Present: Karl Graham, Chair  Christine Andersen, Director At Large  
Jim Close, Member  Bob Wagner, Member  
George Crombie, Member  
Ann Daniels, APWA staff  
Patricia Kutt, Education Director  

Absent: Rudy Davidson  

1. The call began at 10:35 a.m.  

2. The meeting summary from the October 23, 2001 call was approved.  

3. Christine Andersen, Director At Large, offered direction for discussion items for the Agenda at the Combined P/E/T meeting on February 8-10. She suggested spending some time forecasting emerging issues that might be of interest to the Government Affairs Committee. She also suggested looking at ways to best use time spent with the At Large Directors and other committees.  

4. During a status review of the articles for the March issue of the APWA Reporter, it was determined that all were progressing according to schedule. Jim Close will continue to plan for a teaser for the proposed Debris Management Workshop. George Crombie agreed to make contact with someone in the NY City Public Works Department to see if they could get an article with pictures detailing the removal and disposal of the debris as a result of the September 11 attacks.  

5. A discussion was held on the development of guidelines for protecting solid waste workers from bioterrorism. The committee reviewed the guidelines for anthrax, which were developed by SWANA and determined that, due to the APWA/SWANA partnership, the committee would endorse the SWANA document and disseminate it to our members. An article will be prepared for the Reporter, which will report the guidelines and the committee’s endorsement.  

6. Patricia Kutt spoke with the committee about the proposed Debris Management Workshop, which might be held as a Pre-Congress event. She told the group no final decision has yet been made. An interest was
expressed in having a session on what happened in New York and DC following the September 11 attacks. She stated the Emergency Management Committee is reviewing that possibility and AMEC had also proposed a 90-minute session on this topic.

George Crombie asked about the possibility of hosting a Click, Listen, and Learn on the topic of guidance for solid waste workers with regard to the threat of anthrax, covering issues such as the expanded push to mechanization for collection and labor issues. Patricia stated it could be done if a real expert could be found to make the presentation. John Skinner, SWANA Executive Director, was mentioned as well as having someone from the DC or NY area.

7. The discussion on formulating a policy/position statement on Interstate Waste was tabled until the next call.

8. The APWA/SWANA survey was discussed briefly. It was determined that the survey should seek answers to the question “What could our (SWANA and APWA) respective organizations do to benefit our members.” Jim Close will summarize the notes taken during the Congress session.

9. The discussion of the draft abstract, prepared by George Crombie, for the possible publication of a book on reclaiming landfills into beneficial uses, was tabled until the next call.

10. The next conference call will be held on the regularly scheduled date of Tuesday, December 18 at 8:00 a.m. Pacific/9:00 a.m. Mountain/10:00 Central/11:00 Eastern.