt / Beyond Compliance: Influence in Action
- 1:15-1:30 pm – Colin MacLaren / Wetland Restoration: The Harborton Project
- 1:30-1:45 pm – Jim Day / Avian predators adapt and so should management: The Dalles, dam birds!

Open Forum Discussion

Following presentations, Rachael opened the discussion floor to the entire membership for any APB-related topics and other related issues or challenges that members wanted to share with the group. Several topics were discussed – most surrounded challenges presented by COVID-19. These ranges for budgetary challenges to physical difficulties with completing construction or operations. Other topics discussed were challenges from fires in 2020 and keeping engaged with professional societies.

APB Officers all extended thanks to all the presenters for their excellent presentations. Thanks were also extended to the entire membership for the attendance and flexibility that the meeting a success especially considering the challenges that were placed on this year's meeting format (virtual) due to COVID restrictions and those associated safety considerations. Lastly, thanks were given to Sara Ball at EEI who has been providing funding for our meetings and is a large part of APB's success. President Rachael Poston called for the meeting to come to close.

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