

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 17, 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; Vanessa Conrad; Geoff Greenough; Dwayne Kalynchuk; Larry Lux; Ross Vincent; and Zeferino Sanchez. Marty Basta, Chris Champion, Rachel Lazarus, and Diane Linderman, Board Liaison were absent. Doug Wesselschmidt, KC Metro Chapter international liaison was also in attendance. Kaye Sullivan and Nickole Blankenship staffed the committee.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 20, 2005 meeting were approved by consensus.

Future Reporter Articles

Wally Wells had informed the *Reporter* editor that he would not be able to complete his article for the March issue. Geoff asked that he be copied on communications with Wally. This article will appear in a later issue.

Discussion of Jennings Randolph Program, Criteria, and Ranking Form

The committee discussed issues that had been brought forward about the Jennings Randolph program by a recipient of the fellowship. They agree that IAC members, international partnership task force members and Board members should not be eligible for the program while in those leadership positions. Contact information of former recipients to the named country and the Executive Director of the partner organizations should be provided to final candidates. Candidates should be provided the evaluation criteria through the program's guidelines – a couple of the most important issues being the relevancy of the study topic to the partner and the extent to which the proposal is described. The primary focus of the program should be the quality and content of the submittals pertinent to the country of study, but involvement in APWA is important if all other things are equal in proposals. The study should address what the applicant can bring back to APWA members, not merely what the other country wants or needs. However, this may not always be reciprocal. Dwayne and Larry were asked to work with staff on an update of the guidelines/criteria and the ranking form. A report will be due to the committee in March.

Update on 2005-2006 Work Plans

APWA/AMMAC: The AMMAC Conference has been set for November 16-18, 2006 in Merida in the Yucatan. Air quality, sewage, air pollution, and clean cities will be the main topics at the conference.

APWA/SPWA/CZPWA: The SPWA and CZPWA Conferences will be held March 20-21 and March 23-24 respectively.

APWA/IPWEA/INGENIUM: Larry and Ross will follow-up with staff on activities in the work plan.

Discussion of an International Award

The IAC is interested in proposing a new International Award to the Awards Review Committee on international service in order to boost the profile of international affairs in volunteer work. The committee believes there is a good pool of candidates for this type of award. Bob will examine the ICMA international award criteria and staff will approach the Awards Review Committee about the possibility of this award. A recommendation on the award will need to go before the Board of Directors in June 2006 in order to get the award into the 2007 APWA Awards Program.

Update on 2006 International Reception

Doug Wesselschmidt advised that he made contact with Richard McCoy, last year's international liaison from the Minnesota Chapter. The KC Metro Chapter will hold its next meeting related to the 2006 Congress on January 27, 2006 and Doug should have a budget by that meeting. The committee suggested a slide show of Jennings Randolph fellow's pictures be operational during the reception.

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 February 21, 2006. *[Note: This date was later changed to February 28, 2006.]*

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.