

## **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

August 16, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Bob Kass, Chair at 4:35 p.m., CDT. Members of the committee present were Bob Kass, Chair; Marty Basta; and Len Bernstein. Chris Champion; Ross Vincent; Neill Grigg; Larry Lux; Zeferino Sanchez; and Diane Linderman, Board Liaison were absent. Geoff Greenough, chair of an international task force; Richard McCoy, Minnesota Chapter international liaison; and Vanessa Conrad, new committee member for next year, were present. Kaye Sullivan and Nickole Blankenship staffed the meeting.

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 19, 2005 meeting were approved by consensus.

#### Review of Jennings Randolph Guidelines

Staff advised that reference to the host country providing housing and reference to the program being a member exchange were removed from the Jennings Randolph Guidelines and the application form was updated. Also, New Zealand was added to the fellowship program for even numbered years (this alternates with the IPWEA conferences on the odd numbered years). Staff will provide this information to the Eisenhower Institute. For 2006, fellowships would be provided for New Zealand, Slovakia/Czech Republic, and Mexico, if funds allow. Committee members were asked to provide any additional changes to staff within the next couple of days as a request for the application form has already been received.

#### Discussion on Fundraising for Jennings Randolph Fund

Letters were sent to all chapters, soliciting donations to the Jennings Randolph Fund. Bob indicated his chapter will be contributing \$500. Geoff advised he will discuss donations to the fellowship fund at the Past Presidents meeting at Congress.

#### Review of Future Reporter Articles

Paul Cooley will prepare an article on his trip to India for the October issue of the *Reporter*. Geoff provided information on an article written by Murray Jamer for the *New Brunswick Association of Professional Engineers* magazine on Canada's rebuilding efforts to the Indian Ocean tsunami. He will be asked to expand upon that article for the *Reporter* for the November issue.

#### Update on 2005 International Reception

Richard indicated the reception is prepared; international photos will be shown on a screen; and post Congress tours have been arranged for those international visitors requesting tours. As of this date, there are no registrants from Mexico registered for Congress. Staff will invite Carlos Calix, New Orleans international liaison for the 2006 Congress, to attend the international reception and the international meetings.

### Finalization of 2005 Congress IAC Agenda

Bob suggested the report of the International/National Disaster Relief Task Force be discussed at the Congress meeting.

### Review of International Task Force Work Plans for 2004-2005

APWA/SPWA/CZPWA Task Force: CZPWA hopes to send up to 30 people to the New Orleans 2006 Congress.

APWA/IPWEA/INGENIUM Task Force: No report.

APWA/AMMAC Task Force: No report.

### Discussion of 2006 IAC Educational Sessions

Suggestions previously made for IAC educational sessions at the 2006 Congress are:

- Jennings Randolph Fellowship Reports from Pettit and Lux
- Attracting Young People to Public Works (international session)

The committee will make final determination on three guaranteed educational sessions at the Congress meeting.

### Nominations for 2005-2006 APWA/SPWA/CZPWA Task Force

Nominations will come forth to the International Affairs Committee at Congress.

### Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in Minneapolis.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m., CDT.