

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 18, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Bob Kass, Chair at 4:35 p.m., Central. Members of the committee present were Bob Kass, Chair; Len Bernstein; Neil Grigg; Larry Lux; Zeferino Sanchez; Ross Vincent; and Diane Linderman, Board Liaison. Marty Basta and Chris Champion were absent. Richard McCoy, International Liaison from the Minnesota Chapter was also present. Staff included Kaye Sullivan, Mark Tibbetts and Nickole Blankenship.

Decision on Fundraising for Jennings Randolph Fund

Mark Tibbetts advised that the fundraising brochure is in the process of being designed. He will forward a draft to the committee members next week. Some committee members have provided Mark with contact information and he will insert that information into a spreadsheet. He requested that when committee members send information to him, he would appreciate inclusion of how the contacts should be contacted. A suggestion was made to send the fundraising letter to chapters. Some committee members might wish to personalize it from themselves; others might wish for the letter to come from the APWA president. Staff will contact the president to determine if his signature can be used. The letter should also reference a chapter's previous contribution to the expenses of international guests at Congress in order to distinguish the difference between the two campaigns.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of December 21, 2004 meeting were approved by consensus.

Review of Future Reporter Articles

Bob has submitted a sidebar for the March issue on the International Infrastructure and Public Services Congress and Exhibition this summer in Aguascalientes, Mexico. An article following up on that Congress will need to be moved from the July issue to the September issue. Bob requested that Chris and Ross prepare an article for the July issue on the public works response from Australia and New Zealand to the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster. Ross will discuss the request with Chris.

Review of International Task Force Work Plans for 2004-2005

APWA/AMMAC Task Force: Staff has reviewed the Department of Commerce Trade Fair Certificate documents – this year the DOC has inserted “hold harmless” clauses – and has contacted the APWA insurance carrier to determine if a premium will be charged to APWA since we are the “sponsor” of the DOC program and the Congress will be held out of the country. If there is a premium charged, the APWA Board of Directors would need to approve the expenditure. Zeferino agreed the agreement with APWA was to be at no cost to APWA. AMMAC is discussing the hold harmless clause with the American Consulate in Mexico.

AMMAC would like to meet with Connie Hartline in Kansas City in the latter half of February to make arrangements for an agreement between AMMAC and APWA to be signed on a Spanish version of the *APWA Management Practices Manual*.

The first International Infrastructure and Public Services Congress and Exhibition will be held July 13-14, 2005 in Aguascalientes, Mexico. AMMAC is expecting officials from several countries in Latin America to attend. Bob, Julio and Zeferino will meet by conference call to determine presentations needed by APWA members. Staff was requested to ask President Trice if he would be attending the Congress.

APWA/IPWEA/INGENIUM Task Force: There was no report of the task force. Ross indicated President Trice is trying to schedule some time in New Zealand with INGENIUM during his trip to Australia in August.

APWA/SPWA/CZPWA Task Force: There was no report of the task force.

Discussion of International Disaster Relief

The committee questioned why APWA had not issued a statement about the Indian Ocean tsunami. Staff advised that a draft statement has been prepared and will be issued on the infoNOW Communities and on the APWA website. The committee decided to establish a task force to prepare a recommendation on how APWA might respond to future natural or man-made disasters. A suggestion was made to partner with the NSPE Critical Infrastructure Task Force. The following individuals were appointed to the task force:

Bob Kass
Diane Linderman
Larry Lux
Neil Grigg

Staff will arrange a conference call of the task force for February 1st at 4:30 p.m., Central

Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting date is February 15, 2005 at 4:30 p.m., Central.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.