



CPWA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2015

The CPWA Board of Directors met by teleconference for their monthly meeting on February 10, 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) George Jakeman (Saskatchewan) and Claudine Claessens (Quebec). CPWA Directors David Knowles (Atlantic Provinces), and Craig Kennedy, (Newfoundland/Labrador) were unable to attend.

CPWA Canadian Infrastructure Report Card representative Steve Wyton was in attendance to update the Board on the CIRC.

CPWA 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. CPWA Director/CPWA Liaison Chuck Williams was in attendance.

Approval of January 2015 Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors approved the Meeting Minutes from January 2015.

Canadian Infrastructure Report Card (CIRC) Update

Steve Wyton, City of Calgary, updated the CPWA Board on the progress for the 2015 CIRC. Steve reported that the survey of municipalities had now completed and results were fantastic with 163 municipalities from all regions reporting on their assets. This is four times the municipal participation in the previous survey for the 2012 CIRC. Steve noted that CPWA involvement, calls from FCM to municipalities, and a concerted effort by all Steering and Advisory Committee members had promoted participation. The target date for the 2015 CIRC is September 2015.

Update on Ottawa - Alan Young, Tactix

CPWA Consultant Alan Young, Tactix, reported that while Parliament was not in session for the week, events in Ottawa continued.

Alan noted that several problems that have arisen for the Prime Minister including defection to the left for a couple of Conservatives as well as the resignation of Minister of Foreign Affairs Baird. There is continuing bad news on the economic front with falling oil prices and the Canadian dollar losing value. Previous financial projections will have to be recalibrated and, accordingly, the Finance Minister has postponed the budget until April. This will cause Parliament to have less time to review but Alan noted that Parliament will not leave until the implementation is completed in June.

Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements

More directly related to public works, the Government has made changes to the formulas for determining financial assistance to provincial and territorial governments through the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA), administered by Public Safety Canada. Changes in cost sharing and the threshold for Government involvement are among the changes implemented. <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/mrgnc-mngmnt/rcvr-dsstrs/dsstr-fmnc-ssstnc-rrngmnts/index-eng.aspx>

Big Cities Mayors' Caucus

The FCM Big Cities Mayors Caucus met last week and infrastructure was a major discussion topic. The Mayor of Vancouver also spoke at the Toronto Economic Club and reiterated the Caucus' message.

Ontario Build Canada Framework Agreement

Alan noted that the Ontario framework agreement for the new Build Canada Fund was now in place and the first projects from Ontario have been submitted.

President's Report

INFC Asset Management Discussion

Kealy Dedman reported that CPWA had been invited to join a March 19th day-long discussion on asset management that is being hosted by INFC. CPWA was among five stakeholder organizations (associations) that are to be represented. Other participants will include municipal, industry, and academic representatives. Kealy noted that it is significant that CPWA is identified as a participant for such discussions and praised the activity and groundwork of past CPWA Boards that have allowed CPWA to be so recognized.

Alan Young will assist Kealy in setting up other visits in Ottawa as her travel time permits.

Municipal Infrastructure Forum

CPWA President Kealy Dedman reported that the MIF met by phone to discuss the Big City Mayors Caucus meeting and MIF activity in lead up to the election. Plans are being made for a face to face meeting in late February or March to further discuss MIF pre-election common themes, messaging and advocacy activity.

Visit with BC Chapter - Women in Public Works

Kealy Dedman reported that she has been asked and accepted an invitation to speak at the 2nd Annual Women in Public Works and Technology Workshop being held by the Public Works Association of BC. The day-long workshop is being held on March 3 and topics will cover a variety of issues. APWA Regional Director Jill Marilley will also attend and participate.

APWA Update

Chapter Leader Training

APWA Board Liaison Chuck Williams noted that nine people from the Canadian Chapters would be participating in the Chapter Leadership Training in Kansas City on February 26-27. Chapter leaders at the meeting will total 115 and all but five of the APWA/CPWA Chapters are represented. The Council of Chapters will also meet in Kansas City on February 27.

Nominations – February 13 – March 13

Peter King noted that nominations for APWA Committees are open from February 13 to March 13, 2015. All current committee members whose appointments are expiring, but who have eligibility for additional terms, must resubmit their name/application for reappointment. All who would like to submit their applications for nominations for the first time, should do so following the same process. Peter encouraged more Canadians to submit for these APWA positions. This is done online:

<http://www2.apwa.net/MembersOnly/Nominations/index.asp?>

New Staff for Government Affairs, Center for Sustainability

Peter King announced that APWA has two new Directors in the DC office. Andrea Eales has been hired as the Director for Government Affairs and Anne Johnson has been hired as the Director for Sustainability. Both come with deep experience in their respective areas and their leadership will add to APWA's Washington efforts as well as their work with their respective Committees.

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.

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. Exhibit space has sold out and APWA is looking to expand exhibitor space. 2016's Snow Conference location has been chosen as Hartford, CT and 2017's Snow event will take place in Des Moines, IA.

APWA International

The APWA International Affairs Committee and the Eisenhower World Affairs Institute at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania have announced the 2015 Jennings Randolph International Fellows: Frank Pandullo, Charleston County Stormwater, Utility and Technical Manager, North Charleston, South Carolina and Tom Jacobs, Director of Environmental Programs, Mid-America Regional Council, Kansas City, Missouri. These gentlemen were chosen from 14 applicants and will visit the CZ-Slovak Association Conference and the IFME/IPWEA Conference in New Zealand. Both will plan a study tour and present their findings at Congress or in the Reporter magazine.

100 APWA Agency Accreditations

Beginning in 1996, the purpose of the accreditation program is to provide a means of formally verifying and recognizing public works agencies for compliance with the recommended practices set forth in the [Public Works Management Practices Manual](#). It is a voluntary, self-motivated approach to objectively evaluate, verify and recognize compliance with the recommended management practices. As the number of accredited agencies has now reached the 100 mark, APWA plans a recognition/celebration for Phoenix Congress.

Envision - First Project Verification in Canada

ISI has completed the verification of its first project in Canada – an Ontario wastewater treatment plant which has received a Platinum award. More detail will be forthcoming soon.

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. Information regarding the travel arrangements will be sent prior to the next meeting.

Gail Clark reported that Claude Blanchette of Infrastructure Canada has agreed to update the Board of Directors on April 27th at 11:00 am. Additional invitations will be sent to Alan Gonthier, City of Ottawa, and past president of CNAM, and Adam Thompson of FCM. Alan Young will set up meetings on the Hill for April 28 morning and departure can be planned for the early afternoon.

CPWA Outreach

Congress Speaker/Education Session:

Members of the CPWA Board of Directors considered speakers for the Phoenix 2015 Congress Luncheon and decided upon the following choices to be invited as follows: (speaker one invited; speaker two invited if speaker one cannot attend).

Speaker One: Vancouver, BC Mayor and FCM Big City Caucus Chair Gregor Robertson

Speaker Two: Don Lowry, former CEO of Epcor and Capital Power, Alberta's Business Person of the Year 2012

The Board also decided upon a format for the education session to include an update on Ottawa by the CPWA Consultant Alan Young, Tactix, and an update on CPWA advocacy activity by CPWA President Kealy Dedman.

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 have been completed and are on the CPWA website and were 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:

Claudine Claessens, Quebec Chapter

The Quebec Chapter continues to hold a series of technical sessions throughout Quebec. Current topics for the sessions include a session regarding corrosion in pipes and another session focused on energy efficiency in buildings, street lights, etc. The Chapter's annual one-day Snow Conference will be held in May. The Chapter will hold the annual hockey tournament on April 2-5, 2015. Notably, this event will attract over 600 players representing over 80 municipalities throughout Quebec.

Steve Blayney, Manitoba Chapter

Steve reported that the Chapter will co-host a mid-May safety education conference with other emergency management and first responder organizations. In June, they will hold their golf tournament. The Chapter will participate in upcoming Chapter training in Kansas City and will meet with the other western chapters for a regional meeting. The Chapter would like to use the new NPWW poster image for their Roadrunner May edition.

David Sparanese, British Columbia Chapter

Dave noted the Chapter continues to host a series of educational programs on topics on a variety of topics including an upcoming introduction to public works and construction management training, both in February. A "Women in Public Works" program will be hosted in March 2015 and Kealy Dedman will join Jill Marilley and other featured speakers for the workshop. The Chapter's 83rd PWABC Annual Conference and Trade Show will be hosted September 21-23, 2015 in Penticton, BC.

George Jakeman, Saskatchewan Chapter

George noted that the Saskatchewan Chapter is holding its Annual Conference and Trade Show at the Saskatoon Inn in Saskatoon, Sk. on February 24th through 26th, 2015.

Kealy Dedman, Ontario Chapter

Kealy reported the 2015 Annual Conference & Awards Luncheon attracted 300 people and keynote speaker Mayor Hazel McCallion told the audience that public works needs to do a better job of "telling their story." The Annual Awards Luncheon also was the occasion for recognition awards. The Chapter presented 18 awards to members of 11 public works agencies, 12 consultants and 13 contractors throughout Ontario. Other events include: February 5th is the annual snowboard and ski day event and March 5th is the annual women's day seminar. The Chapter also has an IT Seminar entitled "Technology Application in Public Works: Proven Uses and Emerging Trends" planned for March 31.

David Knowles of Atlantic Provinces Chapter noted that the Fall Conference for 2015 will be held in Fredricton, NB. David also reported that his City will participate in the National Public Works Week celebration

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 March 10 at 1:30 pm ET.