

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 21, 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; Chris Champion; Zeferino Sanchez; and Diane Linderman, Board Liaison. Len Bernstein; Neil Grigg; Larry Lux; and Ross Vincent were absent. Geoff Greenough and Julio Fuentes, chairs of international task forces were absent. Richard McCoy, Minnesota Chapter international liaison, was present. Kaye Sullivan and Nickole Blankenship staffed the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 17, 2005 meeting were approved by consensus.

APWA 2006 Strategic Planning Input

A consolidated response from committee members to strategic planning questions was reviewed and the committee agreed to submit to the Strategic Planning Committee. Chris congratulated APWA on meeting the financial reserve goal.

Review of Future Reporter Articles

The committee will need to determine an article for the November issue prior to Congress as the deadline date will be September 25th.

Discussion on Fundraising for Jennings Randolph Fund

Staff will send a solicitation letter to chapters, which was approved by the committee.

Update on 2005 International Reception

Richard indicated he is sending a letter to all international attendees, inviting them to the reception and asking them about technical tours prior to a following Congress. Staff advised a letter also goes from national, under Bob's signature, to all international attendees. Richard advised that the Minnesota Chapter would accommodate the People to People tour delegates to China at the International Reception.

Review of International Task Force Work Plans for 2004-2005

APWA/AMMAC Task Force: Zeferino indicated AMMAC is ready for their Congress in July, however, they are still working with Bob and Julio on additional APWA participants to make presentations in Spanish on disaster and emergency preparedness. He has not yet seen the edited version of the *APWA Management Practices Manual*, but it will be ready by the time their Congress is held.

APWA/IPWEA/INGENIUM Task Force: INGENIUM is experiencing a good membership growth. There will be approximately 18 people attending the APWA 2005 Congress from Australia.

APWA/SPWA/CZPWA Task Force: Slovakia is sending one individual to Congress who will make a presentation. Geoff will follow-up to obtain a translator.

Update on International/National Disaster Relief Task Force

Diane advised the task force will do their work by e-mail and conference calls. They do not anticipate meeting at Congress. A report will go forward to the Board at Congress.

Report on June Board of Directors Meeting

Diane reported on the June meeting of the APWA Board of Directors and indicated APWA has a healthy financial status.

Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting date is July 19, 2005 at 4:30 p.m., CDT.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m., CDT.