

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 19, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Bob Kass, Chair at 4:30 p.m., CDT. Members of the committee present were Bob Kass, Chair; Marty Basta; Chris Champion; Ross Vincent; Neil Grigg; Larry Lux; and Diane Linderman, Board Liaison. Len Bernstein and Zeferino Sanchez were absent. Geoff Greenough, chair of an international task force, and Richard McCoy, Minnesota Chapter international liaison, were present. Kaye Sullivan and Nickole Blankenship staffed the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 21, 2005 meeting were approved by consensus.

Review of Jennings Randolph Guidelines

The committee agreed to remove reference to the host country providing housing and reference to the program being a member exchange as neither of these options has evolved in the program at this time. Also, since INGENIUM has become a part of the partnership with IPWEA, the committee decided that New Zealand should be 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.

Discussion on Fundraising for Jennings Randolph Fund

Letters were sent to all chapters, soliciting donations to the Jennings Randolph Fund. Staff was advised that one chapter was considering specifying a certain amount of money to be held by the chapter to supplement a fellowship of one of their members, if the member was selected for a fellowship – rather than contributing toward the fellowship fund. Geoff advised he will discuss donations to the fellowship fund at the Past Presidents meeting at Congress.

Update on 2005 International Reception

Richard indicated he will have more details for the next conference call, but he is arranging technical tours for international visitors.

Review of Future Reporter Articles

Staff and other committee members were asked to provide information to the chair for the September *Reporter* article on the activities and successes of the committee over the past year. Julio will be asked to work with the author of the October article. A suggestion was made to prepare a two-part article for next year on how public works associations will be attracting young people into the organizations in Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Eastern Europe, and North America.

Review of International Task Force Work Plans for 2004-2005

The AMMAC Congress was very successful. Tom Trice, APWA president, spoke at the opening ceremonies, attended educational sessions, and held a press conference with the Mayor of

Aguascalientes. Representatives from Argentina and Columbia attended the Congress. Bob presented an educational session on the APWA *Management Practices Manual* and the Spanish translation of that publication was sold at the Congress. AMMAC will be sending forward a proposal for APWA to host a staff person in AMMAC to put forward APWA's agenda in Mexico.

APWA/IPWEA/INGENIUM Task Force: INGENIUM held a successful conference in June – the APWA president will attend the 2006 conference. The new INGENIUM president authored an article on the conference for the August issue of the *Reporter*. Larry Lux and Brian Pettit are finalizing their plans for the fellowship trip to the IPWEA conference. President-elect Bob Freudenthal will also be in attendance.

APWA/SPWA/CZPWA Task Force: Both SPWA and CZPWA will be sending one representative to Congress this year. CZPWA hopes to send 20-30 people to the New Orleans 2006 Congress.

Development of 2005 Congress IAC Agenda

Committee members were requested to e-mail the chair and staff requests for agenda items on the Congress IAC agenda. Staff will add a report of the International/National Disaster Relief Task Force to the September agenda. A suggestion was made to have a CD slide presentation of photos from each of the international conferences at the International Reception and at the hospitality area.

Discussion of 2006 IAC Educational Sessions

Suggestions were made for the following IAC educational sessions at the 2006 Congress:

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

Update on International/National Disaster Relief Task Force

The task force held a conference call and will prepare a background paper on the issues of liability, receiving permission from employers to travel, and organizing a database. A think paper will then be prepared on developing a national program (prior to developing an international program). The task force believes that DHS will fund such a program, if presented well. A report will go forward to the Board in September.

Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting date is August 16, 2005 at 4:30 p.m., CDT. The committee may request a face-to-face meeting next year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m., CDT.