



# ENGINEER PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPAC)

## Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2023

- 1) **EPAC Chair Remarks (EPAC Chair-Elect, CDR Mergenthaler)**  
Per agenda
- 2) **CPO remarks (RDML Wang)**  
Per agenda
- 3) **Agenda and Silent Roll Call (Executive Secretary, LCDR William Chang)**
  - a) Opening remarks by EPAC Chair
  - b) Subcommittee updates
  - c) Liaison updates
  - d) Deployment Support Team Overview
  - e) USPHS Athletics special presentation
  - f) Open Floor
  - g) Closing remarks
  - h) Attendance taken by meeting sign in or email

Leadership	Name	Alternate	Attendance (Yes, No, Excused, Alternate)
<b>Chief Engineer</b>	RADM Emil Wang	Ex-officio	Yes
<b>EPAC Chair</b>	CDR Michael Gifford	CDR Jeremy "Bret" Nickels	Excused
<b>EPAC Chair Elect; Rules Chair</b>	CDR Matthew Mergenthaler	LCDR Julia Majkrzak	Yes
<b>Executive Secretary</b>	LCDR William Chang	Ex-officio	Yes
Rules	LCDR Melissa de Vera	LCDR Derrick Buck	Yes
Awards	LCDR Travis Sorum	LT Michelle Roy	Alternate
	LT Drew Katherine	LCDR Jogy George	Yes
Career Development	LCDR Michael Simpson	LCDR Jacob Dyer	Yes
	CDR Chris Fehrman	LT Bijay Tamang	Yes
Events	CDR Roxanne Adeuya	LCDR Vicky Hsu	Excused
	LCDR Jason Eapen	LT Yvesna Blaise	Yes
Information	LCDR Gary Riley	LCDR Matthew Haith	Yes
	LCDR William Chang	LT Morgan Lee	Yes
Public Health Engineering Practice	LT Bryan Wimer	LCDR Michael Shahan	Yes
	LCDR Timothy Martin	LCDR David Sullivan	Yes
Readiness	CAPT Tara Gooen-Bizjak	LCDR Michael Tollon	Yes
	CDR David Gwisdalla	LCDR Steven Tidwell	Yes
Recruitment and Retention	CDR Stacey Yonce	LT Colin Tack	Yes
	CDR Mark Hench	CDR Jeff Allen	Yes
<b>CCWIAB</b>	CDR Kimberly Piermatteo		Yes
<b>COA</b>	CDR Kurt Kesteloot		Yes
<b>JOAG</b>	LCDR Michael Wandersee		Yes
<b>SAME</b>	LCDR Kevin Remley		Yes

- 4) **Rules Subcommittee Discussion (EPAC Chair Elect / Rules Chair, CDR Mergenthaler)**  
As Per agenda

- 5) **Awards Subcommittee Discussion (Vice Chair, LCDR Katherine)**  
As Per agenda
- 6) **Career Development Subcommittee Discussion (Vice Chair, CDR Fehrman)**  
As Per agenda
- 7) **Events Subcommittee Discussion (Vice Chair, LCDR Eapen)**  
As Per agenda
- 8) **Information Subcommittee Discussion (Vice Chair, LCDR Chang)**  
As Per agenda
- 9) **Mentoring Subcommittee (Chair, CDR Thakur)**  
As Per agenda
- 10) **Public Health Engineering Practice Subcommittee Discussion (Chair, LCDR Bryan Wimer)**  
As per agenda
- 11) **Readiness Subcommittee Discussion (Chair, CDR David Gwisdalla)**  
As per agenda
- 12) **Commissioned Corps Women's Issues Advisory Board Update (CDR Piermatteo)**
  - a) Resource guides to be sent out via listserv
- 13) **Commissioned Officers Association Update (CAPT Kestuloot)**  
As per agenda
- 14) **Society of American Military Engineers Update (LCDR Remley)**  
As per agenda
- 15) **Junior Officers Advisory Group Update (LCDR Wandersee)**  
As per agenda
- 16) **Deployment Support Team**  
As per agenda
- 17) **USPHS Athletics – (LCDR Shantel Barnes)**
  - a) Overview of recognitions, certificates, and participation requirements
- 18) **Questions**
  - a) Q: For the DST, what biomed engineer certification is necessary? A PE certificate is not typical. A: Use the career development SC guide for biomed engineers for equivalent certs to PE. But an equivalent cert can be used.
- 19) **Closing Remarks (EPAC Chair Elect, CDR Gifford)**  
As per agenda

## Appendix A. Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, August 10	1500-1630 ET	CPO Townhall
Thursday, September 14	1500-1700 ET	EPAC General + Voting Member Meeting
Thursday, October 19	1500-1630 ET	Senior Officer Panel
Thursday, November 9	1500-1630 ET	EPAC General Meeting
Thursday, December 14	1500-1700 ET	EPAC General + Voting Member Meeting (2023 wrap up & hotwash)

## Appendix B. Copy of PowerPoint slides.

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