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Board of Directors Meeting January 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Roll Call

The CPWA Board of Directors met by teleconference on January 12, 2016. Until the arrival of CPWA President Kealy Dedman, Ontario, Anne Jackson welcomed the CPWA Directors and called the meeting to order.

In attendance

Steve Blayney, Manitoba Chapter

Claudine Claessens, Quebec Chapter

Darwin Durnie, Alberta Chapter

Don Morehouse, Atlantic Provinces Chapter

Andrew Stevenson, Saskatchewan Chapter

Rick Stinson, APWA Board of Directors CPWA Liaison

Larry Frevert, APWA Interim Executive Director

Anne Jackson, CPWA Advocacy and Outreach Manager

Andrea Eales, APWA Director of Government Affairs

Alan Young, CPWA Advocacy Consultant

Absent

Ron Fleming, Newfoundland/Labrador Chapter

David Sparanese, British Columbia Chapter

Update from Ottawa

Alan Young noted that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is garnering international attention with upcoming trips to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland in late January, where he will speak about the Canadian economy, and Washington, DC on March 10 for an official visit and a state dinner. A US President has not hosted a Canadian Prime Minister since President Bill Clinton hosted Jean Chrétien at a state dinner in 1997.

Parliament is in session from January 25 until February 5 and again from February 16 until February 26. The biggest item on their agenda will be for the Liberals to craft their first budget, which will be a challenge given the low price of oil (the price is dropping and some industry experts project it could hit \$20/barrel later this year) and the low value of the Canadian dollar (which boosts exports, but increases the cost of imports).

The Finance Minister is on a six-day cross-country consultation trip (called "Growing Our Economy Together") to ask Canadians for input into what should be in the coming federal budget. The pre-budget consultation process has already begun online. Alan has commented on Anne Jackson's draft of CPWA's pre-budget consultation submission, to be approved by Kealy Dedman, as well as a congratulatory letter to Finance Minister Morneau.

Of interest to CPWA will be the size and timing of the Liberal government's promised infrastructure investments (maintaining the NBCP plus \$60 million in new funding), given economic conditions. Alan thinks the deficit could likely go higher than projected (\$10 billion). Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Morneau are focusing on Canada's low debt to gross domestic product ratio.

Alan will be lining up meetings in Ottawa for early February with the Ministries of Infrastructure and Finance, as well as the policy staff for the Prime Minister.

Darwin Durnie reported that he will be in Ottawa February 9th – 11th for the FCM Sustainability Conference and ***it was suggested Alan coordinate with both Kealy and Darwin.***

Darwin asked about meetings with provincial ministers, noting that Minister Sohi is from Darwin's province of Alberta. There were no updates.

Approval of the December 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Anne Jackson asked if there were any requested changes to the minutes. Steve Blayney moved to approve the minutes, Andrew Stevenson seconded and the motion was carried.

APWA Update

Executive Director Search: Rick Stinson reported that Search Committee for the new Executive Director will be interviewing candidates in Kansas City on February 20th or 21st in concert with the Combined Technical Committee, Council of Chapters and Board of Directors meeting February 17th – 20th, and noted that Kealy is part of the Search Committee.

Invitations to President: Larry Frevert reported that with the resignation of Christy Levine, all invitations for the President and Executive Committee members to attend spring conferences will come to him for now. Larry also reported that he would attend the Saskatchewan Chapter conference.

Steve asked for any updates on the Chapter transition to the same fiscal reporting schedule as APWA, noting that the Manitoba Chapter has issues with the time frame. Rick asked if the issue was with the first or second time frame and Steve reported that both were impossible for Manitoba. **Rick will give an update at the next meeting.**

Canadian Infrastructure Report Card (CIRC)

Kealy joined the teleconference after attending a briefing about the 2016 CIRC, which will be released January 18th. Kealy reported that **she will forward a Q and A in case Board members receive calls about the Report Card.**

CPWA 30th Anniversary Logo

Kealy asked for input on the two logo options marking CPWA's 30th anniversary that were distributed in advance of the teleconference. There was consensus that Option A (top) was the preferred design. Option A included a CPWA version, with the full association name written out in English and French below, and an ACTP version, with the full association name written out in French only below. It was suggested that either the French text be removed from the CPWA version or that English text be added to the ACTP version. **Anne will coordinate with APWA Marketing staff.**

RR Crossing Grading Regulations

Spring Seminar Series for West Region Chapters: Darwin reported that he has developed an agenda for workshops and a toolkit but realized he sent the information to the wrong Steve, so **he will send to Steve Blayney following the meeting.** The time frame for the workshops is March – May and the agenda is outlined as follows:

- Introduction from Transport Canada
- Statement from FCM
- How to Meet the New Regulations
- Overview of the Toolbox
- Next Steps from the Railway Association of Canada

Joint CAMA, CPWA and FCM communique: Darwin reported that while he is in Ottawa for the FCM Sustainability Conference in February **he will meet with the Rural Caucus Chair and may subsequently recommend changes to the communique.** Don Morehouse asked about awareness of the new regulations and Steve noted that in Manitoba some towns don't know about them. Anne asked whether it was appropriate to send an announcement out to CPWA members about the new regulations now. **Darwin suggested waiting until he and Steve can review and coordinate.** There were questions about FCM's circulation of the communique (will it just be going to FCM members?) and Darwin noted that the Canadian Common Ground Alliance would be interested. **Anne will get more information from Marc.**

CPWA Board of Directors April Meeting (Ottawa)

Anne noted the draft agenda for the April meeting is outlined as follows:

Monday April 18th

- Shared discussion with IFME (8:30AM – 12:00PM)
 - Asset management presentation (Chris Champion)
 - Envision tool and sustainable infrastructure (Denise Nelson, ISI)
 - 2016 Canadian Infrastructure Report Card (collaboration - FCM)
- Associations and Government Department Updates (1:00PM – 4:00PM)
 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 - Engineers Canada (new resiliency tool)
 - Infrastructure Canada
- Dinner with IFME Guests

Tuesday April 19th

- Meetings on Parliament Hill (8:30AM – 12:00PM)

Darwin noted that, based on CPWA submissions to the House Finance Committee and the work on the first and second Municipal Infrastructure Forums, he is interested in adopting and adapting tools for asset management such as NAMS and Envision. He further noted that Dr. Chris Champion of NAMS Canada suggested a partnership to deliver an online certificate training program across Canada within 90 days. Darwin also reported that FCM suggested inventing a new program with NAMS but **he thinks it would be better to work with NAMS Canada, FCM, CNAM and other organizations to deliver NAMS** (in order to quickly provide the benefit to communities without an AM plan and to create a standard for AM consultants to follow). An ISO 55001 compliant international template that follows the IIMM has already been adopted and adapted in BC, Alberta, and parts of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

National Public Works Week

Anne reported that all 2015 awards had gone out and she will be working on the 2016 Proclamation Campaign soon.

Other Business

CPWA Luncheon Speaker for PWX: Anne asked **the Board to suggest possible speakers for the 2016 CPWA Annual Luncheon at Congress**. Steve Blayne suggested Don Lowry with Alberta Oil Sands.

Advocacy Super-Session at PWX: Andrea Eales reported that the APWA Government Affairs Committee is discussing an Advocacy Super-Session at PWX, which Andrea discussed with Gail before she retired. The super-session is envisioned as a few prepared presentations of advocacy activities that have been successful and an open forum for any members to exchange ideas and experiences.

Website Translation: **Tabled until the next meeting**, due to time limitations.

Adjournment

Having concluded their business, the Board adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting

The Board of Directors will next meet by teleconference February 9, 2016 at 1:30 PM Eastern Time.

The minutes were recorded and respectfully submitted by:

Anne Jackson

CPWA Advocacy and Outreach Manager