

A few more thoughts from Rich:

Why are you excited about serving on the POWR board?

As a long-time supporter of PEC and its members (and a recent “empty nester”), I’m excited to share my time and expertise, and look forward to learning from the experiences of other Board members so that we can collectively serve the POWR community. But ultimately, I’m thrilled to be a part of an organization that is dedicated to the preservation of our State’s most precious natural resources.

Why is the vision and mission of POWR important to you?

I believe that outreach and education are cornerstones to effecting positive outcomes. And these also happen to be two elements of POWR’s core mission. Working to bring volunteers and supporters together, and providing them with knowledge and the opportunity to all be more directly involved, is critical to achieving any team goal. POWR already has a great team to support their mission, and I look forward to being a part of it and expanding it!

Do you have any professional ties related to POWR’s mission/goals and partners? How else would you like to contribute to the advancing the mission?

I think that I have a somewhat unique combination of skills/experiences that can hopefully be beneficial to POWR. Both my education and early career were grounded in environmental science and geology, including some time as a USEPA contractor investigating potential Superfund sites. But I ultimately moved into a specialty field of insurance that focused on environmental liability. This not only gave me exposure to the broader state and local environmental regulatory community, but it also provided me with experience relative to the business aspect of the environmental industry. Given the importance of insurance for our POWR members and their waterways, I hope to be able to translate those experiences into the support they may need in from an environmental risk management standpoint.

What outdoor activities do you enjoy participating in? What other hobbies do you have?

I enjoy riding my bike on the roads and abundant paths of the area. I also like to golf as much as time allows! When the weather doesn’t lend to those activities, I enjoy listening to music and repairing/restoring vintage audio equipment. Long live vinyl!