



October 28, 2013

4:00 PM ET; 3:00 PM CT; 2:00 PM MT; 1:00 PM PT

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Notes

- **Welcome & Review of Agenda**—Jen Winter

The Chair called the meeting to order and ask for any changes or additions to the agenda. No changes or additions were offered. Leadership Group members in attendance included: Jen Winter, Dwayne Kalynchuk, Mike Healy, Michael Simpson, Kurt Corey, and JC Alonzo. Bill Spearman, At Large Director for Environment also participated in the meeting.

- **Approval of [September Minutes](#)** – Jen Winter/Group

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the September meeting minutes.

- **Board Update**– Bill Spearman

The Finance Committee has laid out an aggressive schedule for the year and will next meet in mid-November. The At Large Directors recently held a call to discuss various issues include increasing the time committees spend before the Board during the business meeting at Congress; continue to have the Committee Chairs President's luncheon at Congress; and find ways to increase collaboration among APWA's committees. Membership continues to hold steady at 28,600 and a small working group has been established to get younger students involved in the association. There is now a student outreach network that work to create student chapters at various universities. The House of Delegates continues the refocus work. Awards information is currently posted on the website and everyone is encouraged to nominate someone for an award.

- **Director's Report**–Julia Anastasio

Congress session proposals – the Center submitted 3 guaranteed sessions: Envision; Sustainability and Water; Sustainability and Transportation. 2 additional sessions were also submitted – Communicating the value of sustainability; Results from MARC Creating Sustainable Places

National Complete Streets Coalition Membership --- APWA renewed its membership in the National Complete Streets Coalition.

Chapter Liaisons call feedback – The Quarterly Liaisons call was conducted on October 1, 2013. Feedback from the call included: small cities and rural communities need resources to help them communicating the value of sustainability to their stakeholders and info graphics explaining the benefits of sustainability would be helpful.

Winter Meeting—after surveying the Leadership Group the best dates for the winter meeting are February 6-7 (travel days 2/5 and 2/7). Final local needs to be determined but likely to be in either Phoenix or Tempe, AZ. The agenda will include a full day business meeting and possibly one or two local tours prior to departing.

Envision – ISI has reached the 1000 ENV SP mark. ISI will also be announcing a new verified project. The Snow Creek project has won a platinum award.

Advocacy

WRRDA – the House of Representatives approved the Water Resources Reform and Development Act by 417-3. APWA engaged the Advocates network and 40 advocates sent 41 letters to House members urging them to support passage of WRRDA. If you are interested in being an APWA Advocate, please let Julia know.

Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Act – APWA sent a letter of support to Senator Cardin on the Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Act.

- **Discussion: [Establishing APWA as a Leader in Creating Sustainable Communities](#)** – Marshall Elizer

No discussion. Topic was held over for next conference call.

- **[Subcommittee Discussion – prioritize and assignments](#)** – Jen Winter/ All

No discussion. Topic was held over for another conference call.

- **[Sustainable Communities Pledge](#)** --- Julia Anastasio

The Center Leaders reviewed the draft proposal and provided comments and feedback. It was agreed the Pledge should be reframed as a “Public Works Department Pledge” and that we should also develop a pledge for Chapter. A suggestion was also made that the commitments be “softened” to make it easier for public works departments to adopt. Another suggestion was made that the Center suggests that the pledge be incorporated into the APWA Accreditation program. The Director will re-work the draft and develop the Chapter proposal. The Leadership Group will discuss the revised proposal during its next conference call.

- **[Center for Sustainability Nominations Proposal](#)** – Julia Anastasio

Center Leadership Group members discussed the recommendation that a small working group be created to develop a proposal to the Board of Directors requesting changes to the composition of the Center Leadership Group and changes to the nomination process. Mike Healy, Michael Simpson and Jen Winter agreed to serve on the working group. The working group will prepare a proposal for review by the Center Leadership Group. Once reviewed and adopted by The Center Leadership Group the proposal will be transmitted to the Board of Directors for consideration.

- **New Items --- Group**

Asset Management Discussion Draft – Julia Anastasio

Julia provided the Leadership Group with an overview of the asset management discussion draft that she developed for the Board of Directors to use as a discussion document during its November Board meeting.

Reporter articles will be due March 15, 2014

- **Adjourn**

The next conference call of the Center for Sustainability will be November 25, 2013 at 4 PM ET.