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PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

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The 2012 Executive Committee and Board of

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The Cooperative, current members:

- North Belle Vernon
- City of Monongahela



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Directors are listed below (the Board of Directors is divided into three classes that serve a three-year term of office. Board members can choose to be re-nominated)

2012 Executive Committee

- John Easoz - President
- Bob Burke - Vice President
- Brook Gardner - Treasurer
- Louis Quarto - Secretary
- Lou Panza - At Large
- William Lee - At Large
- David Galloni - At Large*
- James Protin - At Large*

* New Executive Committee and board member for 2012

Board of Directors

Class of 2012 - Expires December 31, 2014

- William J. Worthington - Attorney at Law
- Bob Irej - Adena Equipment
- Karen Earley - Citizens Bank
- Brook Gardner - First Federal Savings Bank
- Fran Prezioso Jr. - Pittsburgh Fayette Express
- James Protin - Chester Engineers
- Robert Albinger - Conspec Controls*

The 2012 objectives approved at the annual business meeting are provided [here](#). The mission statement and goals remained the same from 2011.

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New members who joined in late 2011 as a result of the beginning of the sponsorship initiative include:

- Pennatronics
- Conspec Control
- Pierre A. Luti Advertising (rejoined)

"We sincerely appreciate the support of our sponsors and will ensure that both new and ongoing sponsors receive value for their support," said Progress Council president John Easoz.

The Mon Valley Progress Council

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- Brownsville
- Donora
- Allenport

The Cooperative represents an effort to create an organization of local governments that will create increasing opportunities for intermunicipal cooperation," said Progress Council executive director and Cooperative coordinator, Joe Kirk. "We continue to meet with local governments and are encourage by their interest."

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The support and assistance of the Mon Valley Progress Council in the "re-rebranding of the Mon Valley Career and Technology Center adult education program as a career institute is consistent with our objective to promote workforce readiness in the Mid Mon Valley," said Progress Council president John Easoz. "We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with MVCTC to expanded workforce readiness educational programming."

Join in Progress!

If you're not a Progress Council sponsor, give us a call at 724-684-3381. Business leadership makes the difference for the future of our region. A word from one of our corporate sponsors:

"Word Kitchen Inc. appreciates the community engagement of the Progress Council as well as the assistance provided to area firms, including ours," Doug Chamberlin, Plant Manager, World Kitchen, Charleroi Plant. (Corning Glass, now World Kitchen was a charter sponsor of the Mon Valley Progress Council)

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