



CPWA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2015 Amended and Approved on August 18, 2015

The CPWA Board of Directors met by teleconference on July 14, 2015. Staff Gail Clark chaired the meeting in the absence of CPWA President Kealy Dedman (Ontario). The meeting was also attended by Andrew Stevenson (Saskatchewan), David Knowles (Atlantic Provinces), Claudine Claeseens (Quebec), David Sparanese (British Columbia), and Darwin Durnie (Alberta). Steve Blayney (Manitoba) and Craig Kennedy (Newfoundland/Labrador) was unable to attend.

Interim APWA Executive Director Larry Frevert and Gail Clark, Canadian Advocacy and Outreach Manager were in attendance. APWA Director/CPWA Liaison Rick Stinson (incoming) and CPWA Advocacy Consultant Alan Young, Tactix, were in attendance.

Welcome/Introductions

Gail Clark welcomed the Board and introduced APWA Interim Executive Director Larry Frevert and Region 1 Director and incoming CPWA Board Liaison Rick Stinson.

Approval of June 9, 2015 CPWA Board Minutes

Due to a lack of a quorum, the Board of Directors delayed their approval of the Board notes from June 9 until the August meeting.

Presidents Update:

Delay in Release of the Canadian Infrastructure Report Card

CPWA CIRC Representative Steve Wyton has reported to CPWA that the Steering Committee has recommended a delay in the release of the 2015 CIRC until October 2015 due to timing issues and to assure the quality of all conclusions from the Report. Alan Young reported to the Board on his conversation with Bill Ferreira of the Canadian Construction Association regarding the delay. CPWA's agreement regarding the delay has been communicated to the Steering Committee.

CPWA Promotion of Envision:

Alberta Director Darwin Durnie updated the Board regarding an opportunity to further promote the Envision Sustainability Rating Tool with the Board formally endorsing the tool and sharing this endorsement with our strategic partners and others. Darwin noted that recent talks with CSCE indicated that CSCE is more open to endorsing Envision as a recommended tool for sustainability in project planning and execution. Darwin further noted that some work to relate more to Canadian projects and standards would be needed.

It was noted by Staff that CPWA, in accordance with APWA policy, does not "endorse" any product; but the Board also noted that there are opportunities to further promote Envision as a sustainability rating tool.

International Federation of Municipal Engineering (IFME) is Planning Spring 2016 Ottawa Meeting

This item will be delayed for consideration until the August meeting as there is no current update.

Ottawa Update from Alan Young:

Alan Young noted that the election is now 100 days away – scheduled for October 19. He reported on several other highlights:

- The official campaign begins when the Prime Minister asks the Governor General for the Writ of Election. A primary impact of the Writ is to restrict spending to a cap set by the Elections Act.
- Polling data now indicates a tight three way race with the New Democratic Party (Thomas Mulcair) currently in the lead.
- Tactix will provide special election campaign reports. Individuals must ask to be included in the e-mails due to anti-spam laws.

- Conservatives are announcing funding for new infrastructure projects throughout the provinces on a daily basis – taking advantage as incumbents to time these projects – most funded under New Build Canada Plan.
- Unwanted media attention for Conservatives includes a new Globe and Mail article today that reports that the government has funneled 83% of projects under the New Build Canada Fund to Conservative-held ridings. The same Globe and Mail analysis follows its investigation into a smaller program, the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund, which ran from 2012 to 2014 and directed \$150-million to fixing up arenas, community centres and parks. A Globe analysis found the Community Infrastructure fund was spent one-and-a-half times more in Conservative ridings than opposition seats,.
- Ontario is also at odds with Ottawa over their contention that Ottawa is ignoring their Ontario list of 160 infrastructure funding priorities for funding and instead funding items like \$26 million plus for the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in Oshawa – not on their priority list.. In addition, the Scarborough extension which Ontario considers a national priority to be funded under the NBCF national component, is instead by considered by Ottawa under the provincial component.

APWA Update

Ric Stinson, APWA Region 1 Director, who will serve as the new CPWA Liaison beginning in September provided the following report on APWA activity:

APWA Executive Director Search

At its June meeting, the Board passed a resolution that will allow the Board to engage a search firm to assist in the recruitment of a new Executive Director. The Board also passed a resolution that allowing Larry Stevens to appoint members to a search committee to assist. The Board anticipates this search will take up to 6 months. The Board also appointed APWA Past President Larry Frevert as Interim Executive Director. Larry has an impressive and long history with APWA, working on numerous Committees, the Board of Directors, and serving a APWA President in 2010.

Darwin Durnie welcomed Larry on behalf of the Alberta Chapter and the CPWA Board and noted that the organization was very lucky to have someone with his depth of knowledge of APWA to fill the interim role.

APWA Elections

Voting is now open for all members of the association to vote for members of the APWA Board of Directors. The following Board positions will be determined by ballot, names on the ballot include:

- APWA President Elect – Ron Calkins
- Director at Large for Fleet and Facilities – Mary Joyce Ivers
- Regional Director Positions in Regions I, II, V, VI, are returning incumbents, Region VIII will welcome a new Board member Shahn Ahmed (members in respective regions are eligible to vote for regional director in their region).

The ballots are available within the “Members Only” section of the website. You will need your APWA account login information (Username and Password) to gain access.

Membership

Rick noted that APWA has been fortunate to remain steady in membership. The May month-end total number of members = 28,717. That represents a .31% increase compared to same time last year and a .61% increase (25 members) compared to previous month.

The 2015 “1st Time Member” special offer campaign has brought in 1163 new members so far this calendar year; 109 of those are in Canada. That 1163 total is about 3% (38 members) higher than same time last year.

Rick noted that there have been some membership drops in Canada. Cornerbrook, NFL, has not renewed and the Quebec Chapter appears to be down – although this could be more of a timing/billing issue.

Executive Director Larry Frevert reported these additional APWA updates:

Congress - 2015 Congress Registration and Housing Open:

Larry Frevert updated the Board on registration for the 2015 APWA International Public Works Congress & Exposition to be held August 30-September 2, 2015 in Phoenix, AZ. Current registration is at 1900 full registrations. Exhibits are doing well with sales just below the budgeted projections. More information, including hotel accommodations can be obtained by clicking [here](#). To register ([click here](#))

Chapters at Congress:

There are a number of networking and training sessions for chapter leaders available at Congress. These include an open forum discussion on Sunday, August 30th, and training sessions on Chapter resources and website templates on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Contact Brian Van Norman at bvannorman@apwa.net or 816-595-5260 with any questions. The Chapter of Councils will also be meeting on Saturday, August 29, 2015.

PACE Award Winners

32 of APWA/CPWA Chapters received the Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) award for 2015: In Canada, both Alberta and Manitoba are among the winners who will accept the PACE Awards at the 2015 APWA Awards Ceremony on August 31 in Phoenix.

APWA's Emerging Leaders Academy

Applications for the Emerging Leaders Academy which provide intensive leadership and management training within the context of public works are now open and will be accepted through August 14, 2015.

If you know of an up and coming professional with less than 10 years of experience in public works, who has been promoted into their first leadership role within the past three years, please encourage him/her to phone into the mandatory pre-application conference call on July 30, 2015. For more information contact Becky Stein at bstein@apwa.net

Providing leadership and management training and networking opportunities to our emerging leaders are an important part of planning for a future generation of public works leadership. Last year's Emerging Leader's Academy project was entitled "Who Is Following the Leader? – Succession Planning in Public Works." The paper is available at:

<http://www.apwa.net/Library//LearnAndGrow/ELA%20Files/ELA%207%20Final%20Report%202014.pdf>

CPWA Outreach

National Public Works Week Award Entries:

Gail Clark reported that CPWA received 12 entries for the CPWA awards program including three new "first time" entries from Alberta. In total, there are six entries in the small centre category, four in medium centre, and two in large/metro centre category. Three of the entries are also being considered in the first time category. The evaluating committee includes Paul Smeltzer, Murray Steer, and David Knowles. Evaluations are set for July 24 and announcements will occur at Congress (CPWA Luncheon).

CPWA at Congress:

Gail Clark reported that she is confirming logistics for "CPWA Monday" at Congress:

8:30am – 12:00 pm	CPWA International Infrastructure Round Table (8 attendees confirmed thus far). Discussion topics are currently being solicited from attendees
10:00 – 10:50 am –	Education Session underway
Noon – 1:30 pm -	Working with Brock Carlton's office to confirm his plans
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	CPWA Board of Directors Meeting

CPWA Website:

Gail Clark reported that work on the CPWA website continues. She hopes to share progress at the August meeting.

Chapter Updates

Alberta: Darwin Durnie reported that planning for the September 17 Rodeo and October 3-5 Chapter Conference is underway. Darwin noted that his Top Ten presentation may be scheduled at the State House; scheduling has been delayed due to the change of government in Alberta. Alberta has reached out to Saskatchewan to offer public works assistance (additional crews, etc.) due to the recent fires.

Saskatchewan: Andrew Stevenson reported that although there has been some rain, 116 fires are still burning in SK. Andrew reported that the Chapter's 2015 Equipment Expo and Golf Tournament will be held on July 24, 2015 in Moose Jaw, SK. . A new edition of the Road Runner magazine is due soon. Andrew noted that he did hear from Alberta regarding fires and will contact if help is needed.

Quebec: Claudine Claessens reported that the Quebec Chapter annual conference is scheduled for September. The Chapter is looking at its membership marketing and considering hiring a marketing firm to assist in membership marketing approaches. Gail Clark noted that our Chapters Division has good information on membership marketing and attracting young professionals. Gail will have Brad Patterson contact Claudine.

British Columbia: David Sparanese noted that the Chapter would have three representatives at Congress in Phoenix. The BC Technical Conference and Trade Show will be held September 20-23 in Penticton, BC. Ian Hill will speak and Marty Stanley will hold a post conference workshop.

Atlantic Provinces: David Knowles noted their Conference will be held mid-October. David is serving as an evaluator on the National Public Works Week awards program which meets in July to judge entries.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on August 11, 2015 at 1:30 pm EDT.