

Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting

August 1, 2018 Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/7825257851> or call (929)436-2866 meeting ID 782 525 7851#

ExCom Members Attending: Pat Beaudet, John Butler, Sue Edwards, Ken Hemphill, Jim Kaff, Kevin Little, Alexa Manning, Dave Moscatello, Prasad Ramnath, Dennis Winters, Jim Wylie

ExCom Members Absent: John Butler

Other Members Attending: Emily Davis, Karen Melton, Meenal Raval, Zakia Elliott

The Meeting was called to order by Dave Moscatello. [Agenda](#)

Secretary: The minutes were approved as emailed

Treasurer: The balance in the C4 account is \$10,296. Expenditures \$1,095 (included Coho rent, boat ride outing, Bucks County library, and banner). The balance in the C3 account is \$4,521. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Standing Committee Reports

Conservation Committee: (Jim Wylie)

[Future Energy](#): Dave

Political Committee:

Report on Chapter Endorsements: (Jim W). The chapter approved 14 of our recommendations. The 2 congressional candidates now go to national for approval. Our recommendations for Seale, Muth and Boling were deferred until the Aug 18 ExCom meeting to allow for face-to-face discussion. (Seale vs Quinn (I), Muth vs Rafferty (I), Boling vs Murt (I))

The Delaware County team recommended endorsement for 3 more candidates:

Tim Kearney – PA Senate 26 (vs. Tom McGarrigle (I))

Jennifer O'Mara – PA Rep 165 (vs. Alex Charlton (I))

Maria Donatucci – PA Rep 185 (Incumbent, Hero)

Since several more endorsement recommendations are expected, it was decided to vote on all endorsement recommendations via email.

We are looking for a Campaign support Chair. This person would help arrange speakers for candidate events and help campaigns in general. Any volunteers?

Results of email vote completed August 12 are:

PA Senate 26: Tim Kearney: 8 yes, 1 no, 2 Absent

PA Rep 165 :Jennifer O'Mara : 9 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent

PA Rep 185: Maria Donatucci: 9 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent

PA Rep 163: Mike Zabel: 8 yes, 1 no, 2 Absent

(Mike Zabel is running against incumbent Republican James Santora. District 163 is in Delaware County)

Newsletter/Communications: (Ken Hemphill)

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Ken has received only 2 articles for the newsletter (both from Karen). He will wait for more articles.
Sales Force (Convio/Helen): Sondra Moore will be the new email editor.

Education Committee: (Karen Melton / Kevin Little)

Karen reported that volunteer calls will resume on August 14. Mini programs will be arranged for as many calls as possible. The speakers are set for August. The agenda for first ½ hour of the call will be set e volunteers and the speaker will be in the second ½ hour. Calls 7-8.

Kevin is investigating a trip to the Franklin Institute. He is also working on a film program similar to the one he ran for the Vets.

Nomination Committee: (Alexa Manning): No report

New Member Engagement: (Prasad Ramnath / Pat Beaudet)

Outings: (Jim Kaff, Amy Kwasnicki)

August 18: The Chapter Outing: The camping area is full but members are still welcome for the day.

Aug. 31st-Sept. 2nd; Stargazing tent-camping trip at Cherry Springs

Sept. 12th; Kayak refinery tour at Bartram's Gardens

Sept. 30th; Manayunk Canal/ Lock 60 guided hike

Old Business

Green Fest Philadelphia:

Green Fest will be Sunday Sept 9 on Bainbridge Street between 3rd and 5th. We will have a double booth with 2 focus areas: Ready for 100 and Single-Use Plastics. Mena Cimino is organizing.

Dave, Sue and Emily will volunteer.

River Cruise:

Pat reported that the boat is full with 26 participants. Six additional people have signed up for a walk. Walkers will be able to change to boat if there are no-shows. Participants will be dropping off food at City Coho at 4:30 and meeting at the boat dock at 4:45.

New Business

Sustain Philly Awards:

This is a fund raising event with the opportunity of buying an ad in the program booklet. Sue moved and Alexa seconded that we purchase an add. The motion passed. Meenal has been nominated for one of the awards.

Coming Events:

► August 2: 11:00am Carnivale de Resistance: Rally at PECO. March to SEPTA (1234 Market)
Rally at SEPTA

► August 16: Climate Defenders event sponsored by Penn Environment. At the Field House.
Sierra Club will have a table. Jeanne and Pratima will staff the table.

► September 8: Climate Jobs and Justice: Rally at Love Park 9:45, March to 2125 Chestnut begins at 10:15. Forum at Unitarian Church at 11:00

► September 8: March for Climate Justice and Environment. County Environmental Alliance.
March from Chester County Court House to Everhart Park. This group is an alliance not a coalition and is C3.

Announcements:

Meeting Call-in Number:

1-866-501-6174, PIN is 1004100#.

Agenda (vice-chair David Moscatello will be facilitating)

- Treasurers Report – Dennis

- approve July minutes

- July endorsement status at chapter – Jim

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3 of our recommendations were deferred until the Aug 18 ExCom mtg to allow for face-to-face discussion:

Seale vs Quinn (I)

Muth vs Rafferty (I)

Boling vs Murt (I)

In all cases, we are recommending endorsing against an R incumbent with a “decent” LCV score:

Tom Murt, LCV score 92% 2017-18, 66% lifetime (R -152nd)),

Chris Quinn, LCV score 92% (R-168th)),

Sen. Rafferty, LCV score 100%/56% (R-44th))

Chapter Pol Director Jen Quinn voiced her concerns. There was no online discussion with the ExCom.

Read the arguments for and against [HERE](#).

- new endorsement recommendations – 3 from Delco

Tim Kearney – PA Senate 26 (application, interview, questionnaire) vs Tom McGarrigle (I) (interview, questionnaire) (LCV 15/16 = 20%, 17/18 = 83%)

Jennifer O'Mara – PA Rep 165 (application, interview, questionnaire) vs Alex Charlton (I) (interview, questionnaire) (LCV 17/18 = 63%)

Maria Donatucci – PA Rep 185 (application, interview) (Incumbent, Hero) (LCV 15/16 = 73%, 17/18 = 100%)

- campaign support chair – open

- greenfest – Mena = Filomena

- river cruise – Pat

- Education – Karen, Kevin

Volunteer calls start Aug 14, mini-programs as often as we can

Aug 14 is Tom Torres speaking about single-use plastics

Karen is point person for mini-program lineup

Karen offers to organize ed programs in SPG region

Kevin is working on Franklin Institute tour/film w/ kids

Env film series this fall in West Chester U

- Facebook – call for more activity

- Salesforce/Content Builder Training – Sondra is the new Ken

- sep 8 – Climate, Jobs & Justice

- outings – Chapter Outing Aug 18

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- Chester County Environmental Alliance – Jim

- Renewable Energy Forums – Penn Env + RF100 - Jim

- ad proposal for SustainPHL Awards Program - Meenal

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Future Energy - Conservation Subcommittee Report August 2018 – DKM

POLITICS

Trump can save Phila. refineries by modifying onerous regulation

By Rob Wonderling The Philadelphia Inquirer Tuesday July 17, 2018, pA15

Existing sources of methane leaks in Pennsylvania need regulating

By Greg Vitali The Philadelphia Inquirer Thursday July 19, 2018, pA15

Opinions

Scott Pruitt's toxic legacy comes to a backyard near you

By Gerald E. Connolly The Washington Post July 19, 2018 at 5:30 PM

Gerald E. Connolly, a Democrat, represents Virginia's 11th Congressional District in the House.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/scott-pruitts-toxic-legacy-comes-to-a-backyard-near-you/2018/07/19/4af658b4-8ad3-11e8-8aea-86e88ae760d8_story.html?utm_term=.af8369a43072&wpisrc=nl_most&wpmm=1

LOBBYING

Big financial disparity in climate-change work

By Frank Kummer STAFF WRITER The Philadelphia Inquirer Thursday July 26, 2018, pA9

Coal's demise in Appalachia leaves education in the lurch

Clean energy, other industries unlikely to move into former coal-mining areas.

MARK HAND ThinkProgress FEB 5, 2018, 5:14 PM

<https://thinkprogress.org/education-in-appalachian-coal-country-265665e70e76/>

FOSSIL FUELS & NUCLEAR POWER ISSUES

Clean energy is catching up to natural gas

The natural gas "bridge" to sustainability may be shorter than expected.

By David Roberts @drvox david@vox.com Vox Jul 13, 2018, 9:10am EDT

<https://www.vox.com/energy-and-environment/2018/7/13/17551878/natural-gas-markets-renewable-energy>

A tenth of U.S. veteran coal miners have black lung disease: NIOSH

By Richard Valdmanis, Reuters Thu, Jul 19, 2018 4:07 PM EDT

<https://verizon.yahoo.com/news/tenth-u-veteran-coal-miners-black-lung-disease-200750371.html>

Researchers reveal scope of damage to Appalachia from coal mining

Between 1985 and 2015, an average of 21,000 acres was converted to bare earth and rubble.

MARK HAND THINK PROGRESS JUL 26, 2018, 11:48 AM

<https://thinkprogress.org/researchers-reveal-scope-of-damage-to-appalachia-from-mountaintop-removal-coal-mining-63642d5001bb/>

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REGULATION & POLICY

Business

Largest U.S. Wind Project Dealt Potentially Fatal Blow in Texas

Jim Efstathiou Jr, Chris Martin Bloomberg Thu, Jul 26 1:06 PM EDT

<https://verizon.yahoo.com/finance/news/largest-u-wind-project-dealt-170646474.html>

Existing sources of methane leaks in Pennsylvania need regulating

By Greg Vitali The Philadelphia Inquirer Thursday July 19, 2018, pA15

CLIMATE CHANGE & ADAPTATIONS

Warming exacerbates spread of toxic algae in U.S. waters

By Tom James ASSOCIATED PRESS The Philadelphia Inquirer Saturday June 23, 2018, pA3

Capital Weather Gang

Red-hot planet: All-time heat records have been set all over the world during the past week

By Jason Samenow The Washington Post July 3, 2018 at 12:24 PM

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/capital-weather-gang/wp/2018/07/03/hot-planet-all-time-heat-records-have-been-set-all-over-the-world-in-last-week/?utm_term=.38548a6d357e&wpisrc=nl_az_most&wpmk=1

Speaking of Science

California will face a terrible choice: Save cliff-side homes or public beaches from rising seas

By Darryl Fears The Washington Post July 11, 2018 at 7:00 AM

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/speaking-of-science/wp/2018/07/11/california-will-have-a-terrible-choice-save-cliff-side-homes-or-public-beaches-from-rising-seas/?utm_term=.b51487678fd3&wpisrc=nl_most&wpmm=1

Heat wave strikes the Arctic, and the climate enters the Twilight Zone

Jerry Adler Yahoo News July 23, 2018

<https://verizon.yahoo.com/news/heat-wave-strikes-arctic-climate-enters-twilight-zone-210541776.html>

OP-ED OPINION

Climate change is behind the global heat wave. Why won't the media say it?

By Leah C. Stokes Los Angeles Times JUL 15, 2018 | 4:10 AM

http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-stokes-heat-wave-media-climate-change-20180715-story.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MexicoStories+%28Mexico+Stories%29

MARKETS & POLICY

'Crops go unharvested and animals go uncared for.' Concerns about farmworker shortage grow

David Goldstein dgoldstein@mcclatchydc.com McClatchy July 27, 2018 06:55 AM Updated 02:14 PM

<https://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/national/article215518595.html>

WIND & SOLAR PROJECTS

PRODUCTS & TECHNOLOGY

Wind Turbines to See 'Unprecedented' Growth in Size and Capacity

Offshore turbine capacity will increase by orders of magnitude, according to a new report from MAKE Consulting.

Emma Foehringer Merchant GREENTECH MEDIA JULY 16, 2018

<https://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/wind-turbine-sizes-to-see-unprecedented-growth>

MUCH OF THE US ELECTRIC GRID COULD GO THE WAY OF THE LANDLINE PHONE

Nick Stockton WIRED 07.26.18 06:41 PM

<https://www.wired.com/story/electric-grid-rising-costs-renewables/>

WIND PROJECTS

1st step for wind turbines

Research buoy seen as preparing way for site 10 miles off Atlantic City.

By Wayne Parry ASSOCIATED PRESS The Philadelphia Inquirer Tuesday July 17, 2018, pB5

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ENERGY STORAGE

11 Lithium-Ion Battery Makers That Don't Need Cobalt

Demand for cobalt is affecting battery markets, but luckily not all lithium-ion batteries require the metal.

Jason Deign, Julia Pyper **Greentech Media** JULY 09, 2018

<https://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/11-lithium-ion-battery-makers-that-dont-need-cobalt>

The \$3 Billion Plan to Turn Hoover Dam Into a Giant Battery

By Ivan Penn. Graphic by Mika Gröndahl. Photo and video by David Walter Banks. Aerial video by Josh Haner and Josh Williams. **The New York Times** July 24, 2018

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/07/24/business/energy-environment/hover-dam-renewable-energy.html>

GREEN BUILDING

Triple-Glazed 'Super Window' Builds on Decades of Government Research

Researchers at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab have developed a more efficient drop-in replacement for the ubiquitous double-glazed window.

Justin Gerdes **Greentech Media** JULY 02, 2018

<https://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/triple-glazed-super-window-builds-on-decades-of-government-research>

Renewable Energy Won't Succeed Without This -- and Utilities Are Already Preparing

American electric utilities invested an estimated \$7 billion in the trend in 2016. That's a 375% surge from a decade ago -- and it could just be getting started.

Maxx Chatsko (TMFBlacknGold) **The Motley Fool** Jul 21, 2018 at 7:22AM

<https://www.fool.com/investing/2018/07/21/renewable-energy-wont-succeed-without-this-and-uti.aspx>

ELECTRIC VEHICLES & TRANSPORTATION

Technology

Tesla announces deal for Shanghai factory

By Joe McDonald | AP **The Washington Post** July 11, 2018

https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/technology/tesla-announces-deal-for-shanghai-factory/2018/07/11/47542160-84ce-11e8-9e06-4db52ac42e05_story.html?utm_term=.79deb2bbe831&wpisrc=nl_most&wpm=1

Phila. has ... plentiful parking?

Study finds 2 million spots in city, but they don't always feel abundant.

By Caitlin McCabe **STAFF WRITER** The Philadelphia Inquirer Sunday July 15, 2018, pJ1

Study: Electric Buses Already Emit Less Carbon Than Diesel Buses, in Any State

And their climate impact will decrease as the grid gets cleaner.

Julian Spector **Greentech Media** JULY 23, 2018

<https://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/study-electric-buses-already-emit-less-carbon-than-diesel-buses-in-any-stat>

Study warns on ride share's downsides

Uber and Lyft, along with taxis, are set to eclipse buses. Congestion pricing, occupancy limits among solutions.

By Jason Laughlin **STAFF WRITER** The Philadelphia Inquirer Sunday July 29, 2018, pA3

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CONSERVATION

Spotted lanternfly is sighted in N.J.

By Frank Kummer *STAFF WRITER* The Philadelphia Inquirer Thursday July 19, 2018, pB5

Little jellies have big sting

They are about dime-size, but send most victims to the hospital.

By Mari A. Schaefer *STAFF WRITER* The Philadelphia Inquirer Thursday July 19, 2018, pB5

RECYCLING

It Doesn't Pay

Phila. used to make money off plastics and metals that we tossed. Now, it must pay.

By Frank Kummer *STAFF WRITER* The Philadelphia Inquirer Monday July 23, 2018, pA1

Only 13 pct. of ocean termed 'wilderness'

The first comprehensive mapping found that no part was untouched by humans.

By Kate Furby **WASHINGTON POST** The Philadelphia Inquirer Friday July 27, 2018, pA3

Drumpfs of the Month:

National monument Trump gave back to 'the people of the United States' to be mined by Canadian firm Pakalolo **Community DAILY KOS** Monday July 09, 2018 · 8:09 AM EDT

<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2018/7/9/1778974/-National-monument-Trump-gave-back-to-the-people-of-the-United-States-to-be-mined-by-Canadian-firm?detail=emaildkre>

Energy Commission moves to force electricity costs up, air quality down

Plan calls for you to pay as much for clean solar and wind power as you pay for filthy coal

Sarah Okeson **salon** JULY 14, 2018 12:00AM (UTC)

<https://www.dcreport.org/2018/07/12/energy-commission-moves-to-force-electricity-costs-up-air-quality-down/>

Business

How Trump's tariffs on Mexico are taking jobs from U.S. workers

By Erica Werner and Kevin Sieff The Washington Post July 18, 2018 at 12:06 PM

https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/trumps-tariffs-on-mexico-are-causing-layoffs-in-the-united-states/2018/07/18/03ec1e74-8473-11e8-9e80-403a221946a7_story.html?utm_term=.b6dfd0b5525b&wpisrc=nl_az_most&wpmk=1

Politics

Dependent on trade, Mike Pence's hometown takes a hit due to Trump's tariffs

By Gabriel Pogrund The Washington Post July 21, 2018 at 5:55 PM

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/dependent-on-trade-mike-pences-hometown-takes-a-hit-due-to-trumps-tariffs/2018/07/21/25fd2bda-8c2e-11e8-8aea-86e88ae760d8_story.html?utm_term=.9292c710fe05

White House favored logging, drilling over protected lands in survey, retracted documents show

Juliet Eilperin **The Washington Post** July 23, 2018

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/ct-trump-administration-public-land-survey-20180723-story.html>

Trump to end policy ordering developers pay for damage to public lands

By Justin Wise – **THE HILL** 07/24/18 03:51 PM EDT

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/398637-trump-to-stop-policy-ordering-developers-to-pay-for-damage-to>

A megaton of meat piles up as exports shrink. Jobs may flee US; taxpayers on the hook?

Lincoln green Community **DAILY KOS** Monday July 23, 2018 · 9:17 AM EDT

<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2018/7/23/1782767/-A-megaton-of-meat-piles-up-as-exports-shrink-Jobs-may-flee-US-taxpayers-on-the-hook?detail=emaildkre>

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