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Meeting Minutes

Philadelphia AMPP Chapter
Business Meeting
Farmer's Daughter Restaurant
1401 Morris Rd
Blue Bell, PA 19422
2/3/2026

The AMPP meeting was called to order by Joe Saxton at 5:40pm

Meeting Attendees:
Brian McHale, Jim Quirk, Walter Young, Joe Saxton, Laura Bauer, Dave Krause
Jack Wink, Drew Haiko, Paul Fallis, George Krewson, Dan Smith

Previous Meeting Minutes:
Minutes from the previous meeting were moved to be
Accepted as written and approved.

Membership Report:
No. of members: 513
As of Last Meeting: 478
Increase of 7%

Treasurer's Report:
$11,689.58 as of February 3, 2026

Scholarship Report:
Recipient has been awarded. The scholarship recipient has been chosen.
Prastuti Upadhyay, from Drexel University.

Liberty Bell Corrosion Course:
Attendance improved significantly compared to last year, with particularly strong turnout for the coatings course, which may require a larger room going forward. The committee discussed class jumping, reviewing both its benefits and drawbacks. Nick Dipraz from GPT was discussed as a potential instructor, pending confirmation from the program. Early confirmation from him will be important for course planning. It was also confirmed that there will be **no** second rectifier class next year.
The need for a better registration and payment tracking system was emphasized.

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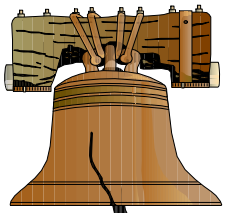
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Currently, vendor registrations are handled by check and mail, while student registrations occur through the website, making tracking difficult. The committee agreed to explore alternative registration services that would allow better tracking of payments and course assignments. A shared file system such as Dropbox, Box, or Google Drive will also be evaluated.
The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2026, with registration services and file-sharing solutions as key action items. Mark Cosak has offered website revamp services, and additional website contacts will be explored. Registration deadlines remain the end of September, with a goal of being fully ready by the end of August. Website costs are approximately $1,500 annually, plus ad hoc changes, covering EPCC, NJCC, and AMPP Philadelphia.

New Business:

- No new business discussed

Old Business:

- No outstanding old business.

Future Chapter Meetings:

- April 9th, 2026, in Montoursville at the firehall
- AUCSC in May 2026
- Feb 3rd and 4th for 2027 Liberty Bell Corrosion Course

Future Meetings of Interest:

- 3rd week of Jan in NE
- AMPP in March in Houston
- Appalachian May 12-14, 2026, in Morgantown, WV.
- Potential joint meeting with EPCC in Sep. (TBD)
- Cabela's in Nov. (TBD)

Meeting Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Smith