

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 28, 2006

The meeting by conference call was called to order by Bob Kass, Chair at 4:35 p.m. Members of the committee present were Bob Kass, Chair; Marty Basta; Chris Champion; Vanessa Conrad; Dwayne Kalynchuk; Ross Vincent; Zeferino Sanchez; and Diane Linderman, Board Liaison. Geoff Greenough, Rachel Lazarus, and Larry Lux were absent. Helena Allison, chair of the APWA/SPWA/CZPWA Partnership Task Force and Julio Fuentes, chair of the APWA/AMMAC Task Force, and Doug Wesselschmidt, KC Metro Chapter international liaison were also in attendance. Kaye Sullivan and Nickole Blankenship staffed the committee.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 17, 2006 meeting were approved by consensus.

Future Reporter Articles

The AMMAC sidebar scheduled for the May issue will need to be moved to the July issue since the conference date was changed to November. Chris provided an article for the March issue since Wally Wells' article was not ready. Ross will provide an article on the INGENIUM Conference and a large grant secured by INGENIUM for the May issue and Bob will provide an article on public works management in El Salvador for the June issue.

Discussion of Criteria for International Award

Bob, Dwayne and Kaye will prepare a draft for the committee's March conference call.

Update on 2005-2006 Work Plans

APWA/AMMAC: The AMMAC proposal for development and implementation of a marketing plan for expanding APWA membership and programs and services in Latin America would benefit Latin American members of APWA through translation of *Reporter* articles, a Spanish infoNOW Community, and translation of webcast educational programs. It was estimated approximately 200 Spanish members of APWA would cover the \$20,000 cost of AMMAC hiring an employee to market APWA in Latin America. The translations could also benefit current APWA members where Spanish speaking populations are heavy and where public works agencies might have to provide training for their employees in Spanish. This proposal was also seen as a benefit to getting Latin American public works employees to the San Antonio Congress in 2007. ***A motion was presented, seconded and carried to take the AMMAC proposal forward to the Finance Committee through the proposed FY07 budget.*** Bob indicated he would forward a copy of the proposal to Jimmy Foster, who serves on the Finance Committee with a copy to Larry Frevert, chair of the Finance Committee.

APWA/IPWEA/INGENIUM: Patricia Bugas-Schramm will be attending the INGENIUM Conference as a Jennings Randolph fellow and will join the IPWEA study tour planned prior to the conference. Ric Robertshaw is also planning on attending the INGENIUM Conference.

APWA/SPWA/CZPWA: The CZPWA Conference will be held June 6-8, 2006 and SPWA will be providing public works tours in Slovakia for a few days following the conference. Helena advised that 20 people are planning on attending the 2006 APWA Congress from the Czech Republic and have requested public works tours following Congress. A subcommittee of IAC was formed to determine the tours. Dwayne, Helena, Doug and Kaye will serve on the subcommittee.

Update on 2006 International Reception

Doug Wesselschmidt advised that planning is moving forward on the International Reception, but the date may change from Monday evening to another evening.

2006 Congress International Education Session

The IAC education session at the 2006 Congress on *An International Crisis: Recruitment & Retention of Public Works Staff* needs someone from the U.S. and Canada to provide 15 minutes each at the session. Kaye will contact Gary Downing with the city of Sarasota, Florida and Chris will contact Ian Neville and Wally Wells in Canada.

Revisions to Jennings Randolph Guidelines, Criteria and Application Form

Larry, Dwayne and Kaye are reviewing the Jennings Randolph guidelines, criteria and application form for necessary revisions. A report will be presented at the March IAC meeting.

Next Committee Meeting

The committee agreed to meet by conference call on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m., Central. The next conference call will be March 21, 2006.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.