



American Public Works Association Central Pennsylvania Chapter

MINUTES

Executive Board

Saturday, November 15, 2025

**Kimberly Ann Fahnestock-Voelz Memorial VFW Post 7530
4545 Westport Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**

Call to Order: Maria White, President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm prior to the annual banquet.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board members and guests present:

Maria White, Blaire Prough, Jeremy Spicher, Liz Cheeseman, Aaron Rugh (2025), Jim Phipps (2025), Kay Dohm (2025), Bob Gardner (2025), Robin Kohler (2026), Jim Close (2026), George Schwarz (2026), Ron Jones (2027), Charlie Jones (2027), Don Bortner (York Branch), Paul McElhaney (Region II Director), Mark Shad (Gov't Affairs), Andrea Eales (Gov't Affairs)

Meeting Minutes:

October 2025 Executive Board Meeting Minutes were distributed for review.

Motion to approve: Kay Dohm

Seconded by: Jim Phipps

Discussion: None

Motion carried

Treasurer's Report:

Jeremy Spicher reviewed the October 2025 report. Only one annual dinner check was received, and some of the symposium checks were not deposited until November, so they will appear in the next report.

Motion to approve: Bob Gardner

Seconded by: Jim Close

Discussion: None

Motion carried

National Banking Update:

Paul McElhaney reported that National is working with Bank of America (BOA) to offer accounts to the Chapters and Branches. This standardization will allow National to reallocate funds should a Chapter or Branch go defunct, deposit funds directly for annual distributions, event registrations, etc. Credit cards can be issued associated with each account, with the ability to set various credit limits for each card issued. Additional benefits are outlined in a document Paul shared, including fraud protection, online banking services, etc. National is requesting that each Chapter and Branch change their accounts over to BOA voluntarily after discussing it with the members.

National is discussing a Resolution to change the treasurer's term to three years moving forward. They are not recommending a limit to the number of terms, so the treasurer can stay on for as long as they are re-elected. More information will be released on this subject soon.

Old Business:

Jeremy Spicher requested reimbursement beyond what was approved during the August 2025 Executive meeting for his expenses associated with attending PWX in Chicago. The original expense approval was up to \$950, but his expenses ended up being \$1,302.91 for travel, meals, etc.; therefore, he requested additional reimbursement for the amount of \$352.91

Motion to approve: George Schwarz

Seconded by: Ron Jones

Discussion: It was requested that President Maria White review the requisition form and receipts.

Motion carried

Nominations and Elections:

Maria White opened nominations for positions with only one nomination, including President, Secretary, and Treasurer. They include Blaire Prough for President, Maria White for Secretary, and Jeremy Spicher for Treasurer.

Motion to approve: George Schwarz

Seconded by: Bob Gardner

Discussion: None

Motion carried

Nominations were made for the 2026-2028 Directors, including Kay Dohm, Jim Phipps, Aaron Rugh, and Bob Gardner.

Motion to approve: Kay Dohm

Seconded by: Jim Phipps

Discussion: None

Motion carried

Paper ballots were distributed for the office of President-Elect. The names of Neil Stoltzfus and Robin Kohler were placed in nomination. Following the return of ballots, President Maria White announced the results of the votes, naming Robin Kohler as the selected candidate for President-Elect.

Motion to approve: Jim Phipps

Seconded by: Jeremy Spicher

Discussion: The nominations will remain open until Maria White calls for any further nominations during the banquet

Motion carried to enter the name of Robin Kohler as the President-Elect pending further nominations

During the banquet, Maria White announced that the name of Robin Kohler was placed in nomination for the position of President-Elect and called for any further nominations. Hearing none, nominations were closed.

Motion to approve: Jim Phipps

Seconded by: George Schwarz

Discussion: None

Motion carried

With no further business to come before the members, the Executive meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 16, 2026, at the Wertzville Diner (new owners and new name), located at 743 Wertzville Road, Enola, PA 17025.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Kohler