# Waterways Association of Pittsburgh

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## February Meeting Highlights

Twenty-six members registered to attend the February meeting held at Chartiers Country Club on Wednesday, February 8. Vice President Gretchen Chamberlain welcomed the attending members as well as new Marion Hill Associates Safety & Compliance Manager, Jeff Graves.

Capt. Randy Chapman presented the Navigation Committee Report. He reported no extreme weather like the deep freeze experienced Dec into Jan, but reminded crews should continue to be diligent in the redundancy of safety checks. No written report was available.

Matt Pavlosky of Port of Pittsburgh Commission provided the Legislative Report. He advised PPC will continue to oppose any legislation for new tolls, taxes and fees. Matt also reminded members not to overlook upcoming grant funding opportunities. Matt noted that Mary Ann Bucci and Scott Harshman were unable to attend as they had traveled to DC for the annual DC Fly-In including "Walking the Hill" to meet with state legislators.

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LTJG Eyobe Mills was present and took the opportunity to introduce Steven Marshall who is new to the local office and charged with Cyber Security. If you have a query regarding CS, you may contact Steven at <u>steven.marshall@uscg.com</u>. LTJG Mills also gave updates of ongoing projects on the waterways.

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John Dilla of US Army Corps of Engineers cancelled at the last minute due to illness. However, his full report is attached.

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Alicia Miller of the National Weather Service was in attendance and presented a report to membership. She advised 2022 came in 11 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" of snowfall below normal with temperatures in January 8° above

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normal. February forecast is normal temps with above normal precipitation. *Click Here to Read Full National Weather Report* 

Kristen Stojakovich presented the Membership and Networking Committee Reports. Our goal for new membership in 2023 is 3 new members. United Dive & Marine is our first new 2023 member. If you have questions regarding membership, contact Kristen Stojakovich: <u>KStojakovich@barges.us</u> or Carole Ann Krelow: <u>ckrelow@wapgh.org</u>.

Our next Networking Event will be our Annual Sporting Clays Tournament held on Thursday, May 4 at the Hunting Hills Shooting Preserve in Dilliner, PA. Details to be provided at a later date.

Daria Schwartz, Education Committee Chair reported our next educational event will be our bi-annual Who Works The Rivers, held in conjunction with RiverWorks Discovery. That event will be held on the Gateway Clipper Fleet, Thursday, April 20. We will be looking for volunteers to assist the day of the event and Sponsors for the T-shirts provided to students. More information will be directed to membership very soon. The date for the Fall WWR has yet to be determined.

Under "New Business", Gretchen Chamberlain reported some members were absent as they are attending the DC Fly-In 2023. Representatives from PPC, ACNR, ITS, Nicholas Enterprises, and Grandview Barge have all traveled to DC to meet with lawmakers representing our Association.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 8 at Chartiers Country Club – Registration 11:30 to 12, meeting to immediately follow lunch

### Click here to Register for March Meeting