



CPWA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2015

The CPWA Board of Directors met by teleconference for their monthly meeting on January 13, 2015. The meeting was chaired by CPWA President Kealy Dedman (Ontario). The meeting was also attended by David Sparanese (British Columbia), Steve Blayney (Manitoba), Darwin Durnie (Alberta) and David Knowles (Atlantic Provinces). CPWA Directors George Jakeman (Saskatchewan), Craig Kennedy, (Newfoundland/Labrador) and Claudine Claeseens (Quebec) was unable to attend.

APWA staff participation included: Peter King, Executive Director and Gail Clark, Canadian Advocacy and Outreach Manager. CPWA Advocacy Consultant Alan Young, Tactix, was also in attendance. APWA Director/CPWA Liaison Chuck Williams was unable to attend the meeting.

Approval of December 2014 Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors approved the Meeting Minutes from December 2014.

New Manitoba Director Steve Blayney

Kealy Dedman welcomed Steve Blayney as the new Manitoba Director for CPWA. Steve will replace Bill Grabowecky on the CPWA Board of Directors. Steve is retired from Maple Leaf Construction in Winnipeg and has a long history of involvement in the Manitoba Chapter leadership serving through the leadership roles and as President. He is also Manitoba Delegate and is serving on the new Council of Chapters Chapter Mentoring Committee.

Update on Ottawa – Alan Young, Tactix

Parliament's Winter Break:

CPWA Consultant Alan Young, Tactix, reported on events on Parliament Hill, noting Parliament will return on January 26th. Chief among their agenda items upon return will be the budget and anti-terrorism measures.

During the break, several problems have arisen to vex the Prime Minister including a challenging relationship with Premier of Ontario Wynne. Given that 1/3 of the seats in the House of Commons are allocated to Ontario, it is safe to say that the federal election is decided in Ontario. This contentious relationship could be damaging to the Prime Minister and it is to his advantage to work with the Premier. The Prime Minister was also accused of being tone-deaf to calls from veterans groups for the removal of Minister of Veteran Affairs Santino. Now removed after just nine months as Minister of Veteran Affairs, Mr. Santino has been relocated and named Associate Minister of National Defense.

Budget:

Prominent on the agenda upon Parliament's return will be the budget, which is generally introduced in February or March. Several unexpected issues have interceded which will make it more difficult for the government to produce the promised balanced budget. These issues include the impact of the falling oil prices. Alan noted he believes that the government will make every attempt to balance the books.

Alan noted that he and Kealy had worked on a response to the Finance Minister's request for input on the budget and that she will submit these recommendations on line. The recommendations are statements that echo CPWA's pre-budget recommendations from August. These comments should be submitted by mid-month January.

Kealy Dedman asked the status of the new Build Canada program and progress on agreements. Alan noted that the vast majority of allocations thus far have been made under the gas tax fund.

APWA Update

APWA President and Executive Director to Western Canada Meeting

Peter King noted that he and Larry Stevens would visit Saskatchewan for a joint meeting of the western Canada APWA chapters on April 9-10, 2015. Results from the previous meeting of these chapters produced better communication, resource sharing and collaborations that have benefitted all the Chapters involved.

Nominating Committee Bylaws Amendment Passed

Peter King noted that the proposed amendment to the APWA Bylaws regarding the APWA Nominating Committee had passed. The amendment changes the composition of the National nominating Committee to nine members, one from each APWA region. Two past presidents will be appointed with a defined role to guide and facilitate the nominating process without influencing deliberations or decisions and without the right to vote.

Upcoming

Peter King noted the following upcoming APWA/CPWA Chapter related events:

January 13	Chapter Treasurer 101 Webinar
January 22	Membership Recruitment and Retention 101' Webinar.
February 26-27	Chapter Leadership Training in Kansas City
February 27	Council of Chapters Meeting in Kansas City

Snow Conference

Registration is open for this year's Snow Conference to be held April 12-15, 2015 in Grand Rapids, MI. The event is being hosted by APWA's Michigan Chapter and advance exhibitor commitments have been very promising. 2016's Snow Conference location has been chosen as Hartford, CT and 2017's Snow event will take place in Des Moines, IA. Peter noted that Winnipeg, who had previously shown interest, has chosen not to apply to host the Snow Conference.

Other Board Discussion on Projects/Partners:

Report Card for Infrastructure

Staff Gail Clark reported that the Steering Committee for the Canadian Infrastructure Report Card has asked CPWA to communicate with our members regarding their input on the survey. In response, CPWA issued an e-mail asking for our members to assure their municipalities participate in this important project. Steve Wyton of Calgary serves as CPWA's representative to the CIRC.

Municipal Infrastructure Forum

Staff Gail Clark reported that FCM will soon call a meeting of the Municipal Infrastructure Forum to discuss pre-election strategy and messages. CPWA President Kealy Dedman is the CPWA representative. The Forum is a stakeholder and municipal leader forum brought together by FCM to promote advocacy for infrastructure.

APWA Center for Sustainability

Staff Gail Clark gave an update on Center for Sustainability projects including identifying sustainable practices in the individual disciplines within public works and improving the visibility of the Center with new "In the Know" web postings. The Center will also host a Click Listen and Learn on resiliency which will feature two Chief Resilience Officers who are heading their city's efforts and who are involved in the 100 Resilient Cities program – a global initiative by the Rockefeller Foundation.

CPWA Board of Directors Meeting in Ottawa

Dates for the Spring Board Meeting are April 26-28, 2015 in Ottawa. The Hotel chosen is the Westin Ottawa and registration will be by room reservation form provided by APWA. The Board discussed possible speakers and visits for the April 27 Board meeting including the FCM, Alan Gonthier of City of Ottawa and past president of CNAM, and Infrastructure Canada. Alan Young will set up meetings on the Hill for April 28 morning and departure

CPWA Outreach

Congress Speaker/Education Session:

Members of the CPWA Board of Directors were asked to consider topics and speakers for the Phoenix 2015 Congress. Please send any ideas to gclark@apwa.net. Kealy Dedman suggested that Stefan Baranski, TransCanada, might be a potential speaker for an event.

National Public Works Week

Gail Clark reported that the 2015 National Public Works Week which is themed "Community Begins Here" is scheduled for May 17-23, 2015. Criteria and Applications are being completed and will be on the CPWA website and e-mailed to all CPWA members. NPWW Committee members include: David Knowles (CPWA), and volunteers Paul Smeltzer (OPWA) and Murray Steer (Manitoba CPWA). In early February, each of the Chapters will be contacted for the 2015 Proclamation Campaign.

Reporter Articles: Gail Clark reminded the Board that CPWA would like to increase their presence in the Reporter magazine and requested that ideas for authors and articles can be forwarded to gclark@apwa.net

Chapter Updates:

David Knowles of Atlantic Provinces Chapter reported on the Chapter's annual scholarship program which awards two \$1,000 scholarships. He noted that the Fall Conference for 2015 will be held in Fredericton, NB. David also reported that his City will participate in the National Public Works Week celebrations.

David Sparanese noted the British Columbia Chapter has hosted a series of educational programs throughout fall (in various locations in BC) on topics such as intro to emergency management, risk assessment, construction inspection and snow and ice training. A "Women in Public Works" program will be hosted in March 2015. The Chapter continues with its networking events and the 83rd PWABC Annual Conference and Trade Show will be hosted September 21-23, 2015 in Penticton, BC.

Steve Blayney, Manitoba Chapter reported that the Chapter has had good success with the project of the year award program. He noted that the Chapter has added \$7,000 to the endowment fund for Red River College civil engineering/technicians. The Chapter will participate in upcoming Chapter training in Kansas City and will meet with the other western chapters for a regional meeting. The Roadrunner winter edition is scheduled soon.

Kealy Dedman noted that awards programs add value on a number of levels and their promotion can bring great visibility and raise the profile of public works.

Kealy Dedman, Ontario Chapter reported the Ontario will be holding their OPWA's highlight event - the 2015 Annual Conference & Awards Luncheon on January 29 in Mississauga. To view the full conference flyer please [click here](#). This year's event is significant since it marks **OPWA's 50th Year**. Kealy has been asked to deliver short comments from CPWA.

Conclusion of Business

The Board concluded discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the CPWA Board of Directors is scheduled for February 10 at 1:30 pm ET.